

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

6/7/2021 @ 9:31 AM

Residents of the Franklin and Hampshire County, you are hereby notified that there will be a public meeting of the Hampshire-Franklin Commission on the Status of Women & Girls (HFCSWG).

Meeting Agenda for Public Meeting and Check-in & Chat Program for Tuesday June 8, 2021, from 5:30 to 8:00 pm.

Location: Remote on Zoom

Topic: Check in and Chat about Food Insecurity

Meeting login information: Topic: Bonnie MacCracken's Zoom Meeting Time: Jun 8, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/93970273438?pwd=ZzVtUitvb1BtcHdjTHJnVHk4SWVndz09 Meeting ID: 939 7027 3438 Passcode: 436793 One tap mobile +16465588656,,93970273438#,,,,*436793# US (New York) +13017158592,,93970273438#,,,,*436793# US (Washington DC)	Dial by your location +1 646 558 8656 US (New York) +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC) +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose) +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston) Meeting ID: 939 7027 3438 Passcode: 436793 Find your local number: https://zoom.us/u/acbYEDwvBG
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Agenda and topics anticipated to be discussed on June 8, 2021:

5:30 - Sound Check

6:00 – Meeting is called to order.

- Welcoming of Guests.
- Ten-minute public speak out period.

6:10 - Check in and Chat about Food Insecurity.

- Introductions of Invited Attendees & Panel Members:
 - Senator Jo Comerford
 - Rep. Mindy Domb
 - Rep. Natalie Blais
 - Rep. Lindsay Sabadosa
 - Rep. Jake Oliveira
 - Carleen Basler, Amherst Survival Center Prog. Director
 - Kirsten Levitt, Director Stone Soup in Greenfield
 - Moderator: ·Laura Sylvester, Commissioner & Treasurer of the Hampshire-Franklin Commission on the Status of Women and Girls and Public Policy Manager, The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts

Agenda:

1. Kirsten and Carleen will address basic things like who they serve, what services are offered, hours open, etc. And then we'll move to where they're at Covid-wise (are they going to allow people back inside, how has clientele increased or decreased in recent months, etc.)

2. Solutions to food insecurity: legislators will address what, from their points of view would help lessen/solve the problem.
3. What do legislators see constituents needing that they're not getting?
4. What legislation are they working on or supporting that would help?
5. Questions/discussion.
6. Favorite low-cost local food recipes, if time permits.

HFCSWG, a regional commission, was legislatively created in 2017 and is subject to Massachusetts' open meeting laws. The commission represents and recognizes all women, regardless of their age, race, color, creed, abilities, socio-economic status, immigration status, sexual orientation, or gender identity at birth residing in Hampshire and Franklin Counties. Duties include studying, reviewing, and reporting on the status of women in the county; promoting and facilitating collaboration among local women's organizations; recommending policies that benefit women to agencies, officers of the state, and local government; and holding fact-finding hearings and other public forums as it may deem necessary.

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