

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
**COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF MEN**

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Minutes for the Thirty-Ninth Commission Meeting

September 27, 2007 1-4 PM

Legislative Office Building Room 2006, Concord, NH

These minutes were taken by Scott Garman.

**Members Present:** Joe Mastromarino, Scott Garman, Mike Geanoulis, Marshall Hickok, David Lauren, Gus Lerandeau, Scott Meyer.

Chair Joe Mastromarino opened the meeting with Commissioner introductions.

**Guest Speaker - Dr. Warren Farrell: "The Boy Crisis":**

Dr. Warren Farrell, a nationally-recognized expert on gender issues, gave an informative and engaging presentation titled *The Boy Crisis*. The audio of Dr. Farrell's speech can be downloaded from:

[http://www.ncfnh.org/downloads/Warren\\_Farrell\\_NHCSM\\_2007-09-27.mp3](http://www.ncfnh.org/downloads/Warren_Farrell_NHCSM_2007-09-27.mp3)

A video recording of the presentation will also be made available in the near future. Please check our web site for details in coming months.

**Secretary's Report:**

Scott Garman distributed copies of the June and August 2007 meeting minutes. David Lauren motioned to approve the June minutes as presented. Scott Garman seconded, and the motion passed 4-0, with Marshall Hickok, Gus Lerandeau, abstaining due to the fact that each was not present for the June 2007 meeting. Scott Meyer also abstained due to the fact that he was not yet a Commission member in June 2007.

Gus Lerandeau moved to approve the August minutes as presented. Scott Garman seconded, and the motion passed 5-0, with Mike Geanoulis and Marshall Hickok abstaining due to the fact that each was not present for the August 2007 meeting.

**Web Site Update:**

Scott Garman noted that no changes to the Commission's web site were made in the past month other than updating the meeting calendar page.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

David Lauren reported that he obtained the necessary paperwork to be filled out for Warren Farrell's honorarium of \$500, approved during the August meeting. Also, no additional contributions to the Commission's treasury have been received during the past month. Mike Geanoulis requested that subsequent treasury reports include the last known balance, and David agreed to follow-up with a phone call to Barry Bodell's office.

## **Federal Legislation - HRES590:**

Mike Geanoulis distributed copies of a resolution and letter he wished that the Commission would adopt which takes issue with the way federal House Resolution 590 unfairly portrays men as perpetrators and women as victims of domestic violence. His letter was modeled after a recent Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting (RADAR) report outlining faults with statements in HRES590 which are biased against men. The RADAR analysis can be found at:

*<http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/RADARanalysis-HRES590.pdf>*

The text of HRES590 can be found at:

*[http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c110:H.RES.590:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c110:H.RES.590)*

David Lauren also distributed copies of a resolution he wished that the Commission would adopt which more generally requested that statistics on male victimization be included in HRES590.

Mike Geanoulis motioned that the Commission approve his version of the resolution on HRES590. Scott Garman seconded. The motion failed 1-5, with Mike Geanoulis in favor of the resolution and Scott Garman abstaining.

David Lauren motioned that the Commission approve his version of the resolution on HRES590. Marshall Hickok seconded. During discussion minor changes were made to the resolution, which were unanimously approved. The final version of the resolution appears below:

*Whereas the New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Men condemns violence against all segments of society, and*

*Whereas research indicates that victims of domestic violence include men and boys as well as women and girls, and*

*Whereas frequently the plight of male victims of domestic violence, whether it be the victimization of male partners in same-sex or heterosexual relationships, or young boys is all too often overlooked when domestic violence is discussed, and*

*Whereas the inclusion of statistics detailing the incidence and effects of male victimization of domestic violence would serve to strengthen HRES590 by clearly demonstrating that domestic violence affects all societal segments,*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Men urges that the sponsors of HRES590 add to the language of the said Resolution statistics from federal agencies including but not limited to:*

- Centers for Disease Control*
- Bureau of Labor Statistics*
- Administration for Children and Families*
- Department of Housing and Urban Development*
- National Center for Injury Prevention and Control*
- National Center on Family Homelessness*

*regarding the incidence of victimization of men and boys by domestic violence.*