



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 25, 2017
San Mateo County Office Building
455 County Center, Redwood City – Room 101 (first floor)
6:30 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the CSW President Linda Koelling at 6:34 pm.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Linda Koelling, Stacie Furia, Kristy Koberna, Darya Larizadeh, Manufou Liaiga-Anoai, Marguerite Machen, Tanisha Hughes, Vivian Lino, Shweta Bhatnagar.

Staff Present: Rocio Kiryczun, Dory Memarzia, and Juda Tolmasoff.

3. Public Comment

No public comment.

4. Approval and Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Kristy Koberna and seconded by Stacie Furia to approve and adopt the April 2017 meeting agenda. Motion was approved unanimously.

5. Approval of February Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Stacie Furia and seconded by Vivian Lino to approve and adopt the January 2017 meeting minutes. Motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Manufou Liaiga-Anoai and seconded by Tanisha Hughes to approve and adopt the February 2017 meeting minutes. Motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Manufou Liaiga-Anoai and seconded by Linda Koelling to approve and adopt the March 2017 meeting minutes. Motion was approved unanimously.

6. Group Agreements

Linda Koelling reviewed the group agreements- commissioners should arrive on time/ start on time, take turns speaking, speak loudly enough for everyone to hear,

be courteous of other opinions, listen to hear a different perspective than your own, mute phones, allow the chair to guide the process, chair will check in about remaining time 8:00 pm.

7. Report from Women's Leadership Conference:

On behalf of the WLC workgroup, Stacie Furia reported that the group prepared a packet which includes the conference schedule and session abstracts. She requested that the commissioners review the materials and recommend potential panel members and speakers.

8. Presentation: Sheriff's Office Jail Programs

Melissa Wagner, Program Services Manager, presented the Sheriff's Office Access to Services and Programs to Inspire Reentry and Empowerment (ASPIRE) service delivery model. Melissa Wagner stated that this model assists the Sheriff's Office to ensure inmates receive necessary service programs and intervention. She indicated that the Sheriff's Office has a three-year strategic plan for jail programming.

Melissa provided updates to the 2015 Women's Programming at the Maple Street Correctional Center proposal prepared by the Commission. The focus areas include:

1. Pregnancy and Parenting
 - Pregnant women
 - Breastfeeding options
 - Contact visits with children (under consideration)
 - Parenting classes (will be returning the next fiscal year, in partnership with Probation Department)
2. Health and Wellness
 - Access to timely healthcare in custody
 - Feminine hygiene needs
3. Trauma-Informed Treatment and Services
 - Trauma-informed services
 - Substance abuse treatment
 - Domestic violence services
 - Screening for human trafficking
4. Mental Health
 - Mental health - the Sheriff's Office has worked over the past year with mental health team to create men and women's behavioral health services.
 - Mental health wellness activities (Art; Music; Yoga; Exercise)
5. Re-entry and Post-Custody Support
 - Expungement of felonies
 - GED and education classes-current and expanded
 - Vocational skills-current and pending expansion
 - Life skills- current and pending expansion
 - Mental health wellness activities

6. Staff Training on Gender Responsiveness

Melissa indicated that the Sheriff's Office is working with Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center to expand their conflict resolution and restorative justice circles for both men and women.

Other programs include Project Read; SMC Employment Readiness Services; Culinary Program including certification facilitated by JobTrain; educational programs; parenting and child parenting via grant funding; the TAILS (Transitioning Animals into Loving Situations) Program; SMC Employment Readiness Services.

9. Report from Commission President

Linda shared that in the near future she would like to get a benchmark of group projects and brainstorm future projects. She briefly talked about the March 2017 presentation (annual report) to the Board of Supervisors. Linda also highlighted the role of CSW commission as an advisory body to the Board.

10. Report from Commission Director

Rocio reported out that the LGBTQ Commission has launched a wellness survey, the deadline to take this survey is June 30, 2017. She mentioned that the information gathered from this survey assist the commission in setting their future priorities. Rocio asked the commissioners to distribute the survey to their network.

Rocio added that the Sheriff's Office will be hold a Woman's Boot Camp, and asked those who are interested in law enforcement careers to attend this event.

11. Future Speakers/Collaboration with other Commissions

Linda mentioned that future speakers include representatives from the Commission on Disabilities and Commission of Aging (in order to potentially collaborate with the aforementioned).

12. Work Group Report Outs and Consultations with Full Commission

- Criminal Justice Workgroup:

Darya Larizadeh reported that the workgroup will meet with the Sheriff's Office (Melissa Wagner) to discuss reentry programs for women inmates.

- The Women's Hall of Fame Exhibit Committee:

Juda reported that The Women's Hall of Fame Exhibit Committee (Lisa Williams, Christine Padilla, Juda Tolmasoff) met with Peninsula Library System staff members, Amanda Kim (Communications Manager) and Kathleen Beasley (Belmont Library Director) to discuss the installation, exhibit grand opening, and potential programming during the exhibit's three-month stay on its first leg of rotational touring. The target date of the opening and WHOF alumni reception is currently scheduled for Thursday, October 19th. This will be an early evening event, possibly after the library closes to the public on that day. Tasks coming

out of the meeting included further research to locate Belmont WHOF alumni (Lisa Williams will be contacting Terri Cook, City Clerk of Belmont, to review the alumni list), inviting City Council Member, Davina Hurt, to speak at the opening and to discuss with her potential programming ideas (Christina Padilla will be contacting her), and arranging for the dismantling of the remaining exhibit hardware from the San Mateo County History Museum and its delivery to the Belmont Library for possible use while the exhibit is on display there (Juda Tolmasoff).

- Promoting Women in the Workforce and Status of Women:
Kristy reported that the group will review the topics identified in the Women's Leadership Conference for inclusion in the focus group. Anisha Weber will assist with identifying contacts in the technology field.
- Women's Leadership Conference:
Report out provided earlier in the meeting.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm by Linda Koelling.