



# COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

## COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 26, 2019  
San Mateo County Office Building  
455 County Center, Redwood City – Room 101  
6:30 PM

#### 1. Call to Order

#### 2. Roll Call

**Commissioners Present:** Becky Abens, Nirmala Bandrapalli, Anya Drabkin, Dana Linda, Marguerite Machen, Christine Padilla, Maya Tussing, Anisha Weber

**Staff Present:** Tanya Beat, Juda Tolmasoff

**Absent:** Linda Koelling, Monique Ray, Manufou Liaiga-Anoai, Rebecca Oyama, Rebecca Wise

#### 3. Public Comment

#### 4. Mission & Vision

The Commission on the Status of Women, an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors, seeks to improve the quality of life for women of all ages in San Mateo County. Through strategic partnerships and collaboration, the commission identifies women's needs, advises the board of supervisors, and educates the community on matters concerning women.

#### 5. Approval and Adoption of Agenda

Motion to approve by Becky Abens, seconded by Christine Padilla. Unanimously approved.

#### 6. Approval of January Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve by Maya Tussing; seconded by Becky Abens. Unanimously approved.

#### 7. Report from Commission President

- March 26 is next Commission meeting
- Rebecca Wise resigned
- Watermark Conference:
  - i. Keynote Speakers bring in people (create excitement)
  - ii. Scheduling of table sessions competed with the last main session.
  - iii. Audience looked to be over 50% WOC; Speakers looked to be 75% white.

#### 8. Human Trafficking Program, Pamela Estes, HT Program Coordinator

- Bay Area is main corridor for HT
- Stophumantraffickingsmc.gov – will go live this summer.
- Ask of the CSW: attend the HT Initiative monthly meetings, ask others to attend too.

- Put up HT Poster in businesses; brought them for Commissioners to take & post. Have to be in public view.
- Take HT resolutions to city councils, commissions for HT Awareness month (January)
- In Michigan, article on 8 questions on HT to incorporate in intake. Pam has sent these suggestions to Keller Center, Rape Trauma Services to incorporate in intake.

#### **9. Report from Commission Director**

- Women's Hall of Fame digital exhibit: San Carlos Library March-June. Need to transfer this online so it's accessible to everyone.
- Women's History Month Proclamation: March 12 BOS at 9am. Maya Tussing represent
- CSW Retreat: April 12, 8:30am to 1:00pm at San Mateo Credit Union
- Presentations: Moving forward with Women Back to Work; Alliance for Girls; decide the remaining topics at the Retreat.
- May is Mental Health Awareness Month – Nirmala wants to work on this topic.
- Vacancies: time to open up for new commissioners (need representation from Coastside, East Palo Alto); invite past applicants to re-apply.

#### **10. Youth Commission Report**

- Monique Ray absent; Young Women's Mentorship Night March 8 (Marguerite and Anisha are attending); April Poetry Slam on April 26.

#### **11. Ad Hoc Work Groups/ Project Updates**

- CSW Off-site Meeting: Hard time confirming speakers. Maya has a reference. Goal is to get 15-20 people. Breakfast is minimal. Coffee will be provided.
- Women's Leadership Conference: theme is 2020 RISE (Reimagine, Inspire, Support, Empower)

#### **12. Announcements**

#### **13. Adjournment**

The **Commission on the Status of Women Group agree** to arrive on time/start on time; take turns speaking; speak loud 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 at 8:15 PM.

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