



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 22, 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, Manufou Liaiga-Anoai, Dana Linda, Rebecca Oyama, Monique Ray, Maya Tussing, Anisha Weber, Rebecca Wise, Marguerite Machen

Staff Present: Tanya Beat

Absent: Anya Drabkin, Linda Koelling, Christine Padilla, Juda Tolmasoff

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 Nirmala Bandrapalli, seconded by Becky Abens. Unanimously approved.

6. Approval of November Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve corrected minutes by Nirmala Bandrapalli; seconded by Maya Lissing. Unanimously approved.

7. Report from Commission President

- Reflection/Intention Exercise
 - i. Sharing of 2018 lessons, goals/accomplishments, & time capsule.

8. Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA)

- Lynn Schuette, Assistant Director of Programs; extensive experience in nonprofit & with CORA for over 5 years.
- <https://www.corasupport.org/>
- Statistics of DV and how it impacts women.
- CORA hotline: very unique; all staffed fully by CORA staff

- Housing program and safe houses
- Counseling & support groups
- Tremendous collaboration with nonprofits and county services
- Youth program – working in schools for awareness/prevention

9. Report from Commission Director

Retreat date & time: April 12, 8:30am – 1:00pm; San Mateo Credit Union

Women’s Hall of Fame digital exhibit: East Palo Alto Library

Presentations: sending out a Doodle poll to assess Commissioners’ interest in topics

CSW Spotlight will go up every three months.

Question from Anisha: a calendar of events? Facebook posts are where everything is located.

All FB posts come up on the CSW homepage.

10. Youth Commission Report

- Action Items: sign up for Women’s Mentorship Night, March 8, San Mateo; it’s also International Women’s Day

11. Ad Hoc Work Groups/ Project Updates

- Venue with EPA Community Room is confirmed. March 16, 10am-12pm.
- Needing a couple of community speakers; time to outreach for EPA
- WLC/WHoF: need to convene a meeting with this sub group to talk about program, logistics, etc. Potential keynote speaker who is head of Diversity & Inclusion for CBS, Fou’s sister-in-law; Kamala Harris could be invited

12. Announcements

- Human Trafficking Meeting: request to invite your local PD law enforcement officers to attend the HT meetings.
- Domestic Violence Council and CORA work closely on Domestic Violence.
- National Women’s Study Association Conference in San Francisco – call for papers
- Citizenship workshop
- Marguerite Machen: Airbnb host in Daly City – for women only; 2 bdrm 2 bath

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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