



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

San Mateo County Office Building

455 County Center, Redwood City – Room 101

6:30 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Shweta Bhatnagar, Linda Koelling, Marguerite Machen, Christine Padilla

Staff Present: Tanya Beat; Juda Tolmasoff

Absent: Becky Abens, Anisha Weber, Manufou Liaiga-Anoai, Vivian Lino

3. Public Comment

Read article about nurses in San Francisco filing a complaint about unsafe staffing shortages. Request to send that article to staff liaison for awareness, possible sharing on FB.

4. Mission

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 Marguerite Machen; seconded by Shweta Bhatnagar. Unanimously approved.

6. Approval of June Meeting Minutes

Note by Tanya Beat: request to have any additional notes taken from June meeting (Christine Padilla) and provided for our analysis of North County issues.

No quorum with Linda Koelling abstaining. Will revisit approval at Septembers' meeting.

7. CEDAW in San Mateo County

- Carole: request from Supervisor Canepa that San Mateo County adopt the principles of CEDAW. Asking if CSW would consider being the advisory committee on CEDAW.
- Responsibility for follow through after resolution is enacted needs clarified.
- Cities for CEDAW handout with more information on successful implementation.
- Tanya Beat will be meeting with Santa Clara County Office of Women's Policy on how they have enacted CEDAW and what their Task Force is doing.

- Propose to read more info on CEDAW and bring information to next business meeting in October (with September being Off-site Meeting).

8. Report from Commission President

- Darya Larizadeh has resigned.
- Women’s Equality Day, August 26th at the Millbrae Library from 1:30pm-3:30pm.

9. Report from Commission Director

- Annual Inclusion Festival Thursday of August 2nd during the day sponsored and organized by Commission of Disabilities.
- National Association of Commissions for Women’s in Conference August 1-5; LA.
- DVC promoting Barbara Hammerman Award - law enforcement award specific to those who work in domestic violence.
- Commissioner recruitment still in process; awaiting BOS approval.

10. CSW June Off-Site Debrief and Planning for September Off-Site in HMB

- Successful Elements:
 - i. Speakers were excellent and inspirational
 - ii. Table Conversations
 - iii. Outreach to get people there at a hard time of year.
- Elements to Improve:
 - i. Need more time for conversations; perhaps keep the tables smaller
 - ii. Ask participants to sign in
- Provide overall themes from Skyline mtg in HMB presentation
- Time management networking start a little earlier from 5:45-6:30pm.
- Find balance between big tables & having enough time for every person to speak.
- Shorten CSW presentation & have that before local speakers

11. Procedural Rules – CSW Membership

Membership allows up to 17 adults and 2 youth. All terms are 4 years except for Youth Commissioners who can serve up to 2 years.

Onboarding is a long process. Applications are held up to 6 months. The process allows for structure and organization. We will continue to support members in staying and open up for new members immediately should there be a need. We currently have a waitlist. BOS needs to approve members first before announcing anything formal.

Questions to answer: 1. SubCommittee creation – having non-CSW people on sub groups.
2. Explanation of Section 2.8.

12. Announcements

13. Adjournment: Christine Padilla motions; Linda Koelling seconds. Unanimously approved.