



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 27, 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 CSW President Linda Koelling at 6:35 pm.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Linda Koelling, Vivian Lino, Anisha Weber, Christine Padilla, Marguerite Machen, Darya Larizadeh, and Lisa Williams.

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

3. Public Comment

No public comment.

4. Approval and Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Anisha Weber and seconded by Christine Padilla to approve and adopt the June 2017 meeting agenda. Motion was approved unanimously.

5. Approval of April Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Christine Padilla and seconded by Lisa Williams to approve and adopt the May 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. Choices Program Presentation

Adrian Maldonado, Correctional Health Program Manager discussed the Choices program and how it assists inmates in the County Jail. The Choices Program offers a unique and effective educational environment to inmates and influence their behaviors to make positive and chemically-free lifestyle choices for the rest of their lives.

In particular, the Choices Program is a therapeutic community model. Curriculum includes evidence based classes about dependency, early recovery, relapse prevention, life skills, anger management, parenting skills, cognitive behavioral interventions, wellness recovery action plan, communication and conflict resolution groups, coping skills, counseling, inmate tutoring, linkage to outpatient services and connection to the alumni group and re-entry liaison.

Mr. Maldonado indicated that the program heavily emphasizes on mental health services, domestic violence preventing training, re-entry services for those transitioning back into the community (such as housing), gender specific methods of treatment.

These actions are anticipated to improve the lives of inmates both during and after incarceration in order to reduce recidivism.

8. Report from Commission President

- Linda Koelling reviewed the 2017 retreat's objectives. As part of these objectives, it is essential to show results of the workgroup actions by the end of this year.
- Linda also encouraged the commissioners to share their ideas about the structure of CSW meetings.
- Linda added that, the Commission should be partnering with other commissions, including the Veterans Commission, to find common grounds for future collaborations and supports.
- Another issue for consideration education for women and girls, e.g., the Commission can incorporate strategies to improve the interest for girls and women in the STEM programs.
- Linda noted that the Commission needs to be updated regularly on health and safety, including human trafficking. She noted that as of September 2016, there were 7500 cases of human trafficking in the United States which 18% of the cases were in California.
- Linda mentioned that it is appropriate to have a volunteer from the Commission to assist with updating the website. Rocio agreed to ask County staff to update the website. Christine Padilla will also assist to update the Commission's Facebook.

9. Report from Commission Director

Rocio informed the Commission the following:

- Janet Dulsky resigned from the Commission.
- Lisa Williams and Christine Padilla have agreed to join the Women's Leadership Conference workgroup and Vivian Lino continues to serve on that workgroup.
- There is interest from the Youth Commission to have member(s) join the CSW Commission.
- Commission membership is currently at 12, reflecting several vacancies.
- Current summer commission meeting schedule – no meeting August. Rocio agreed to send email to commissioners inquiring about their availability in July.

10. Work Group Report Out

No report out.

11. Opportunities for Collaboration/Announcements

Lisa Williams reported out that the Half Moon Bay Coastside Chamber of Commerce and Visitors' Bureau hosted the annual Farm Day Luncheon in April. The luncheon was prepared by residents, which includes individuals are involved with the farming community or local businesses. The event presentation included honoring Farmer of the Year.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.