



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 28, 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 Vice-President Anisha Weber at 6:34 pm.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Anisha Weber, Janet Dulsky, Stacie Furia, Becky Abens, Kristy Koberna, Darya Larizadeh, and Lisa Williams.

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 Anisha Weber to approve and adopt the March 2017 meeting agenda. Motion was approved unanimously.

5. Approval of February Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the February minutes will be reintroduced at the April CSW meeting.

6. Group Agreements

Anisha Weber 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. Presentation: Community Vulnerability Index

Alison Holt, Management Analyst and John Ridener, Open Data Community Liaison discussed the Community Vulnerability Index (CVI). They reported that CVI is an initiative of the County Manager's Office which aims to demonstrate the geographical distribution of the overall vulnerability of the residents of the county. The index reflects seven indicators: 1) no health insurance coverage, 2) education-high school graduation, 3) supplemental security income, 4) gross rent as percentage of income (households spending 35% or more), 5) poverty, 6) unemployment, and 7) disability. These seven indicators are combined into one index in order to locate disparities. The CVI is mapped at the census tract level, providing detailed information of communities of approximately 4000 people. The main goal is to use CVI as a tool for determining resource allocation to better serve the community. The county is collaborating with departments to target service delivery better and more efficient. In addition, the county recently launched a website that embraces all the mapping data. The website includes all the indicators, and users can search specific areas to see the level of vulnerability. For each of the indicators, there is a separate map, and all the data can be downloaded.

The two leading indicators that contribute the most to higher vulnerability value of the index are **health insurance coverage and education**. The data collected for health insurance is for 2015, which is the first year of implementation of Affordable Care Act. Accordingly, 2016 data would depict the actual impact of Affordable Care Act.

The data available at the website could be used by nonprofits to submit proposals and utilizing the supporting information to address a particular problem.

8. Report from Commission President

Anisha Weber reported that Linda Koelling accepted the Women's History Month Proclamation at the March 14 Board of Supervisors meeting. Moreover, Linda shared a presentation with the Board of Supervisors about what the commission has done over the past year, what the focus areas have been, and some of the plans for the coming year.

9. Report from Commission Director

Rocio Kiryczun, reported that the Commission on the Status of Women partnered with the Arts Commission to showcase a women's art exhibit, currently being held through April. Today (March 28) the Board of Supervisors recognized the three winners. Rocio indicated that she appreciated Juda's work on coordinating the event and preparing the talking points.

Rocio reported that the 2017 Community Information Handbook (which is a list of available resources) was recently published by the Human Services Agency.

10.Future Speakers/Collaboration with other Commissions

- Anisha mentioned that the commission wants different speakers at each meeting and one approach is to collaborate with other commissions. Anisha reached out to the Commission on Disabilities to request a speaker for a future CSW meeting.
- Rocio stated that Melissa Wagner from the Sheriff's Office will be a speaker to discuss women's jail programs.
- Anisha asked the commissioners to share their topic of interests, or if they know any speakers who would be able to share useful information with the commission.
- Kristy Koberna suggested inviting a speaker to talk about equity, equal pay, and promoting women in Silicon Valley (Anita Borg Institute).
- Stacie Furia mentioned that there is subcommittee called Pay Equity taskforce under the Commission on the Status of Women at the state level that the commission may wish to consider inviting to speak at an upcoming CSW meeting.
- Other commissioners suggested inviting guest speakers from the Commission on the Status of Women of California, San Francisco, and Santa Clara County.

11.Meeting of Workgroups

Members of the Women's Leadership Conference and Promoting Women in the Workforce and Status of Women workgroups met and discussed their upcoming projects.

12.Work Group Report Outs and Consultations with Full Commission

- Janet Dulsky provided the Women's Leadership Conference workgroup updated. She reported that the conference centers on empowering and encouraging women's leadership and focuses on how to make change systemically rather than on an individual level.
- Janet also shared a draft agenda that would include breakout sessions, allowing individuals to choose various sessions. There will be a sit down lunch with the keynote speaker. Immediately following the conference, there will be Women's Hall of Fame ceremony, which will be a reception.
- Stacie reported that there will be a bookstore with potentially book signing by local authors. There will be some panels, Q and A sessions, and workshop style sessions.
- Rocio reported that she connected with a representative from Canada College to hold March 24, 2018 for the conference.

13.Opportunities for Collaboration/ Event Announcements

Stacie reported that there will be a Student Business Showcase event, on March 29, at Box in Redwood City.

Kristy reported out that she attended a Women's Leadership Network reception in Half Moon Bay.

14.Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm by Anisha Weber.