



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 23, 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, Stacie Furia, Janet Dulsky, Becky Abens, Tanisha Hughes, Vivian Lino, Shweta Bhatnagar, Anisha Weber, and Christine Padilla.

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 May 2017 meeting agenda. Motion was approved unanimously.

5. Approval of April Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Becky Abens and seconded by Tanisha Hughes to approve and adopt the April 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. Women's Leadership Conference (WLC) Outline / Ideas for Panelists & Speakers

Janet Dulsky mentioned that the Women's Leadership Conference packet was previously distributed at last month's commission meeting. She asked the commissioners to provide feedback, especially relating to: 1) identifying potential speakers and/or 2) reaching out to any contacts.

Janet added that the conference will be held on March 24th, 2018 at Canada College; the next step will involve obtaining sponsorships and finalizing speakers.

8. Report from Commission President

Linda Koelling reported out that she conducted research on other Commissions' projects, issues, and current focus areas. She reported that the Commission on the Status of Women of California is working on gender in the workplace and employment, education needs for women and girls, health and safety, and women in the military, women veterans, and military families. Such issues should be considered as a potential projects for the Commission. With this regards, a speaker from the Veterans Commissions may be invited to give the commission more information on this topic.

Linda noted that the State Commission also is focusing on state laws regarding political and civil rights of women, tax requirements, economic consideration, elected officials, and property rights of women.

Linda indicated that next month the commission will host a speaker from the Choices Program. In addition, Linda asked the commissioners to share their thoughts about the Commission's summer schedule.

9. Report from Commission Director

Rocio informed the Commission that Honora Miller would likely be extending her leave through July 2017.

Rocio thanked Stacie for being part of the Commission and for her many contributions, especially for her work on the WLC workgroup. Juda Tolmasoff presented Stacie Furia with a commendation from the Board of Supervisors. (This was Stacie's last commission meeting as she is relocating.)

10. Meeting of Work Groups

The Women's Hall of Fame, Women's Leadership Conference, Criminal Justice, and Status of Women/Promoting Women in the Workforce met to discuss projects.

11. Work Group Report Out

No report out.

12. Opportunities for Collaboration/Announcements

It was previously discussed that we would reach out to various agencies/commissions, including Choices Program, Commission on Aging, Veterans Commission, and SF Commission on the Status of Women.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.