



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 25, 2021, 6:30-8:30pm

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call & Introductions**
 - a. **Commissioners Present:** Becky Abens, Nirmala Bandrapalli, Aeneas Bufiy, Sue Datta, Anya Drabkin, Cheryl Fama, Ann Girard, Kelly Keele, Susan Kokores, Dana Linda, Melissa Lukin, Marguerite Machen, Christine Padilla, Karen Pyles, Ellen Tafeen, Maya Tussing, Anisha Weber, Candra Williams
Staff: Tanya Beat, Juda Tolmasoff
 - b. **Absent:** Stella Kaval
3. **Ice Breaker:** Connecting new commissioners with existing commission group
4. **Public Comment**
5. **Approval and Adoption of Agenda (Action)**

Motion to approve Becky Abens, seconded Anisha Weber. Approved by majority.
6. **Approval of April Meeting Minutes (Action)**

Request to update Financial Wellness presentation wording. Please see amended minutes for details. Motion to approve amended minutes Becky Abens, seconded Maya Tussing. Approved by majority.
7. **YPAR Project: Women's Health Resources in Underserved Communities (presentation)**

Madison Shem, Intern/Student & Rubie Macaraeg, SMC Office of Education

 - a. Youth Participatory Action Research: pedagogical tool for social justice to fight against white supremacy and patriarchy.
 - b. Madison's project: Young women's Health Resources in Underserved Communities
 - c. Please see the [Presentation](#) for more details.
8. **Appreciations: Aeneas Bufiy & Stella Kaval**
 - a. Sharing Jam Board of appreciations to Aeneas.
 - b. Remarks from Aeneas: he is staying with the Youth Commission and is focusing his time on other prioritized projects.
9. **Inclusive Procurement & Discussion (Economic Empowerment, Maya Tussing)**
 - a. What is it? Diversifying Supply Chain and choosing to do business with smaller or newer businesses.

- b. Challenge: women-owned businesses lack access to resources & networks, there is bias.
- c. Procurement with federal contracts overview.
- d. Supporting women: 1. Establish baseline, 2. Set sourcing goals, 3 develop network, 4 establish award criteria, 5 Collect, analyze data, 6 Eliminate barriers
- e. Please connect with Maya Tussing for details and questions on this presentation.

10. Mental Health Month – Update on Call to Action Project (Mental Health, Cheryl Fama & Nirmala Bandrapalli)

- a. Public Comment made at all cities in the County on May Mental Health Month

11. Announcements (updates)

- a. **Director report** – Tanya Beat
 - i. Please refer to the meeting materials
- b. **Commission Boot Camp** – Susan Kokores, Ellen Tafeen and Nirmala Bandrapalli attended this training/meeting. They are interested in:
 - i. Grant writing possibilities
 - ii. CEDAW – interest in looking at this document and how other cities have worked on CEDAW
 - iii. Fundraising possibilities
- c. Interest in putting CEDAW and fundraising on future meeting agendas
- d. **Human Trafficking report** – Becky Abens
 - i. Please refer to the meeting materials

12. 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. Public records that relate to any item on the open session agenda for a regular or special meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women are available for public inspection. Those records that are distributed less than 72 hours prior to the meeting are available for public inspection at the same time they are distributed to members of the Commission. Those public records are available online and for public inspection at the Human Resources Department located at 455 County Center, 5th floor, Redwood City, CA 94063 by appointment. The public records may also be transmitted electronically by emailing tbeat@smcgov.org or calling 650-363-4467. **IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE AND THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**, auxiliary aids and services for this meeting will be provided upon request when given three days' notice. Please call 650-363-4467 (voice) or email tbeat@smcgov.org to make such a request.