



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 23, 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: Becky Abens, Anya Drabkin, Linda Koelling, Dana Linda, Marguerite Machen, Rebecca Oyama, Christine Padilla, Monique Ray, Maya Tussing, Anisha Weber, Rebecca Wise

Staff Present: Tanya Beat; Juda Tolmasoff

Absent: Nirmala Bandrapalli, Shweta Bhatnagar, Manufou Liaiga-Anoai

3. Public Comment

4. Mission & Vision

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

The CSW of Santa Clara County cancelled an hour prior to the meeting. Motion to amend the Agenda and reschedule Agenda item #7 to a future meeting by Rebecca Wise; seconded by Anisha Weber. Unanimously approved.

Motion to approve the amended Agenda by Becky Abens; seconded by Christine Padilla. Unanimously approved.

6. Approval of September Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve by Anisha Weber; seconded Rebecca Wise. Unanimously approved.

7. Commission on the Status of Women for Santa Clara County Overview

- NA

8. Report from Commission President

- Advise the CSW to continue off-site meetings into 2019-2020

9. Youth Commissioner Welcome

- Monique Ray, first year college student at University of San Francisco; International Business major.
- Mentor interest: no Commissioner volunteered at this time. Will confirm by November meeting.
- Potential projects to work with the CSW on: extended Mentoring Night. Potential to do kick off of mentoring night on March 8, International Women's Day.

10. Report from Commission Director

- State of the County event
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month – new connection with CORA and Colaria Henderson. A great ally and potential collaborator.
- Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 13 at San Mateo Public Library; violence against women is still a huge issue.
- Women's Hall of Fame at Half Moon Bay Library; available for a reception? Create a Doodle for Mon-Thursday for an evening.
- Decision to table and represent the CSW; what does it look like, what are the goals like the Leadership Conference and Hall of Fame.
- Elections: Receiving President and Vice-President nominations
 - President: Anisha Weber (nominated by Linda Koelling) accepted
 - Vice-President:
 - Becky Abens (nominated by Anisha Weber) declined
 - Fou Liaiga-Anoai (nominated by Christine Padilla) accepted
- Domestic Violence Council Liaison: DVC meets quarterly, second Thursday of the month, from 3:00-4:30pm at the Redwood City County Center in room 101.
 - Becky Abens
 - Rebecca Wise
 - Anya Drabkin
 - All three of the CSW members will rotate meeting attendance and invite all three members to attend all the meetings
 - Tanya will email them DVC information. The next meeting is January 10.

11. CSW September Off-site Debrief

What worked well

- Parking
- Location – Library
- Engagement
- Refreshments
- No traffic getting there
- Questions asked, and solutions proposed
- Meeting different people diverse perspectives
- Small table discussions
- Agenda and timing was good

- People were great
- Duration and flow
- Networking
- Speakers were good
- WHOF exhibit
- Learned new things
- Learning about new organizations
- People running for office president
- Partnership/AAUW
- Door Monitor

What could be improved

- Note taking was challenging as a solo commissioner
- 2nd commissioner was helpful
- Lack of outreach to Latino community
- Lack of diversity
- Facilitation and more time for ice breaker
- Women and gender was not at the forefront/solutions for focus on issues
- No youth there/solutions for getting them there
- Changing tables was BAD
- Report out by a non-commissioner
- Need for awareness building and education about programs
- Next offsite: Structure of facilitation, Outreach

12. Next CSW Off-site Meeting

Audience focus: Youth, younger population, diversity (12-28 years of age); perhaps we do a bigger project with youth in a different kind of way. And conduct this offsite meeting similar to what we've done the last two meetings and just keep it to south county.

Date: March (Women's History Month)

Location: East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, North Fair Oaks

Potential Places: Library, high school, community center, Boys & Girls Club, Geological Society, St Francis of Assisi Church, Ravenswood Family Health Center, Siena Youth Center, Fair Oaks Community Center, East Palo Alto Library (where the Women's Hall of Fame will be going next), East Side College Prep, Phoenix Academy

Commission Sub-Work: Dana Linda, Rebecca Oyama, Maya Tussing, Anya Drabkin Charged with researching locations, availability of those locations, contact people at those locations. Christine Padilla can provide contact information to this group (former mayor of EPA, nonprofit contacts)

13. CEDAW in San Mateo County

Asking for a subgroup to be created to work on what we can do in San Mateo County. Please read over what Santa Clara County Office of Women's Policy has done (they created their own SCC Women's Bill of Rights). Will move to the December meeting Agenda.

14. Announcements

- San Mateo County eliminated its rape kit backlog as of 2016 and now does all the testing in an average of 40 days.
https://www.smdailyjournal.com/news/local/rape-kit-backlog-cleared-civil-grand-jury-reviews-sheriff-s/article_5e1f76ee-a072-5b7f-95af-09fa6bda7898.html
 - Presentation to learn more about this process in San Mateo County
 - Are all assaults being recorded? Are they logging them correctly? Want education on what that process is.
 - Please share any leads or contacts for me in order to schedule a presentation.
- Please send any questions or ideas about youth issues to Monique.
- Send information about Choices Program and their Holiday Party in December; Maple Street Correctional Center in Redwood City.

15. 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, PDA's, pagers; allow the chair to guide the process; Chair will check in about remaining time at 8:15 PM.

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