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Ventura County Board of Supervisors Appoints Residents from Ojai, Ventura and Westlake Village to Women's Commission

Rosandra Esquivel of Ventura, Kitty Dill of Westlake Village and Joni Holling of Ojai were recently appointed to the Ventura County Commission for Women.

Esquivel is a longtime resident of Ventura County. She is a graduate of California Lutheran University where she earned multiple degrees. She is entrepreneur who owns a human resource consulting business. Esquivel said she is committed to "furthering the plight of women."

Holling's education and accolades inspires her to be a part of the legacy that promotes "growth, development and empowerment for the women of Ventura County." In addition to her educational background in counseling and sociology, Holling has taught the psychology of women, sociology of women and career counseling at a graduate level – WHERE (either specific school or at secondary, community college, university)?

Dill is an author and has worked as a newspaper journalist, editor and public relations professional. She is currently president of the nonprofit Arts Council of the Conejo Valley. She is co-founder of the Ventura County Professional Womens' Network. She is the recipient of the inaugural Spirit of Networking Award, and the city of Thousand Oak's Excellence in the Arts award. She earned her bachelor's and master's degree from California State University, Northridge.

The three women were appointed by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors at their meeting on Feb. 14, 2012. They have joined a board that includes women who reside in communities in Port Hueneme, Moorpark, Simi Valley, Oxnard, Camarillo and Thousand Oaks. *Ojai*

The Ventura County Commission for Women was established in 1981 and encourages, supports and facilitates the empowerment and education of women and girls throughout Ventura County. The commission serves as advisers to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors on issues impacting and relating to women, and coordinates efforts with federal, state and local community groups to improve the quality of life for women and girls.

Commission meetings are held monthly and are open to the public. For more information, visit <http://vccw.net/> or call 310-594-9890.

Advancement

Ventura County Commission for Women

Committee Report

Date of Report March 26, 2012

Name of Committee: VCCW Report on the Status of Women and Girls

Committee Chair: Shanté Morgan-Durisseau

Committee Co-Chair (if applicable): Diana Goodrow

Committee Members: Entire Commission

Status Report:

- I. General Overview of Activities: (includes activities that are being proposed or already approved)

II. Activities Completed: (includes any items which were pending from previous month)

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3/7/12 – Commissioners Durisseau, Goodrow, Bagley and Riggan met Hugh Ralston of VCCF and Toya Ford regarding next steps to conduct the Study on the Status of Women and Girls in Ventura County.

- We were asked to: develop language for the Scope of Work for Consultant Mia de Paula, outline a timeline/calendar to plot work and suggestions for a proposed press conference/media launch of the study. VCCF suggested either CSUCI or at a facility frequented by women/girls in the community.
- VCCF said they would: Prepare the Consultant Contract and incorporate the Scope of Work provided by VCCW; VCCF will work with VCCW to develop tool for consultant to use to submit hours.
- Timeline for the study: Start date April 1. The report tentatively to be completed by September 2012; however, VCCF is open to release the report either at VCCF Anniversary Celebration in October 2012 or Release of the State of Ventura County in November.
- Established that Commissioners Durisseau and Goodrow would be primary contact with VCCW; Commissioners Riggan or sitting Chair of the VCCW will be copied on communications; Commissioner Riggan or sitting Chair of VCCW will provide oversight of the project and communicate with the VCCW.

3/8/12 – Consulted with Mia de Paula regarding her recommendations on her Scope of Work and Timeline; incorporated information into document; she requested pay every 2 weeks if possible.

3/16/12 – Commissioners Durisseau and Goodrow met with CSUCI officials: Elizabeth Hartung, chair of Sociology and Anthropology; Dennis Downey, professor of Sociology; Pilar Pacheco, associate director of Center for Community Engagement, and Mia de Paula, CSUCI alumna and proposed consultant.

We talked about the proposed press conference/media launch of the plan and other ways CSUCI might continue to assist and support the study.

Proposed Press Conference/Media Release Dates:

- Center for Community Engagement Culminating Ceremony, April 27. This seemed appropriate in that the mission of the Center for Community Engagement is to facilitate learning for civic engagement in local communities, which is what this study is doing.
- SOCIOLOGY CAPSTONE CONFERENCE, May 11 from 10 - 3 p.m., Phase I of this project was launched as part of the Capstone program. There are a lot of students expected to attend and faculty who may serve as experts/consultants on the study will be in attendance.

Other Support CSUCI:

- Put list of potential experts and consultants together to assist Mia/VCCW
- Research other funding sources
- Recommendation Student/Research Assistants

III. Committee Projects (Describe details of proposed projects).

VI. Committee Needs: (Describe any needs your committee has presented, along with suggested solutions. If committee is requesting funds, complete the committee budget worksheet).

- Feedback from VCCF regarding submitted Scope of Work
- Response from VCCF regarding proposed Press Conference/Media Launch dates
- Feedback/Direction on Timeline/Oversight pay issue (submitted to Hugh Ralston by Lee Riggan)

V. Pending Action Items:

VI. Submitted By:

Commissioner Shanté Morgan-Durisseau

Item 20. Action Item d. Second Reading of the Bylaw Amendment

Committee Report

Date of Report: **March 26, 2012**

Name of Committee **Bylaws & Standing Rules**

Committee Chair: **Lee Riggan**

Status Report:

I. Goal (Is it From Planning Document or Board Assigned & Date of Assignment)

To review the Bylaws and Standing Rules to update; To adjust the dates needed for elections in order to have installation in July and the starting of Officers' terms in August.

II. General Overview of Objectives: (includes those proposed or already approved)

See below: Bylaws, Proposed Changes and Explanation.

III. Activities Completed: (includes any items which were pending from previous month)

No meetings have been held.

IV. Status of Activities in Progress & those still to address

A draft of recommended bylaws changes has been prepared for consideration by the VCCW addressing dates for moving the term of office to begin in August.

V. Barriers & Revisions to original plans

VI. Revision to Committee membership

VII. Committee Needs: (Describe any needs and suggested solutions for consideration.)

VIII. Recommendations for Commission Action Consideration (if any)

It is moved that VCCW accept the first report on the purposed Bylaw changes.

The Committee plans additional changes to be brought forward in order to prepare one package to present to the Board of Supervisors once Commissioners approve the changes.

Bylaw changes require the following actions:

Section 6.4 Bylaws

- A. Amendments must be submitted in writing for a first (1st) reading on a regular agenda of the Commission.
- B. After a second (2nd) reading on at a subsequent meeting, a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the seated commission members is required for approval of the recommended amendment.

- C. Recommendations to amend the bylaws will be forwarded to the County of Ventura for presentation to the Board of Supervisors for formal approval.

IX. Submitted By: Lee Riggan

Bylaws: Section 5.1 Executive Committee

- A. The Executive Committee shall be composed of five (5)-members, preferably one representative from each Supervisorial District.
- B. The three (3) Commissioners from each Supervisorial District shall meet in June, prior to the annual July meeting, to select their representative to the Executive Committee. If there is no one able to serve as the representative, a commissioner from another district may be chosen to serve on the Executive Committee.
- C. The Executive Committee shall consist of a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, a treasurer, a recording secretary and a corresponding secretary.
- D. All officers shall be elected from among the Executive Committee members by a majority vote of all Commissioners present at the July meeting and shall serve a term of one year.
- E. Should the Chair be unable to fulfill her term, for any reason, the position will be filled by the Vice Chair for the remainder of the term of office.
- F. Should any other vacancies occur on the Executive Committee, one of the remaining Commissioners from the district in which the vacancy occurred can be nominated to fulfill the term of office. The position must be confirmed by a majority vote of Commissioners present at the meeting in which the nomination was made.

CURRENT BYLAWS	PROPOSED BYLAWS	EXPLANATION
5.1.D. All officers shall be elected from among the Executive Committee members by a majority vote of all Commissioners present at the July meeting and shall serve a term of one year.	All officers shall be elected from among the Executive Committee members by a majority vote of all Commissioners present at the July meeting and shall serve a term of one year <u>beginning August 1.</u>	To prepare the incoming officers for the new year to be installed at the end of the annual meeting in July and to begin their term in August.