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Jean Getchell Bush
Arleen S. Rosenfield
Mary Silverman

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Raymond C. Clayton
Virginia M. Connell
Louise Grethel

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Alicia Ramirez-Brewer, Ed.D.
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Dorothy J. Engel
Brook A. Hubbell, Ed.D.
Candace L. Matson

District 5

Tila Estrada
Martha Sheffey White

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

MINUTES

April 19, 1986

Location: PSSA Facility, 2220 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo

I. The regular monthly meeting of the Ventura County Commission for Women was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Co-Chair Jean Bush.

II. Commissioners and guests were introduced.

Commissioners present:

Jean Bush
Ray Clayton
Ginny Connell
Dot Engel
Brook Hubbell
Candace Matson
Arleen Rosenfield
Sandy Ryder
Martha White

Commissioners absent/
excused:
Tila Estrada
Lillian Goldman
Alicia Ramirez-Brewer

Guests: Lee Anderson, Jeanine Faria, Ann Fischer, Paula Shain, and Bonnie Warrington, all from the Friends of the Commission, and Lauren Anderson whose appointment to the Commission by Supervisor Lacey will be confirmed by the Board of Supervisors at their next meeting. Former Commissioner Mary Silverman, whose resignation from the Commission had already been announced, was present to express her pleasure at having been a Commissioner and her regret on leaving it. Her resignation was accepted with regret.

It was announced that Supervisor Flynn has appointed Meredith Sheehan to the Commission.

III. The Minutes of the regular meeting on March 15 were accepted as submitted.

IV. Financial Report - Commissioner White

As of March 28, 77% of the fiscal year has elapsed with 37% of level 1 funds and 28% of level 2 funds expended.

M/S/P Connell: to send invoice for gavel plaque given to Alicia Ramirez-Brewer to the Friends.

Special donors of money or services of \$500 or over will be listed in the awards banquet program.

V. Executive Secretary's Report -Commissioner Matson

Copies of the complete report are available from the Commission's office. Information received regarding the Governor's Conference on Women in Business was discussed.

M/S/P Engel: to ask Lee Anderson, President of the Friends of the Commission, to represent the Ventura County Commission For Women at the May 1 planning meeting for the Governor's Conference.

Supervisor Susan Lacey sent an invitation to participate in a meeting on 4/30 to focus on one issue - housing in Ventura County.

VI. Staff Report - Martha Baskerville

Updated material for the Commissioner's manual was distributed with Commissioners being asked to confirm their participation on task forces/committees.

Commissioners were requested to begin preparing reports to be included in the Annual Report. Information is needed from each task force/committee on accomplishments, and on in-kind contributions by each Commissioner. Final drafts of reports are to be in the office by July 1.

Information re: the NACW national convention, June 18-21, in Chicago, was distributed.

M/S/P Connell, Rosenfield: to name Commission Co-Chairs Jean Bush and Dot Engel as official delegates to the NACW convention.

Staff discussed the "I CAN" training program for volunteer coordinators, and distributed copies of forms used during the sessions. Task force and committee members are requested to complete job analyses by the regular May commission meeting.

VII. Task Forces/Committees

1. Housing - Commissioner Connell

Input is needed on how to reactivate those members of the task force who have become inactive. Members are encouraged to attend the meeting on housing scheduled for April 30 by Supervisor Lacey.

2. Education - Commissioner Matson

a. "Salute To Women" nomination forms were given to Commissioners for distribution by them. Commissioner Martha White is the contact for publicity for the nominations. New co-chairs of the Awards Committee are Commissioners White and Ramirez-Brewer.

b. The Women in Agriculture Forum will take place on Saturday, May 31. Initial plans for the day include a panel of speakers and round table discussions. Translators will be needed. Participation by other commissioners is also needed. The search is continuing for a suitable location.

3. Counseling - The two positions on the Domestic Violence Services Monitoring Committee are vacant and need to be filled.
4. Child Care - Commissioner Hubbell
Berta Steele has been named to chair the United Way Child Care Taskforce Implementation Committee which will meet on May 7. Commissioners Hubbell and Bush have each attended a meeting of the Ventura Unified School District's Child Care Committee which supports the concept of VUSD being involved as providers of after school child care.
5. Divorced Women/Single Heads of Households-Commissioner Rosenfield
Monday, May 5, is the scheduled date for the next meeting of this task force to finalize recommendations to the Child Support Enforcement Unit. The brochure on legal rights for women is in process. Commissioner Ryder reported that the slides with the Commission logo are ready and that she will take them and the public service announcements to KTIE-TV.
6. Communications-Commissioner Ryder
Information and articles for the newsletter were to be turned in at this meeting.
7. Legislation - Commissioner Rosenfield
There was discussion of SB1750 and SB1751 (Hart) and SB1071 (Lockyer), all of which the Commission supports.

VIII. Friends of the Commission - Lee Anderson

The 1986 "Salute To Women" Awards Banquet will be on Wednesday, October 29, at the Westlake Plaza Hotel, Westlake Village. Student tickets will be \$21.50, regular tickets are \$25 and patron tickets will be \$60. Full tables of 10 may be reserved under one name. Individual reservations are available also. Donations for award recipients' dinners and plaques need to be received. Questions/information re: the following areas should be directed as follows: Banquet facilities & speaker: Margarita Corral; decorations: Priscilla Pike; publicity: Paula Shain; reservations and seating: Anne Fischer and Lee Anderson; registration tables at the event: Bonnie Warrington.

IX. Unfinished Business

Commissioner Rosenfield reported on the Region IX NACW conference in Sacramento where she met with members of other commissions for women. Packets of information about this Commission and our projects and concerns were delivered to Senators Watson, Hart, Roberti and Greene, Assemblymember Bates and Lt. Gov. McCarthy. Commissioner Rosenfield suggests increased efforts be made to gather and share information.

X. New Business

1. Follow-up to Needs Assessment - Commissioner Connell
The contract with the consultants included the stipulation that the consultants would write one or several proposals for funding for projects. Connell requested and received approval to continue discussions already begun with the consultants re: a possible proposal for a women's center.

2. The Commission adopted a policy that plaques or other items presented to commissioners in recognition of their terms of service on the Commission for Women would not be paid for with funds from the commission's county budget.

XI. Presentation by Ms. Creda Knowlin, Executive Director, Child Development Resources

Prior to becoming a private, non-profit corporation six years ago, Child Development Resources of Ventura County, Inc., was Child Care Resource and Referral and operated under the Commission on Human Concerns. Today, it operates with its own Board of Directors with two major departments, Head Start and the Child Care Resource and Referral Center.

Head Start operates a comprehensive preschool half-day program for income qualified children, 3-4 yrs., which includes a bilingual staff, hot lunches, transportation and parent education services. There are 700 children in 11 centers and 6 home-based programs. Waiting lists do exist with the greatest need for increased services for Oxnard.

The Resource and Referral Center includes the Alternative Payment (Vendor Payment) Program which has a long waiting list, Respite Care, services for JTPA programs, information and materials made available to the public, referral services, and "For the Children" newsletter.

Head Start receives funding from the federal Department of Health and Human Services; Resource & Referral Center receives funding from the State Department of Education.

- XII. The next meeting will be on Saturday, May 17, at 9 a.m., in the PSSA facility at 2220 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo.

- XIII. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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