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MINUTES

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

JULY 19, 1986

- I. The meeting was held in the home of Commissioner Lillian Goldman and was called to order by Co-Chair Brook Hubbell at 10:15 a.m.

Commissioners present:

Marlene Alexander

Ginny Connell
Dorothy Engel
Tila Estrada
Lillian Goldman
Brook Hubbell
Alicia Ramirez-Brewer
Arleen Rosenfield
Sandra Ryder
Bonnie Warrington
Karen Flock

Commissioners absent:

Lauren Anderson
Ray Clayton
Meredith Sheehan
Martha White

Guests:

Lee Anderson, Friends
Terry Dryer, CAO Analyst
Sarah Pierce
Isabel Wright

The Commission welcomed Karen Flock, newly appointed by Supervisor Lacey. Karen's appointment will be confirmed by the Board of Supervisors on July 22.

- II. The Minutes of June 21, 1986 were approved as submitted.

- III. Staff presented the Financial Report:

As of June 30, with 100% of the fiscal year elapsed, 70% of level I funds (salaries & benefits) were expended; 84% of Level II funds (services & supplies) were expended.

Staff presented the Correspondence Report. A full copy is available from the Commission office. The following action was taken in response to correspondence:

M/S/P, Ramirez-Brewer, Warrington: to support a Southern California Commissions for Women networking meeting proposed by the San Bernardino Commission on the Status of Women.

M/S/P, Connell, Ramirez-Brewer: to co-sponsor the 1986 Women's Employment Options Conference and to distribute flyers and information in the newsletter.

IV. Friends of the Commission - Lee Anderson

Publicity for the 1986 "Salute To Women" Awards Banquet is underway. The Friends will meet at 5:45 p.m. on July 29 at the Westlake Plaza Hotel, site of the banquet, to review facilities. Brochures have been distributed to Commissioners to use in contacting potential patrons of the banquet.

V. Task Force/Committee Reports

A. "Salute To Women" Awards - S. Ryder

The awards selections will be made by the end of July. The committee will develop publicity on the award recipients and provide the information to the media by the end of August.

B. Communications - Sandra Ryder

The next newsletter is in process. Commissioners Warrington, Ryder and Alexander volunteered to do the mailing.

C. Child Care Task Force - B. Hubbell

Commissioner Brook Hubbell made a presentation on our Employer-Assisted Child Care Project at the California Commission on the Status of Women meeting held recently in Santa Barbara. Other presenters participated also.

Oct. 8th is the date set for a United Way-sponsored breakfast to introduce CEO's in the county to the concepts of employer assisted child care.

D. Divorced Women/Female Heads of Households - A. Rosenfield

This task force will meet on August 15 to discuss the format for the brochure, "What Every Woman Should Know and Do Before a Divorce Action is Filed."

E. Education Task Force - G. Connell

Commissioner Connell is the new chair of this task force. A meeting will be held on Sept. 8 for Commissioners and Friends and others who participated in the forum on Women in Agriculture to discuss effective ways to follow-up on the forum.

A meeting of the task force committee members will be held on Aug. 28 to discuss the activities of the task force as written in the Five Year Plan.

F. Legislative - A. Rosenfield

Sen. Gary Hart spoke at the recent meeting co-sponsored by the Santa Barbara County and the Ventura County Commissions for Women. His topic was legislation of interest to women.

G. Women's History Project - G. Connell

The Women's History Project will provide a display of materials at the Ventura County Teachers' Summer workshops at Los Cerritos School in Thousand Oaks on August 19.

H. Housing Task Force - G. Connell

Karen Flock, newly appointed to the Commission by Supervisor Susan Lacey, will be a member of this task force. Ms. Flock works on housing issues with the Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation.

The Coalition for the Homeless has developed a revolving loan fund for homeless persons to assist them in being able to meet expenses involved in moving into housing. Participants must provide the first month's rent, \$18 non-refundable processing fee and two letters of character reference. Loans are available for the second month's rent, deposit, and utilities start-up to families with dependent children who have the ability to repay the loan. The loan fund was established cooperatively with funds from the County of Ventura and the cities of Thousand Oaks, Oxnard, Ojai, and Ventura.

The Commission on Human Concerns has opened a day shelter for homeless families. The program is known as FOCUS; JoAnne Moore is the Executive Director.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Nominating Committee

The following slate for 1986-87 officers was presented.
Co-chairs: Dr. Brook Hubbell and Dr. Alicia Ramirez-Brewer
Secretary: Bonnie Warrington
Finance Officer: Martha S. White

Elections will be held at the September 20 meeting.

B. The Annual Report was presented to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, July 15.

C. Co-Chair Dot Engel reported on the joint meeting with the Santa Barbara Commission for Women and the remarks by Sen. Hart. This commission will consider hosting a tri-county meeting with the Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo County Commissions.

VII. New Business

A. The brochure about the commission prepared by Communications officer Sandy Ryder was approved with minor changes. The final brochure will be prepared and printed courtesy of GTE.

B. CAO Analyst Terry Dryer reported on the liability of Commissioners in legal action, as advised by county counsel. Commissioners are in no way liable as long as the Commission is following the purposes outlined in our charter.

New Business (Continued)

C. M/S/P, Warrington, : to send a letter of support to the Commission on Human Concerns for their proposal to establish a program of employment training and education for female single heads of households who receive AFDC.

M/S/P, Alexander, Warrington: to send a letter of support to the ZOE Center for their efforts to provide housing for homeless families.

Commissioner Estrada will draft the letter.

IX. Announcements

A woman representing the Santa Barbara Women's Center will be a guest speaker at the July 21 meeting of the groups exploring the possibility of establishing a women's center in Ventura County.

X. The business meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. to be followed by an informal session and potluck luncheon.

There will not be a meeting in August. The next regular meeting of the Commission for Women will be on Saturday, Sept. 20, 9 a.m. at the PSSA facility located at 2220 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo.

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