

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

3161 Loma Vista Road  
Ventura, California  
93003

MINUTES of July 21, 1984

The meeting was held in the Thousand Oaks Library and was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Co-Chair JoAnne LeFils-Moore.

I. Attendance records show:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mary Baird  
Alicia Ramirez-Brewer  
Ginny Connell  
Dot Engel  
Tila Estrada  
Louise Grethel  
Brook Hubbell  
Jane Johns  
Maggie Mireles  
JoAnne LeFils-Moore  
Sandra Ryder

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:

Lauren Anderson  
Ray Clayton  
Martha White

Guests were: Pat McAdam, Lee Anderson, Bonnie Warrington, Judy Capko, Candace Matson, Geri Conlan, Barbara Salgado, Nancy Kilgore and Elaine Herzog.

II. The Minutes of June 23, 1984 were accepted as submitted.

III. Executive Secretary's Report

Correspondence received from:

.Marie Smith, Director of The Growing Place Preschool, thanking us for brochures on child sexual abuse and including a contribution of \$10.

.Technical Data Corporation re: recruiting for Caltrans Supportive Services On-The-Job Training Program for women, Asians, Native Americans and others for jobs in highway construction.

.U.S. Dept. of Labor Region IX Office in San Francisco, announcing briefing workshops to provide information on how women can benefit from the Job Training Partnership Act.

.Secretary of Health & Human Services, Margaret Heckler, Re: a National Symposium on Child Support Enforcement in Washington, D.C. on August 16-17.

Correspondence sent to:

- .Bonnie Warrington thanking her for her generous contribution to the newsletter.
- .Supervisors Maggie Erickson, Susan Lacey and John Flynn congratulating them on their recent re-election.
- .Sally Brant, Administrative Aide in Sen. Pete Wilson's office, thanking her for her interest in the Commission.

#### IV. Financial Report - Ginny Connell

With 100% of the fiscal year elapsed on June 30, 90% of the budget had been expended with 10% going back into the county general fund. County budget hearings begin on Monday, July 23. The operating budget recommended by the Chief Administrative Office (CAO) for the Commission is \$12,500 which includes a recommendation for the staff position to be upgraded from extra help to permanent part-time.

The Needs Assessment Steering Committee has requested \$10,000 in revenue sharing funds to pay half the salary for a planner/technician whose time would be shared with the Commission on Human Concerns.

#### V. Committee Reports

##### A. Friends of the Commission - Lee Anderson

The dinner meeting on June 28 was a successful evening with an interesting panel, recruitment of new supporters and an expanded mailing list. There were 70 paid dinners.

The bank balance is \$186.39.

Planning is well underway for the "Salute To Women" banquet on Nov.1. Yvonne Bodle has made arrangements for the plaques to be donated by Chevron Oil.

The Friends Directors will meet regularly on the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month. Anderson requested that a liaison from the Commission attend their meeting on August 21.

They are seeking ways to provide greater contact among the Friends, Commissioners and Supervisors in each district.

##### B. Child Care - Dot Engel

Dot Engel and Brook Hubbell met with the County Child Care Needs Assessment committee representatives, Clint Tatum (CAO) and B.J. Fitzgerald, Fiscal Manager of Public Social Services Agency (PSSA), to begin reviewing computer print-outs of



information regarding the employees' child care needs survey. They will visit the San Diego County employees child care center next month. That center was started by the county and is now a separate corporation.

Mary Baird and Dot Engel have consulted with Nancy Cole, Director of Adult Services for the county Library Services Agency, regarding the possibility of housing the Commission's collection of information on employer-assisted child care within the library system.

Plans are still in the works to send information re: the Commission's child care project and expertise in employer-assisted child care to new and expanding companies in the county.

C. Communications - Ginny Connell

The next issue of the newsletter is being planned for late September. Additional members for the Communications Committee were requested by Connell to assist with all phases of the newsletter: gathering information, writing articles, lay-out.

D. Domestic Violence Services - Louise Grethel, Jane Johns

Based on agreements made between the Interface Community and the Coalition Against Household Violence regarding services to be provided by each of those organizations, proposals for contracts under the Presley funds were submitted. The County has awarded a total of \$70,000 in Presley funds for services to be provided to victims of domestic violence. Interface will receive 52% of the funds, or \$36,602; CAHV will receive 42% of the funds, or \$33,398. Commissioners Grethel and Johns will meet with Nancy Steinhelper, PSSA Program Manager, to develop a standard evaluation and reporting form. Johns reported that the cooperation between CAHV and Interface regarding the applications for Presley funds was very well received by the county domestic violence services committee.

E. Needs Assessment Steering Committee - Alicia Ramirez-Brewer

The request for \$10,000 in revenue sharing funds has already been made. The Supervisors have been contacted. A packet containing an information letter, project abstract, proposed budget, time line and job description has been sent to the supervisors. The matter will be resolved during the budget hearings. If the request is approved, the steering committee will begin approaching private industry for matching funds.

Ginny Connell and Tila Estrada will proceed with plans for the public hearings.

Commission on Human Concerns Chair Bonnie Warrington reported



that CHC Director Lee Riggan has put in countless hours and great effort in preparing the information that was presented to the Supervisors. Commissioners expressed their appreciation for Riggan's efforts. Ramirez-Brewer stated that she is very proud of the degree of cooperation and team effort that exists between the CHC and CFW and which has produced excellent results. "Our work is good," she said. Regarding the input of minority women in the needs assessment process, Ramirez-Brewer assured Clint Tatum, CAO analyst, that the steering committee is composed of women who are sensitive to the needs of all women.

F. Legislative Analysis - Ginny Connell

Federal

Senate Bill 1613 (Trible of Virginia) regarding ex-spouses of servicemen/women passed the Senate on June 19, 1984. It was amended to give medical, commissary and exchange privileges to all ex-spouses if the military member served 20 years, the marriage lasted 20 years and 15 of those years coincided with the member's active duty time. The Trible amendment went to the Conference Committee without ever having been brought up in the House. The Conference Committee will determine the fate of the bill after it returns from recess on July 23, 1984. Members of EX-P.O.S.E. (Ex-Partners of Servicemen/Women for Equality) are concerned that the Committee will change the amendment to require 20 years shared active duty service (rather than 15) or let the bill die altogether.

Johns moved, Baird seconded and the motion passed to send letters of support for SB1613 to the appropriate legislators. Johns stated that there are a large number of women in this area who are now or formerly were married to servicemen, and support of this bill is "something concrete we can do for women in Ventura County." Johns will provide factual information regarding the plight of military spouses and ex-spouses in Ventura County to be included in the letters of support. She asked that a letter also be sent to the White House since there is a concern that the President intends to veto this bill if it should reach his desk.

State

SB2255 (Marks) requests \$29,000 be appropriated to the State Commission on the Status of Women to be allotted by them to the Marin County Status of Women Commission for the purpose of initiating development of a women's center. No recommendation was made and Commissioners requested further information.

AB3924 (McClintock) would require \$500,00 liability insurance for in-home day care license holders or a file of affidavits from parents stating they are aware that no liability coverage is maintained. Liability insurance for such homes would cost in the \$300-\$500 range per year and is available, at present from a limited number of insurance carriers. Engel suggested that information from PSSA regarding the effects of this bill



would be helpful.

JoAnne LeFils-Moore will become part of the legislative analysis committee when her term as co-chair expires.

G. Minority Women's Task Force - Maggie Mireles

Letters have been written, though not yet sent, to the California Youth Authority and the Commission on the Status of Women regarding the proposed directories of Hispanic women.

H. National Women's History Week Task Force - Ginny Connell

Connell reconfirmed the task force's participation in the county summer teachers' workshops scheduled for August 20-22 at Camarillo High School. There will be a display of materials for women's history and in support of National Women's History Week and a slide/tape program, "History Revisited." Volunteers to staff the table will be recruited from the Women's Equity Coalition.

There is support from California Lutheran College for holding another weekend teachers workshop in women's history and that possibility is being explored at this time.

Women's History Week in 1985 is March 3-9.

VI. Informational - Barbara Salgado, representative of The Good Samaritan Ministries.

Ms. Salgado spoke briefly of her past experiences which led to her decision to try to provide assistance to women in desperate situations and their children--women who are homeless, abandoned, divorced or widowed and find themselves without shelter--by providing temporary refuge for them. Good Samaritan Ministries is a Christian housing organization in Ventura County which is currently seeking a house, probably in the Oxnard area, to be used as a shelter. Ms. Salgado and her colleagues hope to be able to provide housing for 6 adults and their children, if any, for up to two weeks and to provide some job training and referral, counseling and Christian teaching. They seek no county, state or federal funds although their main need at this time is financial. The shelter will be staffed by a house manager, an assistant manager and volunteer counselors and teachers. They are in the process of applying for non-profit corporate status.

For more information and/or to make a contribution you may call Barbara Salgado, 984-8008, or Nancy Kilgore, 985-5882.



## VII. Unfinished Business

### A. "Salute To Women"

Tila Estrada will be the Commission's liaison with the Friends for the banquet planning.

### B. Nominating Committee

The proposed slate of officers for 1984-85 is as follows:

Co-Chairs: Alicia Ramirez-Brewer, Dot Engel

Financial Officer: Maggie Mireles

Executive Secretary: Sandy Ryder

The formal elections will be held at the September meeting.

New officers will be installed at the "Salute To Women" Banquet.

## VIII. New Business

Mary Baird moved, Tila Estrada seconded and the motion passed to send a non-partisan letter of congratulations to Rep. Geraldine Ferraro - the first woman nominated for Vice-President of the United States by a major political party. Dot Engel and Brook Hubbell will draft the letter.

- IX. There will not be a Commission for Women meeting in August. The next meeting will be on Saturday, September 15, 9:00 a.m. at the Camarillo Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. to be followed by a meeting of the "Salute To Women" banquet committee.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- .The Community College District Advisory Committee on the Status of Women is accepting applications for appointment to that committee. Submit a letter of application and three references to the Community College District Office, 71 Day Rd., Ventura 93003, or call 642-0161 for more information.
- .August 29, Moorpark College - an Orientation for the Women's Studies Program. Call Mary Baird at the Moorpark College Women's Center for information, 529-2321.
- .The Women's Equity Coalition is planning two Candidates' Forums on Women's Issues. The first will be on Thursday, Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m. in the Thousand Oaks area. Candidates to be invited will include those for the 21st Congressional District, 36th Assembly District, 37th Assembly District and 19th State Senate race.

The second forum will be on Thursday, October 18, 7:30 p.m. in the

Ventura area, and will include candidates for the following races: 19th Congressional District, 35th Assembly District, 36th Assembly District and 19th State Senate.

Format: Women's Equity Coalition and Women's Vote Project representatives will present 4-5 minute position papers on specific major issues. (The position papers will be concensus statements drawn from the national policies of the organizations represented.) The candidates will respond to the information and the audience will have a chance to ask questions orally.

The next Equity Coalition meeting will be August 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Santa Barbara Savings and Loan, 425 Arneill Road, Camarillo. Member organizations are asked to send a delegate and information on their national policies on major issues.

This meeting will also be a celebration of the nomination of the first woman to run for vice-president on a major party ticket. Please bring hors d'oeuvres to share and RSVP to Ginny Connell, 495-5590.

Submitted by Martha Baskerville