

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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District 3

Lois Harrion
Stacey Mac Donald
Anna McVerry

District 4

Connie Lawrason
Marilyn Maurer
Virginia Rogalsky

District 5

Aurora de la Selva
Beverlee Mc Grath
Eliza Thomas

MINUTES

JUNE 13, 1992

CAMARILLO AIRPORT CONFERENCE CENTER

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stacey B. MacDonald called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present were: Breyman, Harrion, Harris-Murray, Jones, Lawrason, MacDonald, Maurer, McGrath, McVerry, Rogalsky, Scovill, de la Selva, and Weingardt. Commissioner Bysshe and Thomas were excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Klee was present and made a presentation as part of the Chairperson's report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Commissioner Breyman, seconded by Commissioner Harris-Murray to approve the minutes of the May 9th meeting and to move the subsidiary ledger to next month, there being no objections, it was so ordered.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Chairperson's Report-Stacey B. MacDonald

a. Incarcerated Women

Michael Klee, Supervising Deputy Probation Officer for the County's Work Furlough Program came to the Commission since he is working to develop programs to help address the special needs of women inmates. He asked for the Commissioners involvement in this project.

This is an important issue for Ventura County since the numbers of incarcerated women are rising and there are no programs for them. Typically women are incarcerated for non violent crimes and do not pose a threat to society.

Consequently, is imprisonment the best or most cost-effective method of dealing with the substantial social problems which underlie female criminality? In most cases these women have been victims. Mr. Klee is advocating expanding/developing community based programs instead of relying on incarceration as the answer.

Since this is a County program involving County women and the Commission for Women is a County Agency, the Commissioners would like to get involved. They requested more information and will look into this issue again at the next meeting. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Klee for coming.

b. Annual Report

A goal was set to present the Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors before the end of July.

c. Election of Executive Committee/Chair

Chair MacDonald read the bylaws pertaining to the duties of the Executive Committee, Chairperson, and Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Lawrason made a request to amend the bylaws to allow the Executive Committee to meet monthly prior to regular meetings to finalize the agenda. A written request will be made and this will be a July agenda item in accordance with current bylaws.

A short recess was given for Commissioners to choose their representatives to the Executive Board. The results are shown below:

District 1	Celeste Weingardt
District 2	Carol Breyman
District 3	Lois Harrion
District 4	Connie Lawrason
District 5	Eliza Thomas

Chair MacDonald expressed how much she had enjoyed the experience of being Chairperson. It was a difficult year since there had been so many changes. She felt the Commission as a whole had done a wonderful job and that there had been many accomplishments. The Commissioners expressed their appreciation for the work she had done and her dedication to the group especially during the time when there was no staff.

It was moved by Commissioner Lawrason, seconded by Commissioner Harris-Murray to nominate Commissioner Breyman for Chairperson.

It was moved by Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner de la Selva to nominate Commissioner Weingardt for Chairperson.

It was moved by Commissioner Maurer, seconded by Commissioner Scovill to close nominations, there being no objections, it was so ordered.

Commissioner Weingardt indicated that she would rather be Vice Chairperson. Since that was the case, Commissioner Breyman will be the new Chairperson and Commissioner Weingardt will be Vice Chairperson during 1992-1993.

B. Teen Pregnancy-Bysshe

Commissioner Maurer handed out two letters, one indicated what the Committee proposes to do and the other was a draft of a letter to be sent to various community groups requesting their participation. This item will be addressed again in September.

C. Women's Political Appointments Coalition Report-Scovill

Commissioner Scovill gave an overview of what WPAC had accomplished this year and what their plans are for the future. This information will be included in the Annual Report.

- D. Finance Committee Report-Thomas
 Since Commissioner Thomas was absent there was no report. However, no checks had been written since last month.
- E. Health Care Committee Report-McVerry
 Commissioner McVerry's report was included in the draft of the Annual Report.
- F. Program Committee Report-Breyman
 Family Law Forum 1992
 Commissioners Rogalsky and de la Selva have been working closely with Susan Witting to plan the Family Law Forum. It was moved by Commissioner Breyman, seconded by Commissioner Harrion to approve a budget not to exceed \$350 to cover expenses for the Forum, there being no objections by roll call, it was so ordered. All Commissioners were encouraged to attend this event.

Women's Resource Fair 1992

Commissioner de la Selva has met twice with Esplanade Mall representatives. Labor Day week end is a potential date of the fair. She is still trying to find co-sponsors.

Salute to Women

Commissioner Lawrason and her sub committees are working closely with Wahneta Poteet and six other women from Business and Professional Women's Network. This event will be held on October 18, 1992 at the Oxnard Hilton. It will be a brunch. A tentative budget will be presented in July.

AWARDS COMMITTEE	SCOVILL
INVITATIONS	LAWRASON, ROGALSKY, WEINGARDT
PROGRAM	WEINGARDT
PUBLICITY	SCOVILL
DECORATION	SCOVILL
NOMINATION	BREYMAN

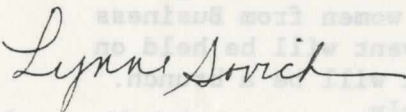
- G. Women's Shelters Report-McGrath
 This report was included with the rough draft of the Annual Report handed out at this meeting.
- H. Legislative Report-McGrath
 Commissioner McGrath indicated that the State Commission on the Status of Women is being dissolved. Watson's Child Care Bill has been taken off the reconsideration calendar. Spears Bill, Women in Business 1988, will be distributed to Commissioners. Commissioner McGrath will support this bill on behalf of the Commissioners.
- I. Housing-Scovill
 Commissioner Scovill gave an overview of her involvement with Network for Housing. She is now a member of their Board of Directors. It was moved by Commissioner Breyman, seconded by Commissioner Lawrason to approve \$40 plus expenses to send Commissioner Scovill to a housing conference, there being no objections, it was so ordered.

- J. Child Care Update-Weingardt
Commissioner Weingardt reviewed the information she has received pertaining to Child Care. Licensing is going to stay with the County for another year.
- K. Newsletter-Weingardt
Commissioner Weingardt indicated that she thought a newsletter would be a good source of getting information to the public. She also felt that the cost would be manageable if it was included with other bulk mailings, for instance, Salute to Women. Commissioner MacDonald will help organize this project.
- L. Issues-Coloposcope Techniques Update/Sexual Assault-Jones
Commissioner Jones indicated that in Ventura County a coloposcope examination is not used if there is "obvious trauma". However, if it is questionable, then a coloposcope examination is performed.

DISCUSSION

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

Respectfully submitted,



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