

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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MINUTES
MAY 9, 1992
GOVERNMENT CENTER, HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stacey B. MacDonald called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Helen Galindo, GAIN Counselor and Gender Equity Facilitator at Ventura College gave a presentation on high paying career opportunities for women in male dominated fields such as auto mechanics, machine technology, and welding. She also discussed support services offered at the College. Commissioner Bysse suggested that Ms. Galindo try to reach out to High School girls with this very beneficial program.

OLD BUSINESS

To expedite the meeting, these items were combined with the New Business Agenda items.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Commissioner McGrath, seconded by Commissioner Bysse to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, there being no objections, it was so ordered.

- A. Approve Minutes of April 4, 1992 Meeting
- B. Receive Subsidiary Ledger

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Chairperson's Report-Stacey B. MacDonald

b. Annual Report

A goal was set to have a rough draft of the Annual Report completed by June 13, 1992. By the end of May all Commissioners need to submit a biography and an expense report to the commission office. In addition, all Committee Chairs need to prepare progress reports.

a. Time and Location of CFW Meetings/Survey Results

Commissioners will continue to meet the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 am at the Camarillo Airport Conference Center, 550 Airport Way.

- c. A new Chair will be elected at the next Commission meeting.
- d. R. Michael Klee, Supervising Deputy Probation Officer for the County of Ventura, sent a letter pertaining to the needs of incarcerated women. All Commissioners agreed to invite Mr. Klee to their next meeting.
- e. Women in Action Lobby Day
Commissioner Scovill will participate in the Women in Action Lobby Day in support of AB1097 (Clinic Blocking: Penalties) and AB2264 (Sexual Harassment/Information & Training).
- f. Public Recognition
Administrative Aide Sovich was recognized for getting the office organized in a short period of time.

B. Teen Pregnancy-Judy Bysshe

It was moved by Commissioner Bysshe, seconded by Commissioner MacDonald that the Commission establish an Ad Hoc Committee comprised of committee members as well as other community members to address the increased teen pregnancy rate in our county with an aim toward reducing same by:

1. Assessing what is currently happening in our schools and at what ages as far as human sexuality and self-esteem classes/education are concerned.
2. Providing direction for the Ad Hoc Committee on various methods of obtaining the information such as using questionnaires to selected students and/or conferencing with pregnant teens.
3. Make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

There being no objections, it was so ordered. Commissioners MacDonald, Maurer, McGrath, and de la Selva indicated they would like to serve on this committee.

C. Women's Political Appointments Coalition Report-J. Scovill

The overall workshop as well as individual speakers received excellent reviews. Commissioner Scovill thanked Commissioner Weingardt for all the work she did; her contribution made this second workshop possible. Commissioner Scovill agreed to ask Commissioner Lawrason or Harris-Murray to resign from WPAC so that Commissioner Weingardt can continue her active role with the Coalition.

D. Finance Committee-Eliza Thomas

Commissioner Thomas submitted a bank statement and a written report for the Women's Activity Account. The Activity Fund's balance is \$3,239.76. The Trust Account has a balance of

\$7,480. Commissioner Thomas will look into changing the Activity Fund to an interest bearing account. Commissioner Lawrason will work with the Finance Committee to apply for non-profit status. It was moved by Commissioner Scovill, seconded by Commissioner McGrath to accept the Finance Report as written, there being no objections, it was so ordered.

E. Health Care Committee Report-Anna McVerry

Since Commissioner McVerry was absent, there was no Health Care Committee Report.

F. Program Committee Report-Carol Breyman

Commissioner Thomas gave this report in Commissioners Breyman's absence.

Women's Resource Fair (Survival Skills) 1992

Commissioner de la Selva will Chair the Resource Fair and Co-Chair the Family Law Forum.

Salute to Women

Commissioner Lawrason will Chair the Salute in conjunction with Wahnetta Poteet, Business and Professional Women.

Family Law Forum

Commissioner de la Selva gave an overview of what is being planned for the Family Law Forum. It is tentatively scheduled for June 27. Commissioner Rogalsky will be Co-Chairing this event.

G. Women's Shelters Report-Beverlee McGrath

Commissioner McGrath reported that the shelters are full, improvements are moving along slowly, and there have been no crisis. Overall, the shelters are working well.

H. Legislative Report-Beverlee McGrath

Commissioner McGrath received a response from Governor Wilson's office pertaining to the Commission's letter asking for clemency for battered spouses. As a general rule, the Governor does not intercede in such cases. Copies of priority Assembly Bills will be included with the Commissioner's next weekly correspondence report.

I. Housing-Jeannette Scovill

Commissioner Scovill reported that she made a presentation to the City of Moorpark to ask for \$10,000 to help achieve a \$100,000 goal to build housing for homeless. She did not yet know how much was received.

J. Child Care Update-Celeste Weingardt

Commissioner Weingardt reported that there are some concerns over the State taking over licensing and monitoring of family day care homes. The County can no longer afford increasing liability costs.

K. Issues

Colposcope Techniques Update/Sexual Assault Cases-Mary Jones

Since Commissioner Jones was absent, this item will be carried over to next month's agenda.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Thomas moved, Commissioner de la Selva seconded, that August be an "off" month to give the new chair a chance to regroup, there being no objections, it was so ordered.

Commissioner MacDonald stressed the importance of attendance at Commission meetings. Commissioners from District 5 were commended for consistently attending meetings. If a Commissioner is unable to attend a meeting, she should contact the Commission office or the Chair.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 13th at 9:00 am. This will be Commissioner MacDonald's last meeting as Chair.

The meeting adjourned at 2:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynne Sovich
Administrative Aide