

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN  
3482 Loma Vista Road  
Ventura, on October 24, 1981  
Minutes

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Lauren Anderson  
Mary Baird  
Yvonne Gallegos Bodle  
Virginia Connell  
Dorothy Engel  
Lupe Gonsalves  
Brook Hubbell  
Mary Jane Johns  
JoAnne Le Fils-Moore  
Ida Richardson  
Sandra Smith Ryder  
Erin Healy Sheffield  
Stephen Wiman

STAFF:

Jean Getchell  
Beverly French

GUESTS:

Judy Wong - Sup. Jones' Secty.  
Pam Waldron - YMCA  
Roz McGrath - Coalition Against  
Household Violence  
Mary Ann Fraser - Writer  
Lee Anderson  
Madeline Riveles

CALL TO ORDER

The second meeting of the Ventura County Commission for Women was called to order at 10:15 by Virginia Connell, Co-Chair for the Commission for Women, and was held at Ventura College, Ventura.

After introductory remarks, Ms. Connell proceeded to review the Minutes from the last meeting of the Commission for Women.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Corrections in the Minutes from the September meeting were as follows (these were added to the September Minutes as an Addendum):

The Child Care Resources Development Project Committee changed their name to the Child Care Project Committee. The members are (some changes):

Brook Hubbell  
Ida Richardson  
Steve Wiman  
Lupe Gonsalves  
Dorothy Engels  
Susan Minich (not a Commission member)  
Mary Baird  
Jarryl Larsen (not a Commission member)

The name of the Child Care Resources Development Committee was changed to the Resources Development Committee. The members are (the same as before):

Erin Sheffield  
Rita Hernandez Romero  
Joanne Moore  
Erica Neville (not a Commission member)

The Committee which met at Erin Sheffield's home on Thursday, October 15, was not the Communications Committee, but was the Resources Development Committee.

The matter of possibly taping the Minutes from future meetings was brought up by Mary Jane Johns. A general discussion followed, with suggestions both pro and con. Since no definite conclusion could be reached, it was decided that clerical secretary Beverly French would call other Ventura County Commissions to discover how many (if any) taped their meetings. The results will be reported at the next meeting of the Commission.

Erin Sheffield moved that the Minutes from the September meeting be approved. Mary Jane Johns seconded the motion. The motion passed to approve the Minutes.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was sent to the National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW), indicating that the Ventura County Commission for Women wished to join their organization.

The Commission received a letter from the California Conservation Corps. They indicated their need for women to help disseminate information on the Corps. It was decided that the Commission would publicize this information in their newsletter.

A letter was sent to Supervisor Jones by Rosemary Bird De Leonardis regarding her resignation from the Commission for Women. Supervisor Jones will be appointing a new member of the Commission. Secretary Beverly French was asked to send a letter of regret to Ms. De Leonardis. The letter asked her to continue attending meetings and to keep in touch with the Commission.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reports from the following Committees were on the Agenda:

By-Laws Committee  
Child Care Project Committee  
Communications Committee  
Resources Development Committee

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

A discussion of the Commission's by-laws was next on the Agenda. The by-laws were written in such a way as to be concise and to the point so there would be room for working within their stated limits; they would not prove to be too restrictive.

The by-laws were read section by section by Yvonne Bodle, and there were minor changes and corrections made.

There was a discussion of the terms of office of the Commission members. Each member serves only as long as the appointing Supervisor's term lasts. When the Supervisor's term is over, the Commissioner's term is also over. Steve Wiman moved that when a Commissioner's tenure is up, that there be at least a one-year absence from the Commission so as to provide an opportunity for someone else to serve; and that this concept be incorporated into the by-laws. Motion seconded and passed.

During the consideration of Article IV, it was decided that the by-laws include a clause regarding the election of officers. The by-laws Committee decided to present this clause at the next meeting after the wording had been worked out.

There followed a discussion of the Executive Secretary's authority to answer articles or letters in the newspaper. It was the consensus of the group that the Secretary would consult with the Chair(s) about answering such correspondence. It was also decided that the Executive Secretary would be an ex officio member of the Communications Committee.

There was a brief consideration of the Finance Officer's responsibilities regarding disbursement and receipt of funds.

It was decided that discussion of the remainder of the by-laws would be continued at next month's meeting.

CHILD CARE PROJECT COMMITTEE

(Members are listed on page one of the Minutes.)

The Child Care Project Committee met on October 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the Community Room at the Simi Valley Library. Dorothy Engel reported on the Committee's meeting. The Committee's goal is to identify existing child care resources and develop a countywide child care resource network. There was a brief discussion of the objectives, plans and strategies of the task groups. Available resources were considered. It was decided that a representative from District Three should serve on this Committee. The next meeting will be on November 7 at 9:30 a.m. in the Children's Services Building in Ventura.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Erin Sheffield  
Sandra Ryder  
Dorothy Engel  
Lauren Anderson  
Ida Richardson  
Mary Jane Johns  
Mary Baird

The Communications Committee met on September 26. Sandra Ryder reported on the meeting of this Committee. The Committee discussed establishing a Communications Network with women's groups and other professional groups throughout the County. Also discussed were the publishing of a bimonthly newsletter for countywide distribution. A motion was made to seek the Commission's approval to in turn, seek the Board of Supervisor's approval, to pursue publication of a directory for women listing women's organizations, as well as a directory of goods and services offered by women. The motion was seconded and passed.

It was moved and seconded to postpone the first action until the by-laws were completed and presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval (after the November 14 meeting). Motion passed.

The Communications Committee also mentioned the possibility of soliciting organizations for advertising and listings. Also, the possibility of a community calendar was discussed.

RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Erin Sheffield  
Rita Hernandez Romero  
JoAnne Moore  
Erica Neville (not a Commission member)

This Committee met on Thursday, October 15, at Erin Sheffield's home in Camarillo. Erin Sheffield reported on the meeting. The Committee feels its interests are two-fold: financial resources and human resources. The Committee decided to ask for assistance from service clubs and women's organizations in establishing resources for women. The Committee further suggested that the Commission needs to make a statement of purpose and philosophy to present to the public.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Erickson's Office requested the Commission to investigate the babysitting needs for women who are being treated for alcoholism. This assignment was given to Dorothy Engel, to be handled by the Child Care Committee.

The Distribution List for the Minutes was given to the clerical secretary.

A Resolution to United Way was drafted since many women's groups are on their list to receive financial support. The Commission extended their gratitude and appreciation to United Way for their help to women.

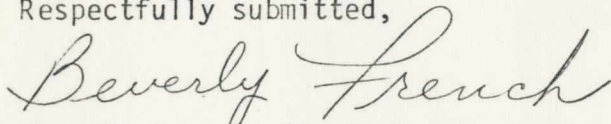
Congratulations were extended to JoAnne Le Fils-Moore for being appointed the Resources Program Administrator for the City of Simi.

It was decided the Commission's clerical secretary would keep a file of newspaper clippings pertaining to the Commission and its members.

The Commission meeting for next month will be held on November 14 at 10:00 am. The place will be determined later.

The Commission was adjourned at 12:50 by Virginia Connell. The Commissioners then joined the Women's Day Conference luncheon at Ventura College and were presented to over 300 women by Dr. Richard Glenn, President.

Respectfully submitted,



Beverly French, Clerical Secretary  
COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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