

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
September 2, 2009**

I. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Chair Carty called the meeting to order at 5:20 PM. The meeting was held at the Women's Club in Solvang and was wheel chair accessible. Roll call followed and it was determined that a quorum was present.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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First District: (No Vacancies)

Marybeth Carty (Chair)
Brandy Armenta
Monique Limon

Second District: (No Vacancies)

Gail Teton-Landis
Gwendolyn P. Hampton
Carol Fujimura

Third District: (No Vacancies)

Marell Brooks
Patricia Simon

Deborah Dawicki (unexcused)

Fourth District: (One Vacancy)

Jennifer Dolan
Rose Gabaldon

Fifth District: (Two Vacancies)

Lisa Walters

Staff:

Amber Wonderly, EEO Staff

B. Welcome and Introductions of Commissioners and Guests

Chair Carty welcomed everyone present which was followed by a brief introduction by all.

C. Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

II.

Regular Business

A. Approve: August 5, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Dolan made the motion to approve the minutes of the August meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Armenta. Motion was carried.

B. Guest Speaker: Joyce Dudley, Senior Deputy District Attorney

Ms. Dudley introduced herself and discussed how she decided to become an attorney. She received her Master's Degree in Administration and Education. She soon became frustrated as she witnessed behavior changes in children that had been abused. She stated that she feels it is important to value younger children and to value ourselves. She discussed how domestic abuse affects children. Ms. Dudley stated that elderly are most often abused by children or relatives that have a sense of entitlement. She emphasized the importance of prevention of such crimes and that her work allows her to see the aftermath.

Ms. Dudley stated that her next big case involves a homeless woman that was tortured.

C. Announcements:

1. Chair Carty informed the commissioners that Commissioners Hampton and Dawicki were selected to attend the California Governor's Conference.
2. Chair Cary encouraged the CFW to write letters to the senator regarding the CEDAW policy ratification.
3. Chair Carty stated that Lois Capps was holding a Health Care Forum that evening.
4. Commissioner Brooks stated that the AAUW of Lompoc will be holding a panel discussion on cyber bullying at the Lompoc Library on November 19th.

D. Accept Oral Report-Chair Carty

No oral report presented.

E. Review, Discuss & Act: New CFW Work Plan-All

Chair Carty reviewed the work plan and EEO staff noted changes.

F. Review, Discuss & Act: Annual BOS Progress Report-All

Chair Carty and Commissioners Simon, Armenta, Fijimura, Limon, Brooks and possibly Teton-Landos and Hampton will be able to present the report to the BOS on October 20th in Santa Barbara. Commissioners reviewed the report submitted by Commissioner Limon and some minor changes were noted.

Action Item: Commissioner Limon will email the final version of the CFW report to EEO staff tonight. EEO staff will add the speaker from the Department of Labor.

G. Review, Discuss & Act: Resource Guides-All

Commissioner Gabaldon stated that she did not have any changes for the North County guide. Chair Carty and Commissioner Teton-Landis will review the South County information and send updated information to EEO staff by next Wednesday. Commissioner Gabaldon stated that she checked printing prices with the Vocational Training Center and they quoted 100 matte sheets without gloss for \$114.20. Four guides could be printed on each sheet. With gloss on cardstock paper the price is \$125 per sheet.

Action Item: Chair Carty and Commissioner Gabaldon will email EEO staff by next Wednesday with updates to the resource guides.

H. Review, Discuss & Act: Update on Speakers –All

Chair Carty stated that she would like Dr. Andreea Serban, President of SBCC, speak at a CFW meeting to discuss education access programs. Chair Carty will arrange for her to speak at the September CFW meeting.

Commissioner Dolan stated that she will get in contact with Tony Bower, Director of the Regional Occupational Program, to come speak at a meeting in early 2010

Vice-Chair Walters stated that she would like to have a speaker from Planned Parenthood. Commissioner Teton-Landis volunteered to help arrange the speaker.

Chair Carty stated that she would like to have a co-sponsored health fair geared toward women and children. Commissioner Armenta stated that on September 19th there will be a Baby and Family Fitness Fair sponsored by Cottage Hospital.

Commissioner Fujimura suggested having a film series.

I. Review, Discuss & Act: Commissioner Pictures –All

The CFW picture was taken.

J. Review, Discuss and Act: Committee Updates-All

1. Education:

K-12 & Vocational Ed. - Vice Chair Walters, Dawicki, Gabaldon, Dolan
Higher Ed. - Chair Carty, Limon, Fujimura

Vice-Chair Walters stated that she would like to have someone from MESA speak at a CFW meeting. Commissioner Limon stated that a previous UCSB and MESA student of Mexican descent, Jose Hernandez, was currently in space working for NASA as an astronaut.

Commissioner Gabaldon stated that teennowcalifornia.org discusses teen pregnancy prevention and will be holding a conference in San Diego this month.

Vice-Chair Walters stated that next Wednesday, Santa Maria High School will be voting on the future of the independent study program. If the program is cut they will lose about 500 students.

2. Health:

Mental Health & Substance Abuse- Chair Carty, Hampton
Reproductive Health- Brooks, Gabaldon, Armenta
Universal Health Care- Armenta, Dolan

Chair Carty stated that 60,000 children will be dropped from the California Healthy Family Program as of October 1.

3. **Events:**

Dawicki, Hampton, Brooks, Teton-Landis
Commissioners had nothing to share.

4. **Executive:**

Chair Carty, Vice Chair Walters, Limon, Fujimura, Teton-Landis
Commissioners had nothing to share.

K. Meetings with Supervisors - All

Commissioner Armenta stated that she attended a table with her Supervisor and Congresswoman Jackie Speier and empowering women, girls and children was discussed.

Commissioner Simon stated that she attended a meeting with her Supervisor where issues of violence and the homeless were discussed. Supervisor Farr asked for the support from the CFW. Data on violence against the homeless is currently being collected.

L. Other Business -All

There was no other business discussed.

M. Agenda Item for next meeting-All

- i. Speaker-Andreea Serban, SBCC President
- ii. Resource Guides
- iii. Presentation

III. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Dolan. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Simon. All were in favor. Motion was carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on October 7, 2009 at the Women's Club of Solvang at 5.00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Amber Wonderly
EEO Staff