



*Commission
for Women*

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
December 2, 2015**

I. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Chair Beard called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. The meeting was held at City Hall/Council Chambers, City of Solvang, and was wheelchair accessible. Roll call followed and it was determined that a quorum was present.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

First District: (No Vacancies)

Gina Fischer
Victoria Juarez

Second District: (No Vacancies)

Suzanne Peck
Gail Teton-Landis

Third District: (One Vacancy)

Tracy Beard (Chair)
Marianne Partridge
Fran Clow

Fourth District: (Two Vacancies)

Cindy Litzinger

Fifth District: (Two Vacancies)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Laura Burton Capps

Sigrid Wright

Gayle Pratt (Vice Chair)

B. Welcome and Introduction of Commissioners and Guests

Chair Beard welcomed everyone present.

C. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

II. Regular Business

A. Approve: November 4, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Clow made the motion to approve the meeting minutes. Commissioner Peck seconded the motion. Commissioner Teton-Landis abstained. The motion carried.

B. Speaker: Domestic Violence Solutions—Charles Anderson, Executive Director

Charles Anderson, Executive Director, indicated that he has been working with Domestic Violence Solutions (DVS) for 38 years. He began his presentation by stating that the holiday is one of the worst times of the year for DVS; most calls and victims' worst day is Super Bowl Sunday. DVS is the only full service provider in SB County and it is a safe and confidential space. DVS's role is to be a first responder and Mr. Anderson provided the following statistics: Every 9 seconds in the U.S. there is an assault or a beating; 1/3 will be victims of physical violence; 1/10 are teens, and; 25% are high school girls that have suffered sexual abuse, date rape, or physical abuse. As a community, domestic violence affects all facets, ages, races, income. From 2001-2012, 648 soldiers were killed in Iraq, compared to 11,766 women that were murdered. DVS has 3 emergency shelters, Santa Maria, Lompoc, Santa Barbara, and the stay is up to 45 days. Mr. Anderson indicated that they are first responders and they have four, 24-hour crisis hotlines, and the advocates are also bilingual.

Matias Bernal, Residential Director, provided information about some of the services offered by DVS: (1) Counseling, clinical programs, connect to other services (CALM, Food Bank), children to school; (2) Housing assistance; (3) Crisis intervention.

C. Accept Chair Report—Beard

Chair Beard provided the Commissioners with a written report and highlighted that March 8 is International Women's Day. She also indicated that AAUW Santa Barbara-Goleta Chapter is hosting the author of "The Every Women's Guide to Equality", and Founder/CEO of Change in Our Lifetime, Inc., Carlynne McDonnell, and they would like CFW to extend a partnership for this event.

Commissioner Peck made the motion to have CFW sponsor the AAUW Santa Barbara-Goleta event, in name only. Commissioner Clow seconded the motion. The motion carried.

D. Review, Discuss & Act: SB Legislative Committee—Fischer, Teton-Landis

Commissioner Fischer provided the Commissioners with the draft language to be submitted to the County's Legislative Committee and she indicated that CFW is awaiting comments from the committee. She also informed the Commissioners that the County's Legislative Committee meeting scheduled for December 7 has been cancelled.

Commissioner Partridge made the motion to approve the language drafted by Commissioners Fischer and Teton-Landis to the County's Legislative Platform. Chair Beard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

E. Update: Budget–All

Commissioners discussed ACCW and the changes to their January 2016 meeting dates in Sacramento.

F. Review, Discuss and Act : Committee Updates–All

1. Leadership Development:

Commissioners discussed how to assist Supervisors with appointing women to boards and commissions. Nancy Rodriguez will be considered as a possible speaker for March 2016.

2. Veterans:

3. Public Policy Advocacy:

4. CEDAW Adoption:

5. Executive:

G. Announcements–All

Commissioner Peck informed the Commissioners that “The Hunting Ground” premiered on CNN and she wants to engage UCSB regarding the documentary since UCSB is featured in the film. She also discussed getting the film screened at high schools and having a CFW subcommittee to follow-up with these action items.

H. Meetings with Supervisors–All

Chair Beard reported that other counties prioritize their activities with a *Plan of Action, Call to Action*, for their supervisors. For example, San Jose County provided a lactate room for breastfeeding and Marin County provides support in prisons.

I. Other Business – All

J. Agenda Items for next meeting-All

Speaker-Elisa Pardo, 2-1-1 Program

III. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 P.M.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on January 6, 2016, City Hall, Solvang.