



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting Commission for Women (CFW)
March 1, 2017**

I. Call to order

A. Roll Call: Chair Teresa Reyburn 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 (two vacancies)

Victoria Juarez

Second District (no vacancies)

Suzanne Peck

Third District (no vacancies)

Marianne Partridge

Tracy Beard

Fran Clow

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Sigrid Wright

Anna Everett (Vice Chair)

Fran Clow

Fourth District (3 vacancies)

Fifth District (1 vacancy)

Teresa Reyburn (Chair)

Heidi Summers

Yleana Velasco

Public Comment – there was no public comment but one member of the public attended to observe the meeting.

B. Guest: None

C. Regular Business:

- Approve Minutes from February 1, 2017 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Peck made a motion to accept the minutes. This was seconded by Commissioner Juarez; Commissioner Clow abstained. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Summers arrived after the meeting notes were approved.
- CFW budget – The North County Leadership Event went over budget was \$3,750. The event went over budget by \$432.62. The Commission voted unanimously to move \$50.00 from the Vets Standown event and \$382.62 from the Sacramento Women’s Policy Summit to cover the overage. This leaves \$317.38 remaining in the Women’s Policy Summit budget. The South County event may also go a bit over and would pull from the same funds since there wasn’t a Sacramento Policy Summit this year.



D. Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

- i. Executive Committee – the Commission discussed the role of the CFW executive committee. The committee which is listed in the Bylaws will meet only as needed.
- ii. South and North County leadership projects - South County committee continues to meet to work on the March 9th public forum event. Elena Richardson with the Fund for Santa Barbara is assisting with organizing for the event which is confirmed for 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Falkner. Speakers from Planned Parenthood, the School Board and Legal Aid will have 1-2 minutes each to introduce themselves and their organization before the open mic even begins. The event will be moderated by Commissioners Juarez and Everett. The purpose of the event is to listen to the issues, needs and concerns of women and children and will not be a political event. The Independent has agreed to publish a half page ad announcing the event coming out in the Thursday March 2nd edition.

The North County leadership event to encourage women to participate in government on boards and commissions, was held February 23, 2017 in Santa Maria. It was well attended with over 100 people. Commissioners who attended were pleased and complimented the event planner Jenelle Osborne and the City of Santa Maria for the space at the Vets Memorial building. There was some discussion about charging for future events as a way to pay for them.

- iii. Public Policy – nothing to report
- iv. CEDAW – Commissioner Beard mentioned the State Commission for Women reception in Santa Barbara is scheduled for March 31, 2017, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The event is hosted by Susan Rose. The State Commissioners meeting in Santa Barbara is scheduled for April 1, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- v. Sexual Abuse – Commissioner Peck stated there is a graduate student from Antioch University doing a project on sex trafficking. Supervisors Williams is being asked to print materials on the topic that he prepared that have run out.

E. Administrative Items

- i. Ms. Foley mentioned that “announcements” have to be provided to her as part of the agenda in order to have a discussion about them. Alternately, Commissioners can send out notices of events or activities directly to one another with the statement DO NOT RESPOND in the email in order to avoid a Brown Act violation.
- ii. Attendance: The bylaws permit 3 consecutive excused absences. Commissioners who have more need to be asked about their conflicts and commitment to the Commission. Chair Reyburn will contact Commissioners who are not in compliance. There was a great deal of discussion about what an excused absence is. It was agreed that an excused absence occurs



when Commissioners let the Chair know (and staff) that they have an unexpected situation arise and provide the Commission notice in the event there isn't a quorum.

- iii. Social media/website – Staff suggested that the Commission begin to think about updating their website. Ms. Foley asked all Commissioners to visit the County Human Services Commissions website for ideas. The June retreat may offer a window of opportunity to discuss this and set up an ad hoc committee to work with Ms. Foley on narrative and County IT on layout.
- iv. CFW appointment needs – Ms. Foley noted there are still 3 vacancies in District 4, and 2 in District 1. Commissioner Beard referred a couple of interested people to Ms. Foley to pursue an appointment. Ms. Foley provided them with a link to the application and the website of the Clerk of the Board.

- F. Announcements – Girls Inc. of Carpinteria is holding a Celebration luncheon for women April 3rd and 4th with keynote speaker Erica Ford, a Yogi specialist.
- G. Items for next meeting – regular items, attendance discussion, County Counsel discussion on Form 700, Children's Resource Network presentation