



Santa Cruz County Women's Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, June 20, 2019
TIME: 6:30 to 8:00 PM
LOCATION: Coastlines Conference Room, 5th Floor, Santa Cruz County Building
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
PRESENT: Jillian Ritter (Co-Chair, 1st District), Carrie Beaton (2nd District), Laurel Schonfield (2nd District), Carole McPherson (3rd District), M. Miller (3rd District), Jenny Sarmiento (4th District), Sheila De Lany (5th District), Margaret Barr (5th District)
EXCUSED: Theresa Cariño (Co-Chair, 1st District), Luci Basor (4th District)
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Coordinator*)
GUESTS: Audrey Sarto (*Research Intern*)

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions
Meeting convened at 6:30 PM.
2. Review and Approve Agenda
Motion/Second: De Lany/Schonfield
Motion passed unanimously.
3. Review and Approve May 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes
Amended to update Commissioners present.
Motion to pass as amended/Second: De Lany/Miller
Motion passed unanimously.
4. Correspondence
Commissioners reviewed current new County position descriptions.
5. Public Comment: none
6. Reports of Officers and Subcommittees
 - 6.1. Co-Chairs Report: Ritter updated the Commission on the status of County budget hearings.
 - 6.2. Status of Women and Girls (SOWAG) Report
 - 6.2.1. Health Care Section: Data Subcommittee:
Sarto reported on Phase 1 (data collection and research) progress and shared details of the proposed timeline with the Commission. In addition to updating existing information, Sarto will research the following new topics:
Dignity/Dominican merger impact, Affordable Care Act (ACA) impact, County National Public Health accreditation, status of recommendations made to the Board of Supervisors, and any large changes to the political and financial climate locally. Schonfield reported that the Sexual Assault Forensics Exam (SAFE) program is returning to Dominican hospital. Dr. Lauren Zephro, Ph.D. (*Forensic Services Director*) will be invited to present to the Commission in the Fall.

6.3. Women and Homelessness Town Hall Subcommittee Report

Schonfield will schedule a subcommittee meeting.

6.4. Public Awareness Update

Beaton reported that both social media accounts reflect a slight positive upwards trend and called for information on current, local events to post, including UCSC, Cabrillo, and Women's Council of Realtors events.

7. Staff Report

Staff will work with the Executive Team to update Commission Bylaws with current information and align with standardized language approved by County Counsel.

8. Unfinished Business - None

9. New Business

9.1. Strategic Action Plan

Commission reviewed a new Strategic Action Plan based on mandated duties and current activities. Staff will update with 2019 Commission activities from previous minutes and distribute via email.

9.2. Retreat Planning

Commission scheduled a retreat for Saturday, August 24, 2019. Staff will share documents from the 2018 retreat. Commissioners will wear blue for a new group photo.

10. Announcements

10.1. Sarmiento reported that she attended the Democratic Convention in San Francisco and was inspired by women candidates.

10.2. McPherson was invited to attend a meeting with concerned members of the healthcare community to discuss the future of women's reproductive rights in light of recent national events.

10.3. De Lany attended a book signing and presentation by the author of Periods Gone Public and reports that the event was well attended by several District Supervisors.

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*