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MINUTES

April 2, 2005

Senior Nutrition Center
2220 Ventura Blvd.
Camarillo, CA

1. Call to Order by Chairperson Goodrow at 9:24 a.m.

2. Roll Call:

P Cecilia Fargo	A Bea Gan	P Nancy Lee Phillips
P Diana Goodrow	P Roslinda Figueroa	A Cynthia Hollister
A Janis Gardner	A Sharon Hillbrant	P Debbi Steele
A Jan Lawrence	P Bonnie Warrington	P Lee Riggan
A Ruth Ann McAllister	P Ina Howard	

3. Reordering of Agenda: None

4. Public Comment: Commissioner Goodrow reported that our presentation to the Board of Supervisors was written up in the League of Women Voter's newsletter.

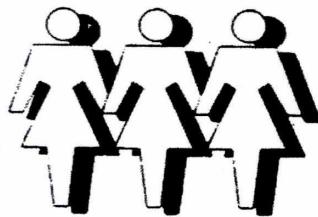
5. Consent Calendar: Correction of minutes from March 5 meeting – Approval of minutes was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Commissioner Phillips moved and Commissioner Howard seconded approval of the minutes as corrected.

6. Order of Business

1. Treasurer's Report: Bank ending balance for February 28, 2005 was reported to be \$441.09.
2. Incoming Mail Report: (on file) presented by Commissioner Goodrow:
3. Incoming Calls: Commissioner Goodrow returned all calls providing the information and/or referrals. Also of note: The Commission was notified that the URL is incorrect on our cards and on our stationery. Also, we learned that the 211 number does not work from cell phones, and Commissioner Goodrow will reinstate the 800 number on our message recording.

7. Old Business

- A Web page: Postponed to next meeting.
- B 501(c)(3) Update: Postponed to next meeting.
- C Friends of Commission Planning: Commissioner Goodrow requested a list of names of people who the Commissioners think would be willing to be a "friend" to help raise funds and plan events. Commissioner Warrington suggested our mailing list from the Uganda women event. Commissioner Hollister has that list and it needs updating. It was suggested by Commissioner Phillips that we put a list together that can be used when we are ready to move forward.
- D Board of Supervisor's Evaluation: It was suggested that we accumulate statistics from groups that currently collect information on women and children in Ventura County (such as UCSB, WEJP, CLU) and use that to determine our future course of action. The Commissioners thanked Commissioners Goodrow and Phillips for the excellent presentation. Commissioners agreed on the need to step back and look at our plans, perhaps create a 5-year plan – the retreat coming up soon would be ideal format to



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review the future. Commissioner Fargo noted the need to support women's centers at colleges and universities.

- E. **CEDAW** – The Commission asked the Board of Supervisors to implement CEDAW. We need to get copies of what other counties are doing and present that to the Board. Commissioner Goodrow will get the list of what has been done.
- F. **ACCW** – Commissioner Goodrow attended the ACCW meeting and reported on it. One of the main topics discussed was the issue of trafficking.
- G. **Review of Plan of Action**: Non-profit status is still in the works. CAWA still in process. NOW working on networking summit which is in the planning stage. Commissioner Goodrow will ask Commissioner McAllister to help on the Health Symposium.
- H. **WEJP** – Commissioners thanked Commissioner Steele for working the WEJP fundraiser in March. Commissioner Figueroa reported there is a sub-group in Oxnard called La Mujer that meets monthly to discuss issues. A group came from San Francisco to do a 2-day training with La Mujer. The report on the WEJP fundraiser was postponed until next month.
- I. **RRN** – Commissioner Steele reported on the progress to date. The next meeting is April 12 at 6:30 at the Planned Parenthood offices in Ventura on Ralston.
- J. **CAL Works** – Commissioner Goodrow received a letter from Laurie Flack. We need to start work on the annual event honoring CAL Works graduates. Commissioner Goodrow asked Commissioner Phillips to assist her in working on this with Supervisor Long. Commissioners will follow up in finding out information on how successful this program has been.

8. New Business:

- A. **Child Support Services** - Commissioner Warrington reported that they are looking for a new site.
- B. **NAMI update**: Commissioner Steele reported that she had attended the NAMI luncheon on behalf of VCCW. She will follow-up with the Organization to find out exactly what role they would like us to play in the upcoming event (May 22 at 9:00a.m.), we that we can have information ready for our next meeting, including sign up opportunities.
- C. **Summit Planning**: Commissioner Goodrow will report next month on the status of the plans.
- D. **Conejo Valley volunteering**: Commissioners Warrington and Riggan will work on this together. They will record all times and will put together a formula to get our money from this event. Some Commissioners have volunteered already to put in time, but more Commissioners are encouraged to do so, as this will add to the VCCW funds. For more information, contact Commissioners Riggan or Warrington.

Commissioners Discussion and Announcements: Commissioner Figueroa has successfully completed a 501(c)(3) for the Neil Schmidt Family Resource Center in Fillmore. She has already received her first grant for \$15,000.

Commissioner Fargo reported that there are new stamps for breast cancer that support women of color. She encouraged everyone to buy the stamps. She also mentioned that she attended a luncheon in Santa Barbara for the National Women's Political Committee. The speaker spoke on voting patterns for women – and the fact that there are not enough women who want to run for political office.

9. **Check out and Adjournment**: 12:10 p.m.

11. **Next meeting**: May 7, 2005 at 9:00a.m., 2220 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo, Ca.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Hollister & Deborah Steele