

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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FEBRUARY 9, 1991
9:15 A.M.

- I. The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Co-Chair Kathy Long. A moment of silence was observed in honor of military personnel serving in the Persian Gulf.

II. Commissioners Present:

Anna McVerry
Connie Lawrason
Suz Montgomery
Carol Breyman
Beverlee Mc Grath
Kathy Long
Eliza Thomas

Commissioners Absent/Excused:

Karen Flock
Anita Garaway-Furtaw
Helen Lopez
Stacey Mac Donald

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Welcome: New Commissioners

Beverlee Mc Grath, appointed by John Flynn, District 5.
Connie Lawrason, appointed by Vicky Howard, District 4.

Guests:

Maggie Erickson Kildee, Chair Ventura County Board of Supervisors
Maria Luisa Jimenez, AIDS Education, Outreach, Saticoy Family Health
Care Center

Jeannette Scovill

III. Public Comment

Supervisor Maggie Erickson Kildee, Chair of the Ventura County Board of Supervisors was introduced by Vice Chair Kathy Long. She spoke briefly about the need to become aware of the various openings (elected and appointed) on a variety of boards and commissions throughout the county. Women should be encouraged to prepare themselves for these opportunities when they become available. Commission was encouraged to become an active participant in the formation of a Local Appointments Coalition in conjunction with the California Elected Women's Associated for Education and Research (CeWaer) and California State Commission for Women's Outreach Project. FIRST MEETING OF THE COALITION WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 28, 1991 at 7-9p.m. 3rd Floor Hall of Administration Ventura County Government Center, Ventura.

III. Public Comment, continued

Jeannette Scovill, President of the Tri-Valley Environmental Agency and President of the California Vegetarian Association was present to announce Earth Day 1991 on Sunday, April 21st from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Cal Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks.

Maria Luisa Jimenez, Health Educator II with Clinicas del Camino Real Inc., which are bi-lingual clinics in Ventura County for the lower income population. Her aim is to be an Outreach of AIDS Education to the Hispanic Community.

IV. M/S/C Thomas, McVerry approved the minutes of the January 12, 1991 meeting.

V. Fiscal Report:

M/S/C Breyman, McVerry approve that the Commission Staff Aide contact the Ventura County Auditor's Office to ascertain if the Commission for Women Trust Account is an interest bearing account. If not, ascertain what steps should be followed to place it in such status.

Subsidiary Ledger for the current month presented and placed on file in the office.

VI. Project Reports:

- A. The Women's Coalition for Equity's monthly meeting took place 7:30 p.m., February 13, 1991 at Santa Barbara Savings and Loan in Camarillo at which time selection for the 1991 Women's History Project Awards was determined. Commissioners Breyman, Long, and Thomas were present.

Supervisor Erickson Kildee announced that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors will present a resolution designating the month of March, 1991, as "Women's History Month". This presentation will be set for 9 a.m., Tuesday, March 5, 1991 in the Hall of Administration/Board Room.

- B. Stacey Mac Donald and Kathy Long will represent the VCCFW at the State Networking Conference, March 19, 20, 21, 1991 in Sacramento. An update report will be presented at the April CFW meeting.

- C. Commissioners Montgomery, Breyman, Mac Donald, Lawrason, and Thomas will work with Committee Chair Kathy Long to initiate the Local Appointments Coalition Meeting on February 28, 1991 from 7-9p.m. at the Ventura County Government Center to launch the Statewide Outreach Project. Supervisor Erickson Kildee will present local comments. All interested citizens are invited to attend.
- D. Health for Women and Children Committee Update:
Committee members Chavez, Flock, Lewis, McVerry, and Thomas met January 29, 1991 at the El Concilio Office in Oxnard. The main issues being addressed are:
1. The lack of health care to patients (primarily females and children) on Medi-Cal and families with no health care insurance.
 2. Some Satellite Health Care Centers are beginning to cut hours of treatment.
- Committee members Thomas and McVerry attended the Ventura County Health Care Forum. February 5, 1991, from 7-9 p.m. at Ottavio's Banquet Center in Camarillo. State Representative Mr. Ringrose advised that no additional County funds are available at this time. The aim should be on searching out ways of accomplishing more with existing funds as well as identifying new funding resources. We also face the problem of availability along with accessibility to Medi-Cal health care in Ventura County.
- E. Women's Resource Center Committee Meeting Update:
The committee met on January 24, 1991, 5 p.m. at the Acapulco Restaurant in Ventura. They discussed a share space with a pre-existing agency to begin a non profit legal clinic to become available to women in Ventura County. The next meeting will be February 26, 1991 at 5 p.m. at the Acapulco Restaurant in Ventura.
- F. The Commissioner Orientation Meeting is on the agenda for the Commission meeting on April 13, 1991 at Camarillo Airport. All Commissioners are asked to attend.

- G. District Outreach Meetings
Community Outreach Meetings are tentatively scheduled for May 1991 at which time the respective Commissioners and their appointing Supervisors will discuss history of commission and current goals.
- H. Commission for Women Newsletter
The newsletter will contain a group picture of all commissioners, a map of Ventura County specifying Districts and Supervisors, committees main issues, etc. The newsletter is tentatively scheduled for distribution in May 1991. Commissioners have requested a written estimate including prices of the "finished" newsletter along with necessary copies for mailing to be available at the March 1991 meeting.
- M/S/C Lawrason, Thomas approve the \$75.00 fee for the renewal of the Commission's Bulk Mailing Permit.
- I. Family Law Forum
The commission is seeking co-sponsorship for the 1991 Family Law Forum. A copy of the agenda of the 1990 forum will be handed out at the March 9, 1991 meeting.
- J. Survival Skills Day
This is an annual event to be held in a public arena where vendor space is provided to share with the community. The special services available are along the lines of education, employment, etc. The commission sent a letter in November 1990 to the Ventura County Professional Women's Network asking for their co-sponsorship at the 1991 Survival Skills Day. The commission is now working on establishing a committee for this event. Further action has been tabled until the March 9, 1991 meeting.
- K. Network for Housing
This report is scheduled for next month due to the excused absent of Commissioner Karen Flock.
- L. Commissioner Beverlee Mc Grath volunteered to temporarily monitor the East County Battered Women's Shelter until Supervisor Howard appoints additional commissioners to District 4.

M. Creative Options

"A Day for Women", on Saturday, March 2, 1991 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, Ca. Registration deadline is February 22, 1991. The cost is \$18 per person / \$9 for students and senior citizens. Optional lunch is \$6 or bring a "brown bag" lunch. Coffee, tea, and sodas will be available. Child care will be provided (for ages 2-6 yrs.) courtesy of First State Bank of the Oaks, Reservations required! For further information call the Women's Resource Center (805) 493-3345 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Commissioners will staff the Commission information booth during that day.

VII. Staff Report

Bonnie Warrington, Adm. Aide

Commissioners requested a written estimate of exact funds to purchase the IBM computer system needed for the Commission Office. This estimate will be made available at the March 1991 meeting.

Copy of the Staff Report is on file at the Commission Office.

VIII. Correspondence Report

Bonnie Warrington, Adm. Aide

Correspondence Emergency:

ACTION ITEM:

M/S/C Lawrason, Thomas that the Ventura County Commission for Women Co-Sponsor California Lutheran University's Creative Options, March 2, 1991.

Copy of the Correspondence Report is on file at the Commission Office.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Following the meeting, the Commission met as a Committee-of-the-Whole to formulate plans for the 1991 Salute to Women Awards. The Committee will meet in March following the regular Commission for Women Meeting.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD MARCH 9, 1991, 9 A.M. AT THE CONFERENCE CENTER, CAMARILLO AIRPORT IN CAMARILLO.