

VCCW Commissioners Discussion with Supervisor Linda Parks

Question: What do you need from us to help you serve the women of Ventura County?
What are your expectations of us in 2008-09?

Meeting Purpose: We want to gain a clear understanding of our relationship and to express our appreciation of our office and meeting space in Ventura.

Thank you, Supervisor Linda Parks, for the lovely office and facilities we are provided at the VCHSA, 4601 Telephone Road, Suite 117, Ventura.

What the Board has directed us to do is defined by our mission and objectives:

Mission: VCCFW encourages, supports, and facilitates the empowerment and education of Ventura County Women.

Objectives:

1. To make recommendations to the VC Board of Supervisors on issues impacting and/or relating to women and families;
2. To coordinate efforts with federal, state and local community groups to improve the quality of life for women and families;
3. To conduct additional studies or tasks assigned or approved by the VC Board of Supervisors.

What has been accomplished:

1. Re-established Human Services Agency as our Liaison Agency – We are waiting to finalize and discuss the Memorandum of Understanding with VCHSA.
2. Established new offices at 4601 Telephone Road, Suite 117, Ventura, Ca 93003
3. Established new mailing address at 4360 E. Main Street, #460, Ventura, CA 93003
4. Established new web site, www.vccw.net
5. Updating web site; Minutes & agendas will be posted and archived
6. Established VCCF (a 501(c)(3)), as our Fiscal Sponsor for the Women's Forum and receive \$7,000 from McCune Foundation. Current balance, replenished by donations and ticket sales, is approximately \$6,000.
7. Donations contributed to VCCW through VCCF are tax deductible
8. Established the Women's Forum Steering Committee, a collaborative of organizations to plan and conduct the Women's Forums
9. Conducted the 1st Women's Forum, Economic Justice – October 2006
www.smartgirl.org;
10. Conducted the 2nd Women's Forum, Educational Justice – April 2008
11. Established and Expanded the Directory of Women's Organizations
12. Conducted the Follow-up, Follow-Through Luncheon – April 2007
13. Coordinated Action Plans of Collaborative Organizations

VCCW History of 27 years

Established 1981 & funded from Year 1981-1996 with paid staff.

De-funded in Year 1997 & operates with volunteers.

Budget balance as of June 7, 2008 is \$158.93 and expenses for honoring Commissioner Cecilia Fargo were paid by current Commissioners' donations.

VCCW wants:

- 1) To reestablish Human Services Agency as our Fiscal Agent for general operations and receive county general funding through that department.
- 2) To have support from the County for the development of the Status of Women & Girls 2009 Report to be done in collaboration with VCCF & The Women's Legacy Fund and other community partners.

The VCCW Work Plan as defined by our Bylaws covers 4 areas:

Advocacy For Women & Families Legislation Advocacy Cal WORKs Recognition & Gifts Women's History Month CEDAW	Collaboration: VC Women's Forum RRN, WEJP, NACW, ACCW, CAWA Status of Women & Girls 2009 Report Teen Sibling Proposal
Information to Women & Others: Newsletter Website Brochure Annual Report to Board of Supervisors	Care of/Administration of the Commission Bylaws Standing Rules Budget/Fiscal Development Monthly meetings

Budget: Our budget would provide for expenses in conducting the Status of Women & Girls 2009 Report; it would allow HSA to serve as our Fiscal Agent; it would provide matching funds for programs such as the Teen Sibling Proposal, for the Annual Women's Economic Justice Project, and the Women's Forum; it would also assist us in paying for travel to attend conferences and dues to various organizations.

Attachments:

Fact Sheets on each Topic