

# VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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Martha Sheffey White

## MINUTES

### VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN October 18, 1986

- I. The regular monthly meeting of the Ventura County Commission for Women was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Co-chair Brook Hubbell.

- II. Commissioners and guests were introduced.

#### COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Lauren Anderson  
Ginny Connell  
Dot Engel  
Karen Flock  
Lillian Goldman  
Brook Hubbell  
Arleen Rosenfield  
Sandra Ryder  
Meredith Thomas-Sheehan  
Bonnie Warrington  
Martha S. White

#### COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Ray Clayton  
Tila Estrada  
Alicia Ramirez-Brewer

#### COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED

Marlene Alexander

#### GUESTS:

Miriam Fraser, Sylvia Kidman, Laubach Literacy Volunteers; Virginia Aguirre, Library Literacy Program; Lee Anderson, President of the Friends; Pat Mason.

- III. The Minutes of September 20 were corrected to change the name of the Child Development Resources Advisory board to the Child Resource and Referral Center Advisory Board.
- IV. Financial Report - Martha White  
As of September 15, with 18% of the fiscal year elapsed, 70% of Level I funds and 3% of Level 2 funds were expended.
- V. Correspondence Report - Bonnie Warrington  
A copy of the complete correspondence report is available from the Commission office.
- VI. Staff Report - A brief report was given by Alice Miller regarding possible Tri-County meeting with San Luis Obispo County CSW and Santa Barbara County CW; Region IX NACW meeting and computer training for our staff.

VII. Friends of the Commission - Lee Anderson

"Salute to Women" Awards - Lee Anderson and Martha White. There was a report on and discussion of the number of patron and regular reservations for the banquet.

A photographer will be present throughout the banquet.

Ginny Connell reviewed Commissioners' responsibilities toward the award recipients both before and during the banquet.

VIII. Task Force Reports

A. Education

1. "Salute To Women". See item VII, Friends of the Commission
2. Women's History Project - Ginny Connell  
The Women's History Project will be a part of the agenda for the meeting of the Women's Equity Coalition on Monday, October 27.
3. Women In Agriculture - Karen Flock  
The Women in Agriculture Forum follow-up committee met on October 13 to discuss on-going plans.

B. Housing - Karen Flock

Commissioner Flock reported on the talk given by Ed Nelson of Many Mansions regarding Section 8 funds available for low income families.

M/S/P Ginny Connell/Lauren Anderson

To commend the Many Mansions program as a local network which is responding to concrete housing needs of very low income families in Thousand Oaks and to advocate for the formation of similar organizations in all cities of Ventura County.

Commissioner Flock reported on the efforts of Networking for Housing in Ventura County to secure funding for the development of 250 new low-income housing units.

M/S/P To support the proposal of Networking for Housing in Ventura County to target \$250,000 in State Coastal County Offshore Energy Assistance Program funds for low income housing.

M/S/P Flock, Connell: that the Commission for Women join the Network for Housing and that Karen Flock be the Commission's representative.

C. Counseling

Domestic Violence Services Monitoring Commissioner Lauren Anderson will no longer serve as a member of the Board of Directors for the Coalition Against Household Violence. She will continue representing the Commission in the monitoring of services and will meet on November 6 with Irma Mejia, PSSA and Carole Doty, Executive Director, CAHV to review the shelter and program.



Lillian Goldman will meet with Irma Mejia on November 4 to review the Interface shelter and program.

D. Divorced Women/Female Heads of Households Arleen Rosenfield

Commissioner Rosenfield reported on her participation at the Senate hearings on "The Economic Impact of Divorce" sponsored on October 16 in Los Angeles by the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Senate Taskforce on Family Equity. Ms. Rosenfield was one of 20 speakers and spoke on spousal support and no-fault divorce.

Ms. Rosenfield also reported that Fred Rosenmond, an attorney in Oxnard, chair of the Ventura County Bar Free Legal Clinic, conducts free sessions on Monday nights for low income people on the process of divorce. Appointments are necessary and may be made by calling the Ventura County Bar Association. Mr. Rosenmond has indicated a willingness to consider adding clinic sessions on the child support enforcement process. The Divorced Women's Task Force will develop a proposal for such sessions to present to the free legal clinic and the Bar Association.

E. Child Care

Commissioner Hubbell reviewed the events which took place during Child Care Week. She indicated that a large part of its success was due to the participation of Commission members. The CEO's breakfast was successful and is to be followed by a workshop on October 29. Commissioner Warrington reported on the "Day In The Park". Commissioner Hubbell commended Commissioner Marlene Alexander for her work on the statement which she prepared for other commissioners to read at City Council meetings regarding their proclamations for Child Care Week.

IX. Committees

A. Communications

Commissioner Ryder will schedule a committee meeting to develop a distribution plan for the commission brochure.

B. Legislative Analysis - Arleen Rosenfield

The Governor signed SB 1071 (Lockyer) which guarantees the participation of both spouses in the management and control of community property, and SB 1751 (Hart) regarding mandatory child support deductions. SB 1529 (Hart) regarding child care tax credits was vetoed.

X. Unfinished Business

- A. The letters of thanks to GTE and their special recognition in the banquet program was determined to be sufficient.

B. By Laws committee

M/S/P, Engel, Ryder: to establish a bylaws review committee  
to look over the bylaws and clarify as necessary.

Committee members are: Dot Engel, Chair, Martha White, Sandy  
Ryder, Karen Flock. The committee will report at the  
November 15 meeting.

C. It was decided to invite Santa Barbara County Commission for  
Women and San Luis Obispo County Commission on the Status of  
Women to join us on February 21, our regular meeting day.

XI. There was no new business.

XII. Other

Virginia Aguirre of the Blanchard Community Library, reviewed  
Project Literacy U.S., the California Literacy Program and the  
F.L.A.I.R. Project. She informed the Commission of the programs  
the Literacy Programs are conducting in the County and their  
positive impact.

Miriam Fraser of the Laubach Literacy Volunteers also spoke to the  
Commission about the tutoring services available in the county and  
training programs available for individuals wishing to become  
volunteers in the program.

XIII. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m. The next meeting will be  
November 15 at 9:00 a.m., at 2220 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo.