

# VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

# county of ventura

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## Commission Members:

### District 1

Lauren Anderson  
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#### Diane Doria

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Laura Espinosa  
Naomi Kohl  
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MINUTES  
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CAMARILLO DAILY NEWS  
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- I. The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Co-Chair Lauren Anderson.

II. Commissioners Present:

Kathy Long  
Eliza W. Thomas  
Diane Doria  
Laura Espinosa  
Naomi Kohl  
Dot Engel  
Anita Garaway  
Karen Flock  
Lauren Anderson  
Jean Harris

Commissioners Absent:

Teresa Godinez  
Katie Reeder  
Susan Witting

Staff:

Bonnie M. Warrington  
Tiffiney B. Lewis

Public:

Sue Steinhoff  
Rose Chacon

III. Introductions:

Guests:

Rose Chacon, Child Care Task Force State of California  
Employee Child Care Program.

Ms. Chacon presented a Child Care News Up-date: They are seeking assistance in Ventura/Oxnard area to prepare a grant proposal and preparation needed to survey existing child care facilities.

Contact address: P.O. Box 950 Santa Paula 93060.

Contact phone: Employment Development Dept. 654-4506.

Sue Steinhoff, Interface

- IV. Minutes of the June 10, 1989 meeting were approved as submitted by consensus.

- V. In the absence of the Executive Secretary, Sue Witting, the Correspondence Report was given by Bonnie Warrington, Administrative Aide. Copy is on file in the Commission office.

- VI. Financial Report was presented by Dot Engel, Fiscal Officer. Copy on file in Commission office.

- VII. Staff Report given by Bonnie Warrington. Copy on file in the Commission office.

# VIII. Task Force/Committee Reports

## A. Women Helping Women

1. Diane Doria, Co-Chair of the Resource Information Faire announced that the Survival Skills Day will be held August 19, 1989, 10-6 Esplanade Mall, Oxnard.

Seventy two invitations to participate have been sent out to a variety of groups throughout the county. Deadline to register is July 19, 1989. There is no fee to participate however participants must provide their own card table, extension cords, professional signage and chairs.

Theme for the event is "Education, Employment, and Emotional Well-Being" of single parents and women in transition.

Insurance coverage has been provided. Publicity and marketing of the event is being provided by the Mall.

2. Anita Garaway presented an overview of the existing Resource and Referral mandates for the State of California distributed at Commission for Women Child Care Conference in Long Beach, March 1989.

California Child Care Initiative program Summary was presented delineating how R & R funds are used to conduct a five stage child care supply-building process. Although the deadline has passed for obtaining funds this is an ideal model for communities to generate funding and stimulate community involvement. Copies on file in the Commission office for further information.

3. Future Forums:

Co-Chairs Anita Garaway and Dot Engel announced that "The Child Care in the Public School System" Forum is tentatively planned for January 25, 1990. Bill Ewing from Pamona, is tentatively scheduled to be the keynote speaker. School Board members and administrative staff from throughout the county will be invited to attend.



B. Child Care Task Force

1. Camarillo Child Care Task Force Kathy Long  
Formation meeting held June 27. Naomi Kohl  
Minutes on file in Commission office.  
NEXT MEETING JULY 25, 1989.
2. Simi Valley Child Care Council Dot Engel  
The Simi Valley Presbyterian Church (SVCCC member)  
has their request for proposal ready for  
distribution to the community to utilize  
Educational facility for child care. Council will  
be DARK IN JULY. Regular meetings will resume in  
August.
3. The new Child Care Directory recently published by  
the Employer's Child Care Task Force of the Greater  
Conejo Valley was presented. Copies available \$3  
through Personnel Office, Los Robles Hospital.
4. Santa Paula Child Care Council Laura Espinosa  
Minutes from the meeting were not available.
5. Ojai Child Care Council  
There is a need for a Commissioner to attend their  
meeting.
6. Oxnard Plains Child Care Council Eliza Thomas  
No minutes were available from the Naomi Kohl  
current meeting.
7. Ventura County Child Care Coordinating Council  
Anita Garaway  
It was announced that a video is in the making to  
up-date employers on SB722.

Additionally information has been ordered related  
to the programs currently in operation in Dallas,  
Texas. These will be shared at a future meeting.

M/S/P Garaway, Doria and amended by Flock, Harris  
to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the  
Ventura County Child Care Coordinating Council be  
legitimized as a non-profit entity with the  
responsibility to pursue funding from  
employers/community agencies and to examine and  
implement alternative options for influencing  
quality child care in Ventura County, with a focus  
on the model of developing in home child care  
centers.

The primary focus of the Ventura County Child Care Council would be to pursue goals as outlined in the California Child Care Initiative Program Summary:

Extraction from Program Summary:

- \*assessing child care supply and demand and targeting shortages of care in specific areas.

- \*recruiting individuals who have the potential to become licensed family day care providers.

- \*training those individuals to deliver quality care and effectively manage a small business.

- \*providing technical assistance to help them get licensed and into operation.

- \*providing ongoing support to help them stay in operation.

8. Moorpark

Recent action taken by the City Council of the City of Moorpark (First reading of an Ordinance) will change zoning to allow child care centers in the commercial/industrial/manufacturing areas of the city with a Conditional Use Permit.

9. Report on Public Information Meeting held by Ventura County Public Social Services Agency relating to modification/implementation of Family Support Act and Job Opportunity and Basic Skills Program. The hearing was primarily designed to review the current status of the GAIN Program and to identify the needed changes in order to meet the different requirements of the new program.

Naomi Kohl and Bonnie Warrington attended hearing and presented report to commission.

C. Salute to Women

Staff will draft Patron letter and send to Commissioner provided lists. Second press release urging nominations for the Women of Achievement Awards has been sent out.

Awards Selection Committee (Chair: Witting; Members: Long, Kohl, Doria, Flock) tentatively scheduled to meet at Witting Residence, 8/26/89 at 10 a.m.



D. Cool It Tips was implemented in the Moorpark School District just prior to the end of 1988-89 school year. Distribution and printing sponsored by the President's Council of Moorpark: C.A.S.A. Community and School Association); CMS/PTSA (Chaparral Middle School/Parent Teachers Students Association); MHS/PTSA (Moorpark High School/Parent Teachers Students Association); MOUNTAIN MEADOWS PTA; P.A.T.H. (Parents and Teachers Helping); P.E.A.C.H. (Parents and Educators Association for Children); in conjunction with the Commission for Women. The impetus for this most worthwhile program was provided by Commissioner Teresa Godinez, Moorpark. "This valuable piece of paper ("TIPS") could effectively change the lives of thousands of children by fostering a better relationship between them and their parents." The TIPS leaflet consists of tips and suggestions to the parents when their child's grades do not meet their expectations and urges them to accept any bad news with comprehension and calmness. PSSA statistics indicate that 5 out of 30 children in a classroom are abused, by the year 1992, if this trend continues, Commissioner Godinez states in her initial presentation to the Moorpark PTSA. The PSSA analyst found seasonal statistics cards and progress reports and the incidence of direct child abuse.

The initial pilot program brochures were distributed in the English language however beginning in the Fall of 1989, it is planned that the "tips" will also be printed in the Spanish language.

E. Clinicas Health Faire Laura Espinosa  
The presentations were in Spanish and English language to well over 100 attendees. (Commission for Women had previously donated \$100 toward the expenses of the Faire).

F. Women In Agriculture  
Karen Flock reported that \$8,500 had been received from the Private Industry Council and \$1,000 from the Ventura County Farm Bureau to assist with the survey. However additional monies are still needed to complete this project.

- G Written materials provided by Bonnie Warrington, Administrative Aide relating to the Joint Select Task Force on the Changing Family's first report "Planning a Family Policy for California" presented by Co-Chairs State Senator Diane Watson and Assemblyman Thomas Bates. Complete report summary available in Commission office.

IX. New Business

- A. The Nominating Committee was appointed for the selection of the 1989-90 Officers. Commissioners serving include Lauren Anderson, Karen Flock, Naomi Kohl, and Jean Harris. Slate will be presented at the August meeting.
- B. M/S/P Harris, Kohl to authorize payment of \$240 to cover two 8 hour computer classes for Staff Clerk in the Multimate discipline. Funds to come from Salute to Women account.
- C. M/S/P Harris, Long to authorize payment of \$150 for expenses (if need arises) at the Survival Skills Resource Faire. Funds to come from Salute to Women account.
- D. Calendar of events for the balance of year was approved. Copy on file in Commission office.
- E. Anita Garaway will coordinate a special project to research funding sources, with a special emphasis on child care issues.
- F. M/S/P Espinosa, Doria to send Karen Flock and Eliza Thomas to the California Commission for Women's Conference in Sacramento August 24, 25 1989. Commission will cover transportation, hotel accomodations and will reimburse expenses. Staff will coordinate arrangements.
- G. Authorized reimbursement to Bonnie Warrington for \$17 tip cover purchase of office supplies.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Lauren Anderson submitted her resignation from the Commission effective September 1, 1989. Resignation was accepted with regret.

Meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AUGUST 12, 1989 AT THE CAMARILLO DAILY NEWS IN CAMARILLO AT 9:15 A.M. Commissioners are reminded to sign up for a "shift" at the Resource Faire August 19, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Contact Co-Chairs Doria or Espinosa.