

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

3161 Loma Vista Road
Ventura, California 93003

MINUTES

May 18, 1985

I. Commissioners Present:

Clayton, Raymond
Connell, Ginny
Elliott, Julie
Engel, Dorothy
Hubbell, Brook
Matson, Candace
Ryder, Sandra
White, Martha

Commissioners Excused:

Grethel, Louise
Ramirez-Brewer, Alicia
Silverman, Mary

Commissioners Absent:

Estrada, Tila
Johns, Mary Jane

Guests:

Sylvia Armitta, Interface Domestic Violence Program
Maureen Hooper-Lopez, Advance Marketing Services
Lee Anderson, President of Friends of the Commission
Jean Harris, Oxnard School District Trustee
Bonnie Warrington, V.P., Friends of the Commission
Carol Burbach, Soroptimist International of the Conejo

II. Report by Maureen Hooper-Lopez, Advance Marketing Services, consultant for the needs assessment project:

Ms. Hooper-Lopez discussed the information compiled to date which comes only from the responses to the random sample telephone survey open-ended questions and from the public hearings. She detailed several areas of concern mentioned by survey and public hearing participants. Hard data from the computer was not available in time for this meeting but was expected to be ready by the end of the day.

The complete report will be presented to the Commission on Friday, May 31 at 6 p.m. at the regular meeting place, PSSA Training Facility, 77 N. California St. A planning facilitator will conduct a portion of the meeting to assist in the commission's goal setting and planning.

III. The regular business meeting was called to order by Co-chair Dot Engel at 10:40 a.m. The Minutes of the April 20 meeting were accepted as submitted.

IV. Executive Secretary's Report

Letters were received from:

- . California Women's Employment & Education, Inc. re: a donation of \$3,900 to the Needs Assessment Project.
- . Monica De La O requesting a contribution to fund a trip

- to China as part of a Sports Development USA team.
- . Assemblyman Tom Hayden re: child care legislation, AB1007 & AB1177.
- . Supervisor Maggie Erickson re: maintaining Revenue Sharing.
- . Richard Wittenburg, County CAO, re: maintaining Revenue sharing.
- . Diane Bury, Chair of the Santa Barbara County Commission for Women re: the Tri-County meeting on Saturday, July 6.
- . Judy Capko, President, Soroptimist International of the Conejo, re: establishment of a commission Liaison Committee.
- . Sue Mullins, Employee Relations, Litton Guidance & Control Systems, requesting information on the Commission.
- . Constance Kay Mack-Ward, Gary Indiana Commission for Women re: the Executive Director's Exchange at the NACW Convention.
- . James McClurg, Vice President, United Way of Ventura County, re: a draft plan for a county-wide assessment of human services and resources, with a request for study and feedback.
- . Barbara Robinson, NACW Convention Committee Chair re: contributions for the convention.
- . Fred Bates, Chevron, USA, Inc. with information on job opportunities for women at Chevron.

Letters were sent from the Commission to:

- . Goldie Bemel, Director of Burbank Unified School District's Children's Center inviting her to speak at the June 15 meeting.
- . Representatives Lagomarsino and Fiedler urging their support to keep Federal Revenue Sharing.

V. Financial Report - Commissioner White

As of April 26, 1985, 84% of the fiscal year had elapsed with 67% of the total organization budget spent.

VI. Friends of the Commission - Lee Anderson, President

Friends are to meet on Tuesday, May 21. Commission representatives will attend. Clarification of duties for the Salute To Women banquet will take place.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Needs Assessment - Commissioner Connell

Members of this commission and the Commission on Human Concerns will meet together for a discussion of common areas of interest and common goals. This will take place sometime after Friday, May 31. Commissioners will be notified.

The fundraising committee still needs to raise between \$4000 and \$5000. Small contributions from individuals have been received.

Tax deductible donations to the needs assessment project can be made through the Commission on Human Concerns. Contact Lee Riggan, 656-5799 at the CHC office.

Friends of the Commission will discuss hosting a fundraising dinner. Commissioner Connell will attend Friends' meeting.

M/S/P that the Commission for Women actively support a new endeavor on the part of the Friends to hold another fundraising event for the Needs Assessment Project some time in the future.

B. Child Care - Commissioner Hubbell

The information packets for presentation teams to use in discussions with employers have been prepared by staff. It is hoped that the brochure for employers, which is being printed by GTE, will be ready for mailing by the end of this month.

Commissioner Engel reported on the work of the United Way child Care Task Force. They are putting together recommendations for linking needs with possible sources of funding.

Jean Harris, Oxnard School District Trustee, discussed the need for pre-kindergarten experiences for children in the Oxnard area and the lack of facilities to deal with that need.

M/S/P to write a letter supporting Oxnard School District's efforts to obtain funding for expanding pre-kindergarten programs.

It was also suggested that the Commission write to the State Child Development office to support funding for all pre-K programs in the county based on information in the needs assessment report.

M/S/P to support AB55(Brown) which would require the State Dept. of Social Services to conduct semiannual rather than annual visitations to licensed day care centers.

C. National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW)

Commission Co-Chair Dot Engel will be the delegate to the NACW convention in Pasadena in June; Commissioner Ginny Connell will be the alternate. Commissioner Louise Grethel and Staff, Martha Baskerville, will also attend. Grethel and Baskerville are coordinating the exhibits/displays from commissions across the country and from southern California non-profit agencies and organizations.

D. "Salute To Women" - Commissioner Matson

Some incomplete nominations have been received - forms with no accompanying letter, or letter with no completed form. It was decided not to pursue further information on incomplete forms though those nominations will be at a disadvantage when the selection committee begins its deliberations.

E. Legislative Analysis - Commissioner Connell

AB1007 (Hayden) would add child care to the list of services for which cities and counties could require subdividers to pay fees to defray the cost of such public services.

AB1177 (Hayden) would specify that the construction of certain child development centers may be funded under the existing Community College Construction Act of 1980 under which some community college construction projects receive financial support from the state and the community college district.

SB303 (Roberti) is the funding bill for the "latch key" legislation.

SB864 (Hart) would authorize a tax credit for part of the start-up expenses incurred in establishing a child care program or building a child care facility to be used primarily by the children of employees.

SB 1029 (Lockyer, Seymore) would fund pilot projects for employer-assisted child care.

Commissioner Hubbell will make recommendations re: SB864 and SB1029 at the next meeting.

F. No report on Domestic Violence Services Monitoring.

G. Communications - Commissioner Ryder

The next issue of the newsletter will be out soon.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Annual Report

Commissioners are asked to submit reports on in-kind contributions and to complete and return the memo on past year's activities.

B. Needs of Committees

At the Friends' dinner, committee chairpersons may explain the work of their committees and what the committee needs in terms of personnel, time required and goals.

C. Executive Secretary Ryder was asked to write letters of concern re: attendance to those commissioners who have been absent from more than three meetings, with copies to go to the appointing supervisor.

IX. New Business

Sylvia Armitta, Interface Community Domestic Violence Program announced they have purchased a videotape on battered women. The tape has been made available to the Thousand Oaks library and will be previewed at two luncheons, Thursday, June 6 and Friday, June 7.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm. Submitted by Martha Baskerville.