

# VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1987

### MINUTES

- I. The regular monthly meeting was held in conjunction with Camarillo Women's Day at the Christian Church School, Arneill Rd. and Las Posas Rd., Camarillo, and was called to order by Co-Chair Brook Hubbell at 10:15 a.m.

### II. Commissioners Present:

Dot Engel, Thousand Oaks  
Tila Estrada, Oxnard  
Karen Flock, Ventura  
Lillian Goldman, Camarillo  
Brook Hubbell, Simi Valley  
Zora Kirby, Thousand Oaks  
Sandra Ryder, Camarillo  
Bonnie Warrington, Simi Valley  
Susan Witting, Thousand Oaks

### Commissioners Absent:

Miriam Albert, Thsnd. Oaks  
Lauren Anderson, Ventura  
Arleen Reetz, Ventura  
Meredith Sheehan, Oxnard  
Martha White, Oxnard

### Guests:

Jan Zechner  
Beverly Fairbairn, Sick  
Care Center  
Sue Fischer  
Lee Anderson, Friends  
Ginny Connell, Friends

- III. The Minutes of April 11, 1987 were accepted as submitted.

- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - Beverly Fairbairn discussed ongoing efforts to establish a day care center for mildly ill children in Thousand Oaks. She and others have been planning for over a year to develop a center to care for children with mild illnesses, such as colds, flu, sore throat, earaches, - illnesses that are not serious but which cause parents, usually mothers, to miss days of work.

The proposed center could care for up to 30 children with the reception and play areas in the front of the building, beds and cribs in the rear. There would be R.N.'s on staff. A plan for the day's care and a report at the end of the day would be given to parents.

They have estimated a need of \$50,000 to get a building in Thousand Oaks but have been turned away by banks. Beverly Fairbairn asked the Commission for Women for support of their plans.

Commissioners asked to see a copy of the group's proposal and further written information on their plans before being able to issue any official letters of support. Friends members who were present suggested making presentations to community service clubs to recruit support.



V. FINANCIAL REPORT - Staff

As of April 24, 84% of the fiscal year has elapsed with 83% of level 1 funds expended (salaries & benefits), 94% of level 2 funds expended (services & supplies), and 98% of level 4 funds expended (computer equipment), for an organizational total of 88% expended.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - Executive Secretary Bonnie Warrington

Copies of the complete correspondence report are available in the Commission office. At the last meeting, the commission voted to send a letter of support for SB 724 (Greene). SB 724 has been placed in the inactive file so no letter was sent.

VII. STAFF REPORT - Martha Baskerville

1. Assignments for the remaining sections of the Annual Report were completed. All reports from the task forces/committees, on in-kind contributions and on community involvement are requested to be completed and submitted by May 29.
2. Staff reviewed the status of the current budget. There is not enough money remaining to cover the NACW Region IX Conference expenses of Commissioners Hubbell and Rosenfield-Reetz, our official delegates to that conference; nor is there enough left to cover a full printing of the newsletter. This is due to increased internal printing and mailing costs, an old bill for computer software that was received by PSSA fiscal in March 1986 and should have been paid by the fiscal department in that fiscal year, but wasn't, and will have to be paid now, and a price increase initiated by the newsletter printer.

M/S/P to submit an emergency request to the Friends of the Commission to supplement commission funds to enable us to do a regular newsletter printing, and to cover the NACW Region IX expenses of Commissioners Hubbell and Reetz.

Each County unit has been directed to develop a plan to reduce the proposed 1987-88 budget requests by a total of 10%, to be instituted in 5% increments if necessary. A committee of Commissioners Kirby, Witting and Reetz, and staff will meet to discuss ways to reduce our budget and make a recommendation via telephone for approval by the executive committee. The budget reduction plan needs to be submitted to PSSA fiscal dept. by May 26.



VIII. FRIENDS OF THE COMMISSION - President Lee Anderson  
Activities now are geared to preparations for the 1987 "Salute to Women" awards banquet. The guest speaker/M.C. will be Los Angeles City Councilwoman Joy Picus. The date is October 29 at the Westlake Plaza Hotel.

There was \$2000 profit from the 1986 banquet. It is hoped that Commissioners will participate fully in fundraising efforts for the 1987 banquet. All commissioners were invited to attend the Friends meeting on May 28.

IX. TASK FORCE REPORTS

A. EDUCATION

1. "Salute to Women" - The Community Service Award will be designated as Community Service/Professional, or Community Service/Volunteer or Community Service/Homemaker.
2. "Women in Agriculture" Forum - Karen Flock reviewed plans for the forum scheduled for 2:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the afternoon following the commission meeting, and distributed copies of the program printed for the event.

B. CHILD CARE

1. There was no report from the subcommittee on employer assisted child care.
2. Discussion of care for sick children was held during the Public Comment session.
3. The SOLO Project meeting was canceled.
4. CAL-NEVA Panel on child care - Bonnie Warrington reported a small turnout to hear the panel but the presentation went ahead as planned and was very good. A tape of the session is available from CAL-NEVA. Great Pacific Ironworks' child care center is reopened and back in full swing. Ginny Connell recommended that the child care task force obtain a copy of the CAL-NEVA tape as well as recruit volunteers to video a tour of the Great Pacific Ironworks child care center to use during presentations to employers.

C. DIVORCED WOMEN/SINGLE HEADS OF HOUSEHOLDS

1. Commissioner Warrington presented a plan developed by the task force to organize and present a Family Law Forum as an alternative to publishing the previously discussed booklet on divorce. Topics to be covered could be: Know your Financial Situation, What Is Community Property?, Your Right to Spousal and Child Support, Support Enforcement, Handling Harassment, Battering. A lunch speaker, a Family Law Judge, could speak on the "Divorce Process." The proposed date is Sept. 12.



M/S/P Warrington, Witting: to approve the plan for a Family Law Forum as recommended by the task force.

2. M/S/P Warrington, Witting: to change the name of the task force to the Family Law Task Force.

During discussion it was suggested that a new task force be developed to deal with other issues identified in the needs assessment that are specifically pertinent to divorced women and single heads of households. Not every issue would properly be identified as a family law issue.

#### D. HOUSING

Karen Flock reviewed the progress of Networking for Housing in setting up a revolving loan fund for development of affordable housing.

#### X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### A. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Sandra Ryder announced that money is needed to print photos taken at the women's history luncheon in February. These photos can be used in future publicity and as part of the committee's efforts to reach other organizations. Commissioners made donations.
2. The next issue of the newsletter will be a May/June issue.

##### B. LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS

1. Dot Engel reported on the first meeting of the new Legislative Roundtable. There were fourteen participants representing various organizations. There was a discussion of possible purposes or goals for a roundtable and a discussion of main areas of concern and priorities. Those present agreed that they did want to work together and they did want to meet again. Two subcommittees were established: Education, to be chaired by Leslie Kerr and Pay Equity, to be convened by Beverly Edmon.

The Roundtable will meet again on wednesday, July 15 at 4 p.m. in Camarillo. A location will be arranged.

2. M/S/P Engel, Warrington: to support the following bills:  
SB 722 (Hart) Income taxation: credits: child care assistance  
SB 793 (Davis) Sex Equity in Education Act, sponsor: California Commission on the Status of Women  
AB 1070 (Hayden) Child care: school district properties  
S 3 (Cranston) Social Security Equity Act of 1987  
S 4 (Cranston) Child Care Assistance Act of 1987  
S 5 (Cranston) Pay Equity Act of 1987

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commission Co-chair Brook Hubbell reported on the NACW Region IX Conference held on April 24-26. Mary Wiberg, President of NACW was there. One of the benefits of attending such a conference is the opportunity to meet commissioners from other areas and find out what others are doing. Programs or projects dealing in some way with child care is a common activity. Many other commissions are involved in the issue of teen pregnancy, and this commission is not.

Several commission's representatives expressed a concern over a let-down in the type of service and information provided, and a lowered level of involvement by the State Commission on the Status of Women.

At the national convention in Lexington KY this summer, California commissions will attempt to have a bylaws change approved that would change the voting structure of NACW. The current procedure is one state, one vote.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

A. M/S/P Flock, Warrington: to send a letter to the Immigration and Naturalization Service stating general support for fair and effective management of the amnesty program.

B. Prior to the meeting, Commissioners had received a copy of background information about the job reclassification study being performed by the County personnel office. Commissioners were asked to speak to their appointing Supervisors to see how they view the issue.

XIII. The meeting was adourned at 12:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 20, 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A&B at the Thousand Oaks Library, 1401 Janss Rd., Thousand Oaks.