



VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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Minutes –August 2009

A regular meeting of the Ventura County Commission for Women was held at the Coffee Bean Conference Room, 4360 E. Main Street, Ventura (as an emergency solution) on Saturday, August 1, 2009. Change of meeting place was posted at the door of the commission office on 4601 Telephone Road, suite 117, Ventura, CA 93003

Commission Chair Durisseau called the meeting to order at 9:55 A.M. followed by the reading of the VCCW Mission Statement.

Commissioners present: Chair Shanté Morgan Durisseau, Carmen Hurd, Debbie DeVries, and Diana Goodrow. Due to the absence of a quorum, meeting adjourned at 10:00A.M. Proceeded to share discussion with commissioners present.

Chair Report:

- Chair Durisseau expressed the urgency of moving forward with plans for the annual VCCW retreat to have it tentatively on Saturday, September 12. She reiterated the need for the full commission members' presence in order to move the agenda items and plans for the year. She further requested to take note of the suggested retreat date, and to let her know as soon as possible of any alternative dates to have the retreat in either September or October. Further asking commissioners for their input /suggestion for name of possible facilitator.
- Chair also reported on County Counsel Joseph Randazzo's email message that he will send his response to VCCW's question by the first week of August.
- In lieu of scheduling a possible emergency meeting, Chair Durisseau suggested doing a teleconference meeting. She will follow up with details and legal requirements.
- Chair reported submitting the letter to Hugh Ralston of VCCF regarding the expanded dialogue of commitment to the status of women report.
- Chair also expressed her desire to meet with the "Flowers Aren't Enough" committee for updates on the planning and publicity.

Discussion/Information:

- Commissioner DeVries reported on the upcoming rally starting from August 17th through August 24th at Park Plaza in Oxnard to demonstrate the theme of "Starving for Knowledge" The purpose is to bring to the public attention the State's propose cutting the school year by 7 days-equivalent to 42 instructional hours. The Commission will hear more on this issue affecting school children.
- Commissioners Goodrow & DeVries brought up the topic of women in prison: their lack of education, training and subsequent unemployment; as well as PTSD and its unrecognized symptoms. Commissioners showed great interest on the subject and will consider future follow-ups.
- Commissioner Hurd gave her written report on AB 1048 (Torrico)-California Safe Surrender Baby Law. She will be asked to report again at next meeting with updates.

Meeting adjourned: 11:30A.M.

- **Next meeting:** 9:30am, September 12, 2009 at the Commission Office, Ventura

Approved as Printed: _____ Corrected: _____

Carmen S. Hurd, secretary pro-tem

VCCW - ATTENDANCE

July 11, 2009

<u>Commissioners</u>		<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
1. Janet Barron	A			
2. Suzi Caron	A			
3. Debbie DeVries	P	10	2	\$ 4.00
4. S. M. Durisseau	P	75	6	
5. Diana Goodrow	P	20	4	5...00
6. Elvia Guizar	P	12	4	11.00
7. Ina Howard	A			
8. Carmen S. Hurd	P	15	7	10.00
9. Jan Lawrence	P	80	6	35.00
10. Nancy Lee Phillips	P	30	23	
11. Lee Riggan	P	60	4	30.00
12. Debra Bagley	P	80	5	48.00
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Total	9	382	61	143.00