

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN  
3482 Loma Vista Road  
Ventura, California  
December 12, 1981

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Lauren Anderson  
Mary Baird  
Yvonne Gallegos Bodle  
Virginia Connell  
Dorothy Engel  
Lupe Gonsalves  
Brook Hubbell  
Mary Jane Johns  
Carol Keochekian  
JoAnne Le Fils-Moore  
Erin Healy Sheffield  
Stephen Wiman

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Ida Richardson  
Rita Romero  
Sandra Smith Ryder

STAFF

Beverly French

GUESTS

Bonnie Warrington  
Gilbert Chan  
(Camarillo Daily News)

CALL TO ORDER

The December meeting of the Ventura County Commission for Women was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Virginia Connell, Co-Chair for the Commission. The meeting was held at the Camarillo Public Library, 3100 Ponderosa Drive, Camarillo.

After calling the meeting to order, Ms. Connell asked for a review of the Minutes from the Commission's November meeting.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The corrections from the Minutes of November were as follows:

Ros McGrath, of the Coalition Against Household Violence, was listed as being a guest present at the November meeting, but she did not attend that meeting. Another guest was listed as Marion Schetle. The correct spelling of that name is Marion SCHILLO.

The Child Care Committee has added the following names as Committee members: Carol Keochekian, Bonnie Warrington, and Mamie Island. Carol Keochekian moved that the Minutes be approved as corrected. Motion seconded and passed.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Executive Secretary Sandra Ryder was unable to attend the meeting, so Lauren Anderson gave the report. Ms. Anderson reviewed correspondence which the Commission had sent to the Adventist Hospital, the Foreman of the Grand Jury, the Board of Supervisors, and the Planning Commission.

Incoming correspondence included an acknowledgement of nominations from the Industrial Welfare Commission, a letter of appreciation from United Way, and a letter from the City of Santa Barbara, indicating positions open for firefighters.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no report this month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports were heard from the following groups: Child Care Project Committee, By-Laws Committee, Communications Committee, Resources Development and Legislative Analysis.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Yvonne Bodle presented for review two sections of the By-Laws which had been reworded.

ARTICLE IV: There was discussion of the sections on Vacancy of Office, Removal of Officers, and Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI: Discussion of Clause C regarding Special Meetings. Some minor changes were made.

Erin Sheffield moved to accept the By-Laws as amended. Motion seconded and passed.

CHILD CARE PROJECT COMMITTEE

Dorothy Engel, Chair  
Brook Hubbell  
Steve Wiman  
Mary Baird  
Ida Richardson  
Lupe Gonsalves  
Mary Jane Johns  
Carol Keochekian  
Yvonne Bodle

Non-Commissioners:

Susan Minich  
Jarryl Larsen  
Pam Waldron  
Cedra Reskovic  
Bonnie Warrington  
Mamie Island  
Michele Feldman

Dorothy Engel led a discussion of the Minutes from the November 21 meeting of the Child Care Committee. She talked about the extensive list of child care providers in Ventura County which the Committee had prepared. The Committee had also ordered a map of all the school districts in Ventura County. The strategy plan for child care was also mentioned.

The next meeting of the Child Care Project Committee will be on Saturday, December 19 at 10:00 a.m. at the Children's Services Building in Ventura. There are several new members with special skills who have joined the Committee.

Letters to women's organizations and individuals, soliciting help with the Child Care Project, have been drafted. It was decided that self-addressed stamped envelopes would be enclosed with the letters.

Brook Hubbell requested aid in getting information on industries employing large numbers of people and possible sites for child care centers. Ms. Hubbell asked that one Commissioner from each district give assistance in this area.

Steve Wiman, Dorothy Engel, and Sue Minich will visit Child Care Resources in Van Nuys this month. There followed a brief discussion about visiting other centers of child care to learn about setting up centers.

Mr. Maserati of the Private Industry Council will be invited to the next Child Care Meeting. Also, Miriam Mack of the City of Ventura will be invited.

Carol Keochekian asked to write press releases for the Child Care Committee. Her request was approved.

#### COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Sandra Smith Ryder  
Mary Baird  
Erin Sheffield  
Lauren Anderson  
Mary Jane Johns

The Communications Committee did not meet this month.

Luaren Anderson reported that the Communications Committee is working toward publishing the Commission's Newsletter. Ms. Anderson reported the Committee spoke to Jean Getchell about a possible mailing list for the Newsletter. The County Graphics Department can inexpensively publish the Newsletter for the Commission.

New information for the newsletter will come, in part, from the Commission's Co-Chairs. Also, the Co-Chairs will prepare an opening statement for the newsletter. There was a brief discussion about sending the newsletter to radio stations, women's organizations, etc.

JoAnne Moore suggested having a prepared statement available to the secretary at the Commission's office to quote to radio stations when they call.

Virginia Connell suggested that the secretary refer such calls to one of the Co-Chairs. Carol Keochekian suggested having a statement of purpose prepared to be used by Commissioners for media presentations. Co-Chairs will develop a statement to be used by the Commission members.

#### RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Erin Sheffield  
JoAnne Le Fils-Moore  
Erica Neville (non-Commissioner)

Since the Child Care Committee has addressed the problem of resources development, does the Commission really need a separate Resources Development Committee? Yes, it was decided. There is certainly a main focus on child care, but there will be other needs for resources -- newsletter, etc. Erin Sheffield asked for a volunteer for this committee, since there are only two Commissioners serving on this Committee at the present time. Yvonne Bodle suggested Steve Wiman. Steve Wiman volunteered his services temporarily. Virginia Connell also volunteered to help.

It was decided that public members are also needed on the Resources Development Committee. They need help from people who are experienced or experts in the field, such as financial advisors, tax consultants, CPAs, etc.

The next meeting of the Resources Development Committee will be on Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. at Erin Sheffield's home in Camarillo.

#### LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

Steve Wiman  
Lupe Gonsalves  
Virginia Connell

Lupe Gonsalves reported on her trip to the State Capitol on November 9. Ms. Gonsalves toured the State Capitol and met with legislators about funding for child care. Assemblyman Imbrecht introduced her on the assembly floor.

On December 11, Ms. Gonsalves, Yvonne Bodle and Erin Sheffield met with Assemblyman Imbrecht to discuss child care programs and bills now pending regarding child care. Assemblyman Imbrecht is pro child care centers and seems sensitive to the issue of child care.

Ms. Gonsalves also reported on her visit to the State Commission on the Status of Women. They reviewed the possibility of receiving grants, possibly from Atlantic Richfield. They also discussed the child care project.

There followed a brief discussion of California Women, a newsletter published by the State Commission on the Status of Women. Especially noteworthy was the material on legislative issues.

Dorothy Engel suggested that the California Journal Roster and Government Guide may be useful to Commissioners. Yvonne Bodle moved that Commission purchase enough copies for all Commissioners to have one, as well as one for the secretary (16 copies). Motion seconded and passed.

It was decided that Lupe Gonsalves would be the Commission's representative or liaison person to Assemblyman Imbrecht's office.

It was also suggested that other Commissioners try to make contact with various representatives in Ventura County.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The possibility of having Commission meetings on other days than Saturdays was discussed. Evenings and week days would not work out at this time. It was decided that meetings should be scheduled at least two months ahead of time. Next two meetings will be on January 30 and February 20 at the Camarillo Public Library. The meetings will start at 9:00 a.m.

Steve Wiman moved to give authority to Yvonne Bodle and Virginia Connell to review and execute any grant proposal which the Commission presents for consideration. They may have the authority to sign the grant. Motion seconded and passed.

Discussion was held about the Commission's meeting with the Board of Supervisors to present the By-Laws for approval. The date will be scheduled later. It was decided to give the Board of Supervisors copies of the Child Care Project Committee Meeting Minutes. Also, a report on the progress of the Commission's newsletter will be given.

GRANTS

Jean Getchell suggested that there are several grants the Commission for Women will be eligible to apply for. January 15 is the deadline for submitting grant proposals. If the Commission can prepare a grant presentation in time, it can be submitted to the Board of Supervisors. Steve Wiman and Erin Sheffield will work to prepare a grant proposal that will get funded. Jean Getchell will help with any needed information.

OTHER

Mary Baird reported that the Simi Valley Adventist Hospital will go ahead with the Leal V. Grunke Child Learning Center. They received a lot of support with this project.

The Commission plans to have representatives from the Coalition Against Household Violence, Interface Community, and Breakthrough present at future meetings to give reports on their organizations. Lupe Gonsalves will invite a member from Breakthrough to come to our meetings.

As an informational item, Virginia Connell mentioned that there are only six months left to get the ERA ratified. The Message Brigade can help Commission members to support the ERA issue. Ms. Connell attended the NOW Conference in Washington in October. She also mentioned that if the ERA is not ratified, further action will still be directed to reintroduce the ERA in Congress.

Virginia Connell briefly mentioned the nuclear freeze initiative.

JoAnne Moore, Lauren Anderson and Lupe Gonsalves met with Supervisor Susan Lacey. Ms. Lacey suggested that the Commission for Women keep in contact with her and let her know what action the Commission is taking. Commissioners need to make contact with their Supervisor and meet with them to discuss the Commission's work.

Yvonne Bodle will call Ida Richardson and Rita Romero to find out why they have not taken an active role as Commissioners. (Note: Rita Romero has since resigned and Supervisor Flynn will be making another appointment.)

Brook Hubbell reported on a new child care center at Long Beach Memorial Hospital. They will have their open house on Tuesday, December 15 from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.

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The need to invite members of the public to Commission meetings was discussed. Members from the Coalition Against Household Violence will keep abreast of what the Commission is doing. The Women Lawyers Association is also encouraged to attend the Commission's meetings. All meetings are being publicly noticed.

It was moved by JoAnne Moore to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and passed. Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. by Virginia Connell.

Respectfully submitted,

BEVERLY FRENCH  
Clerical Secretary  
Commission for Women