

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

April 24, 1982

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Yvonne Bodle, Co-Chair  
Virginia Connell, Co-Chair  
Lauren Anderson  
Mary Baird  
Dorothy Engel  
Tila Estrada  
Lupe Gonsalves  
Brook Hubbell  
Ida M. Richardson  
Sandra Smith Ryder  
Erin Sheffield  
Stephen Wiman

STAFF

Beverly French

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Mary Jane Johns  
Carol Keochekian  
JoAnne Le Fils-Moore

GUESTS

Bonnie Warrington  
Nonie Hamrich  
Evelyn Strahsburg, Q.S.E.A.  
Pat Horn  
Sandra Sandera, BPW  
Evelyn Rowden, BPW  
Maryann Naylor, Interface  
Shelly Botan

CALL TO ORDER

The April meeting of the Ventura County Commission for Women was scheduled as part of Camarillo Women's Day, and the public hearing began at 11:15 a.m., chaired by Yvonne Bodle. The meeting was held at Monte Vista Junior High School, Ponderosa and Lantana, in Camarillo. Introductions of guests and Commissioners followed the call to order.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the March meeting of the Commission were reviewed and a motion was made to accept the Minutes as submitted. Motion seconded and passed.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Executive Secretary Sandra Ryder reported on a letter from Congressman Goldwater regarding the Commission's pre-application for a federal grant. The letter pointed out that we could possibly be competing for the same money as a pre-application submitted by Child Care Resource and Referral, Inc. A response to Goldwater's letter is in order. Ryder will draft a letter to

him. A letter was also received from Congressman Lagomarsino's office supporting our pre-application for the federal grant. Dorothy Engel indicated that the Private Industry Council also supports the Commission in this endeavor. There was, in addition, a letter sent from the Commission to the State Commission on the Status of Women regarding a possible conference in Southern California in the spring of this year.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Finance Officer Erin Sheffield reported on the Commission's budget status to date:

- 77% of the year has elapsed.
- 45% of the Salaries Account has been spent.
- 73% of the Services and Supplies Account has been spent.
- 55% of total funds have been spent as of April 2, 1982.

The new budget will be for \$10,600, which shows a 7½% inflation rate. Our balance as of April 2, 1982, is \$3,418.99.

Sheffield pointed out that the Commission must cut down on office expenses. Copy expenses and mailing expenses can be cut down considerably. It will be necessary to copy fewer bills for the Legislative Analysis Committee. Virginia Connell said some bills were copied by others who were not using the Commission office supplies. Lupe Gonsalves suggested using paper clips for holding the Commissioner's papers instead of using manila folders for that purpose.

It is important to clarify the cost of the newsletter printing and mailing, so that the Commission will know how much money will need to be budgeted for that expense. More money was spent on Services and Supplies than was estimated.

There was a brief discussion of the secretary's request for permanent status with the Commission. A request will be made to James Isom of PSSA, along with the rest of the budget request for 1982-83. Yvonne Bodle suggested making an appointment with James Isom to discuss the budget. Connell, Bodle and Sheffield will go to this Budget Hearing with Mr. Isom.

Sheffield demonstrated the use of the newly revised Time/Mileage Sheets which all Commissioners and volunteers should use to record their expenses. These will then be presented to the Board of Supervisors for the Commission's Annual Report.

#### CHILD CARE PROJECT COMMITTEE

The Child Care Committee held its monthly meeting on April 17, which consisted mostly of the reports from various task groups. Sue Minich reported to Dorothy Engel that her group is still looking for suitable sites for child care centers. Steve Wiman has collected all the materials for a final report on existing facilities. The Commission's secretary will do the work of collating and typing the material for final analysis. Bonnie Warrington is adding additional entries to the Interface Directory to bring it up to



date. Carol Keochekian is still working with the Private Industry Council to set up a test group on May 13 with personnel professionals and community leaders. This will be a working session for selected persons to assess their reaction to existing information and ideas. Brook Hubbell and Mary Baird reported that their information gathering is complete in preparation for the employer packet. The work should be done by the first week of May, and then the material in the packet will need to be printed. The secretary will look into possible sources for this printing. The final report from the Child Care Committee will be given to the Board of Supervisors during the Annual Report in June.

There was a discussion of money needed for printing of various materials in order to finish the child care project to present to the Board of Supervisors. Sheffield suggested the Child Care Committee investigate printing costs and present an estimate to her so that the cost can be budgeted before the end of the fiscal year.

Engel reported on Sue Minich's investigation into advertising day care in newspapers: licensed versus non-licensed providers. Some newspapers accept ads for child care without saying they are unlicensed. Discussion of the licensed versus unlicensed child care providers followed. More research will be done before a conclusion is reached as to any action to be taken.

Engel reported on her attendance and participation in a Private Industry Council meeting. The next meeting of the Child Care Committee will be on Saturday, May 15.

The Committee is still working on getting an overlay map to be used by those doing research into child care centers and their locations.

#### COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The newsletter is out! Sandra Ryder handed out copies of the first edition of the Commission's newsletter to all Commissioners and guests present. Ryder said that the Commission still needs help with getting funding to help support the newsletter. Bonnie Warrington contributed \$25 to help print the newsletter. There followed a discussion of distribution of the newsletter to chambers of commerce, city halls, libraries, legislators and various organizations and women's centers throughout Ventura County.

Steve Wiman suggested translating the newsletter into Spanish so everyone could read it. A suggestion was made that the format of the next newsletter be shorter than the first edition. It was also decided that titles (Ms., Mrs., Mr., etc.) will not be used in future newsletters. Only first and last names will be used.

RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

JoAnne Moore is pursuing the possibility of applying for other grants to help fund the Commission. She has requested help in locating these possible grants available to the Commission.

Dr. Gerald Heddon from UCSB, a consultant for ACTION, will be invited as a guest speaker at a future meeting of the Commission.

LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

Virginia Connell and Lupe Gonsalves presented the following bills for consideration by the Commission:

AB 1985 - Connell, Gonsalves and Warrington strongly support this bill about sexual harrassment. They suggested contacting Blake Boyle so he can ask the Board of Supervisors to support this bill. A motion to lend support through County Analyst Blake Boyle was made. Motion seconded and passed. It was also suggested that Boyle be invited to one of the Commission's meetings.

AB 2369 - This bill concerns a child care and development program and the establishment of a fee schedule. The Legislative Analysis Committee does not support this bill because it will not benefit welfare and low income families. Can an amendment be made to this bill? Further research will be made on this matter.

AB 2174 - This bill concerns harrassment in general, and restraining orders for harrassment. It sets out stricter regulations for violation of restraining orders, especially regarding domestic violence. A motion was made to support this bill. Motion was seconded and passed.

AB 1166 - This bill concerns the Human Relations Commission and funding for this Commission and other Commissions on the Status of Women. The wording of the bill does not indicate that there would be additional funding for Commissions for Women. It does not seem necessary to take any action on this bill at the present time.

There were also two items from the State Commission, one regarding equal pay (SB 1835) and another bill on child support. There will be more feedback on these bills at the next meeting.

Gonsalves presented SB 537 for consideration. This bills concerns itself with seat restraints for children. This issue is important to the Child Care Project Committee.

There is no policy at present on sexual harrassment for the County of Ventura. It is important for the Commission for Women to suggest a policy to the Board of Supervisors on this matter. The possibility of establishing a sexual harrassment project committee will be considered.



OTHER

Commissioners Lauren Anderson has been appointed to the Citizens Advisory Committee on the Status of Women for the Ventura County Community College District. Congratulations were extended to Anderson by the Commission.

Commissioner JoAnne Moore was given the Women Helping Women award by Soroptimist International of Ventura on April 14. The award is given each year to a woman who has made an outstanding contribution benefiting women.

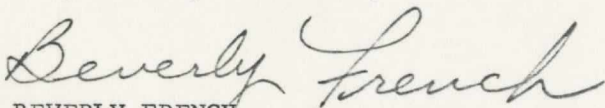
It was moved and seconded to send a letter of congratulations to the women who have participated in the C.A.A.N. 26-mile marathon during April in Ventura County.

Yvonne Bodle handed out copies of a book review on Betty Friedan's latest book, entitled "The Second Stage." In this book, Friedan discusses the problems of the women's movement, the superwoman phenomenon, the changes in the workplace and the need for women to work with men. Bodle encouraged everyone to read it.

The next meeting of the Commission for Women will be on May 22 at 9:00 a.m. in the Camarillo Public Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
BEVERLY FRENCH  
Staff Secretary