

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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MINUTES

Dec. 14, 1985

9:30 a.m.
3940 Calle del Sol
Thousand Oaks

I. Commissioners Present:

Jean Bush
Raymond Clayton
Ginny Connell
Dot Engel
Louise Grethel
Lillian Goldman
Brook Hubbell
Candace Matson
Arleen Rosenfield
Sandy Ryder
Mary Silverman
Martha White

Commissioners Excused:

Tila Estrada
Alicia Ramirez-Brewer

Guests:

Laurie Freeman, O.P.A.L.
Paula Shain, Friends
Bonnie Warrington, Friends
Lee Anderson, Friends
Pat Mason
Barbara Olivier, County of Ventura
Personnel Dept., Benefits

The Commission welcomes Lillian Goldman who was recently appointed by Supervisor Maggie Erickson, District 3.

- II. The Minutes of November 16 were accepted as submitted.
- III. The County's financial report was not available in time for this meeting. *Special Note: The information has since been received and is as follows: As of Dec. 6, 21% of level 1 funds have been expended; 18% of level 2 funds expended, for an organization total budget expenditure of 20%.
- IV. A written correspondence report was distributed. Copies are available at the Commission office. Commissioner Bush will respond to Assemblymember D. Cortese re: our interest in AB1007. Commissioner Matson will complete the questionnaire from the Area Agency on Aging. Staff will send requested information to Ann McLaurin, LSU, Shreveport.
- V. Friends of the Commission President, Lee Anderson, submitted a report of the Friends' First Annual Meeting. Copies are available at the Commission office. Newly elected officers of the Friends are: President, Lee Anderson; Vice President, Bonnie Warrington; Secretary, Isabel Wright; Treasurer, Anne Fischer; Directors at Large, Priscilla Pike, Margarita Corral, Paula Shain.
- VI. Committee Reports
- A. "Salute To Women" Awards - A wrap-up meeting for the awards and banquet will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1986 at 7:30 p.m. at the PSSA Camarillo District office, 2220 Ventura Blvd. Commissioners who served on this year's committee, Friends, and any other commissioners with ideas/suggestions are requested to attend.

- B. Child Care - Commissioners Brook Hubbell and Dot Engel will meet on Dec.30 with Berta Steele, Chair of the United Way Task Force on Child Care, to discuss possible projects and coordinate future work.

Dot Engel discussed a child care interest survey done by Hughes Aircraft of its employees.

Laurie Freeman, Organized Parents Against Latchkey, invited commissioners to attend a meeting at which representatives of Supervisor John Flynn and Assemblymember Jack O'Connell would discuss latchkey and child care issues, legislation.

- C. Communications/Public Relations - Commissioner Sandy Ryder will arrange a tour of KTIE-TV facilities and meeting with the general manager. Suggested dates are January 22 or Jan. 15, at 3:30 p.m.

VII. Task Force Development

- A. Education - This task force is currently comprised of Candace Matson, Chair; Jean Bush, Alicia Ramirez-Brewer, Ginny Connell, Sandy Ryder and Mary Silverman. They will meet on Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m. at Matson's home to develop timelines for projects.
- B. Special Needs of Divorced Women - Commissioner Rosenfield submitted a written report on her meeting with Mr. Guy Frick, Senior Attorney for the District Attorney's Child Support Division. Copies are available at the Commission office. Rosenfield will schedule a meeting in January with interested commissioners and other volunteers to put together a "wish list" for the child support division.
- C. Housing- This task force consists of Ginny Connell, Chair; Martha White, Dot Engel, Ray Clayton, Bonnie Warrington, Nancy Grasmehr. A meeting date will be set soon. Members will be notified. September, '86 is a potential date for a public forum on the housing issue.

Jean Bush and Ginny Connell will draft an open letter to our federal representatives re: cuts in housing subsidies with copies to County Supervisors and media.

- D. Recommendations for Friends - Several meetings will have to take place in order for specific requests/recommendations to be made for support by the Friends. It is hoped a written request can be made to the Friends by their next meeting on Jan. 21.

VIII. Unfinished Business

- A. and B. The January meeting will be on Jan. 25. The February meeting date is Feb. 22. Both meetings will take place in

in the PSSA District Office in Camarillo, now the site for the Senior Nutrition Program, located at 2220 Ventura Blvd.

- C. Reception for Friends - Dot Engel and Lillian Goldman will be in charge of planning a reception to thank the Friends for their support and hard work.
- D. The Commission reversed a decision made at the November meeting and decided not to charge for Minutes of the monthly meetings. With the December Minutes a notice will be sent requiring a return reply if the recipient wishes to continue receiving monthly Minutes.
- E. Ventura County Economic Development Association (VCEDA) Tour- Commissioner Engel went on the bus tour provided by VCEDA which highlighted areas in all communities where business centers are or will be located. These areas are prime prospects for information on employer-supported child care. Included in the large packet of useful information received was a copy of the 1985 Directory and land use project map, statistics on economic growth/trends, information on community facilities and available housing in each city of the county.
- F. California Commission on the Status of Women - Commissioner Engel attended the CSW meeting held at Council House in Los Angeles. Part of the agenda was a discussion of pending regulations for workfare with a distinct difference of opinion between two legislative members of the Commission on the workability of the workfare plan. An end-of-year report from the CCSW on 1985 legislation affecting women was distributed.

IX. New Business

- A. Barbara Olivier, Benefits Manager for the County Personnel Dept., was present to bring the Commission up to date on efforts by the County to assist employees with child care concerns. As part of the Employee Assistance Program (E.A.P.), Raji Bishnoi has been hired as a half-time staff person for the child care information and referral program. She will be focusing initially on developing a longer list of available providers through community surveys and speaking engagements. She hopes to increase the options available to parents, especially in terms of emergency or sick-child care and for parents of current latchkey children. The hope is that, eventually, services can go beyond the education and referral process. Bishnoi will also follow legislation re: child care. As part of the recently instituted Flexible Benefits Program, employees can get a tax break for child care expenses.
- B. Volunteer Coordinator's Council of Ventura County (VCCVC)

Martha Baskerville attended the Nov. meeting of the VCCVC. The "I CAN" program, workshops for training volunteer

coordinators/volunteers will be presented on the mornings of February 19 and March 19 at the Thousand Oaks Library from 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 or 12:00. It is hoped that each of the task force coordinators or a representative will plan to attend these sessions. The Commission will co-sponsor "I CAN". The only charge to participants is for the workshop materials if they choose to purchase them - approximately \$7.50 - \$8. More information will be available. The workshops will be open to anyone interested in attending. Staff distributed notes on "Social Styles/Management Styles". Copies available at the Commission office.

- C. Orders are now being taken for the 1986 edition of Interface's Resource Directory.
- D. Commissioner Bush will follow up on contact with Sunkist and the labor representatives for Seaboard Lemon Association.
- E. Commissioner Louise Grethel, appointed by Supervisor Ed Jones, District 2, announced her resignation from the Commission due to personal time constraints. Her resignation was accepted with regret and with thanks for her work on behalf of the Commission.

Adjourned at 11:30 a.m. to be followed by a Special Presentation Luncheon in honor of the "Salute To Women" Award recipients.

12/19/85
Martha Baskerville,
Staff