

# VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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MARCH 9, 1991  
9:15 A.M.

I. The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Chair Eliza Thomas.

II. Commissioners Present:  
Connie Lawrason  
Anna McVerry  
Anita Garaway-Furtaw  
Stacey B. Mac Donald  
Karen Flock  
Kathy Long  
Eliza Thomas

Commissioners Absent/Excused:  
Suz Montgomery  
Carol Breyman  
Beverlee Mc Grath

Staff:  
Bonnie Warrington - Excused  
Tiffiney B. Lewis  
Office Assistant III

#### Guests:

Debra Bergevin, Child Care Coordinator for Ventura County  
Carrie B. Mac Donald, Daughter of Commissioner Mac Donald  
Beth Von Gunten  
Maria A. Christine, Ventura County Sheriff's Dept.

III. Public Comment

IV. M/S/C Lawrason, McVerry approved the Minutes of the February 9, 1991 meeting.

V. Fiscal Report:  
Informed the Commission that the Commission for Women Trust Account is an interest bearing account. Posting of this interest as it is earned will be reflected on a quarterly basis on the report form provided to us.

Subsidiary Ledgers for 1/12/91 to 2/8/91 are placed on file in the Commission Office.

VI. Project Reports:

- A. Child Care Task Force Anita Garaway-Furtaw, Dist. II  
Child Development Resources (CDR) will begin to administer the "Mervyn's Family to Family Grant" soon. The \$240,000 will be allocated to recruitment, training and accreditation of family day care providers. Executive Director for CDR, Sister Julie Irving has accepted the responsibility of upgrading the quality of child care throughout the county.

These are the basic 1991 Goals of the Ventura County Child Care Coordinating Council:

1. How do deal with the new federal money in Ventura County.
2. Information Exchange with Elementary Schools (public and private)
3. Strengthening of local city child care councils.
4. Legislation: Current and Future.

April is the "Month of the Young Child". A Proclamation will be presented by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors honoring the Tri-County Association for the Education of Young Children at the Board of Supervisors meeting April 2, 1991 at 9 a.m.

Update on Ventura County Child Care Coordinating Council (VCCCCC)

Debbie Bergevin  
Child Care Coordinator

Debbie Bergevin attended to present a brief overview of her position with Ventura County discovering efficient child care options to facilitate the needs of county employees. She discussed the following programs: Infant to Pre-School Child Care (the county leases the Peppermint Junction facility which provides child care under contract to the county), the Santa Paula School District, Lost Arrow's Infant and Provider Network Program, Mildly Ill Child Care at the Ventura County Medical Center where county employees and area businesses under contract with the county can have needed access to "Hickory Dickory Dock". The VCCCCC has also began a Quarterly Newsletter to county employees. The Commission looks forward to the regular updates of previously mentioned programs.

- B. By-Laws Stacey Mac Donald, Dist.III  
The By-Laws were discussed with the Commission at the March meeting. The Commissioners will continue to review these By-Laws and be prepared to discuss any final recommendations at the April 13, 1991 meeting.



- C. Women's History Eliza Thomas, Dist. 5  
The Commission for Women was presented with a Resolution by the Ventura County Community College on March 5, 1991 at 7 p.m. designating Women's History Month.

Long, Mc Verry, and Lawrason accepted the Resolution which was presented to the Commission for Women by the Board of Supervisors on March 5, 1991 at 9 a.m. designating March as Women's History Month.

Garaway-Furtaw, Mc Verry, and Long attended The 12th Annual Creative Options on Saturday, March 2, 1991. The keynote speaker Colorado Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder urged women who are willing to work to change the systems, to make a difference with their lives.

- D. Local Appointments Coalition Kathy Long, Dist. 3  
Commissioners Long, Mc Verry, Mac Donald, Lawrason, Breyman, Garaway-Furtaw, and Thomas were in attendance at the Government Center Thursday February 28, 1991. Supervisor Maggie Erickson Kildee and Pat Towner, Executive Director of the California State Commission for Women shared with the over 30 attendees from all areas and professions of the county information on the process of the Appointments Coalition.

- E. Health for Women and Children Karen Flock, Dist. 1  
The Committee is discussing the needs and concerns of the clinics in Ventura County in relation to the amount of patients they receive on a daily basis.

The next meeting is 8:00 a.m. Tuesday April 9, 1991 at Bakers Square on Vineyard in Oxnard.

- F. Women's Resource Center Suz Montgomery, Dist. 1  
Stacey Mac Donald, Dist. 3

Their goal is to formulate plans:

1. To set up legal clinics to hold free seminars (Divorce and Custody problems, and domestic violence prevention).
2. A clearing house to hold events, classes, and law clinics
3. Institute a master-calendar for the women's community of Ventura County.

The next meeting is 5:15 p.m. Tuesday March 26, 1991 at the Acapulco Restaurant in Ventura.

G. Commissioner Orientation

The Orientation will be a part of the April 13th Commission meeting with Jan Butler, Liaison from the PSSA Office, as the Facilitator. A pot-luck luncheon will take place following the meeting's adjournment.

H. District Outreach Meetings

Each District Outreach Program will be hosted by the Supervisor and appointed Commissioners of that District to explain the role of the Ventura County Commission for Women. In addition, time for questions and discussions related to the presentation will be allotted. All programs are to be completed by the end of May 1991.

I. Newsletter

All Commission Projects are reminded to prepare a brief up-date on their Committee Task Force activities. The submission deadline is April 13, 1991. The Commission will also take a group picture at the April 13th meeting, so come in your finest!

J. Family Law Forum

The Forum is an annual event by the Commission. A qualified panel discusses a wide view of divorce issues and allows time for questions and answers. It is free and will be announced to the public when a definite date and time is determined.

K. Survival Skills Day

The Commission is interested in a co-sponsor for this annual event which is held in a public area and provides organizations with space to offer health, education and employment information as well as emotional support. Organizations interested in participation should contact the Commission at 652-7611 or 529-2060 x7611. A definite time and place between July 27th and Aug. 3rd will be selected and posted at a later date.

L. Network for Housing

Karen Flock, Commission  
CFW Liaison to Network

At the recent meeting, Laurie Ryerson reported on the Coastal Housing Partnership. It is a Santa Barbara County mutual benefit non profit organization. It is a membership organization of public and private employers developing housing programs for their employees. The group was started by surveying 14,000 area employees, and found that a lack of a down payment to be a major problem they faced in purchasing housing. They have developed several programs, including a first and last months rent revolving loan fund and providing technical assistance to employers.



- M. Monitoring of Battered Women's Shelters  
East County-Beverlee McGrath  
West County-Anite Garaway-Furtaw  
(A report will be made at the April 13, 1991 meeting).

- N. 1991 Salute To Women/Ad Hoc Committee  
The 10th Anniversary Celebration will be held Sunday afternoon, August 11, 1991 at Mc Grath Ranch in Oxnard. The deadline for Nominations is July 1, 1991. (nomination forms attached to these minutes). Return the completed form and letters of recommendation to the Ventura County Commission for Women, 505 Poli St., Mail Code:4400, Ventura, CA. 93001.

- VII. Staff Report Tiffiney Lewis, Ofc. Asst. III  
M/S/C Mac Donald, Flock that the Commission's Executive Committee make decision of purchase on IBM Computer System for the Commission Office. (Their report with specific amounts needed to purchase the system, identification of recommended source of funds will be presented at the April 13, 1991 meeting for approval).

Copy of the Staff Report is on file at the Commission Office.

- VIII. Correspondence Report Tiffiney Lewis, Ofc. Asst. III  
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Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Following the meeting, the Commission met as a Committee-of-the-Whole to formulate plans for the 1991 Salute to Women Awards. The Committee will meet in April following the regular Commission for Women Meeting.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD APRIL 13, 1991, 9 A.M. AT THE CONFERENCE CENTER, CAMARILLO AIRPORT IN CAMARILLO.