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VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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Minutes of Meeting
September 14, 2002
Fitzgerald Center
401 Hodencamp Road
Thousand Oaks, Calif.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Lori Zafiropoulos at 9:10 A.M.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

Commissioners present: Joan Adams; Lyn Engelbert, Cecilia Fargo, Bea Gan, Etta Gillivan, Diana Goodrow, Sharon Hillbrant, Ina Howard, Jan Lawrence, Bonnie Warrington, Cynthia York and Lori Zafiropoulos

Commissioners absent: Ruth Ann McAllister and Cindi Love

3. **RE-ORDER AGENDA**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion to approve August 3, 2002 minutes carried – no corrections

6. **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

A. Unfinished Business

1. *Treasurer's report* – deferred
2. *Incoming Mail* - Commissioner Goodrow reported on the following mail (summary attached):
 - University of Albany Fellowship
 - Proposition 10 Money- applications for family strengthening projects.
 - September 19 invitation
 - Report from the San Francisco Commission for Women
 - Job List – Suggested the list be given to Cynthia to assist in distribution
 - Blue Book Listing- Diana will renew listing by Nov. 1, 2002
 - Our mail went to agency on aging/ Cecilia asked to have the mail returned to us.
 - Cecilia reported that the Legacy foundation wanted more information About the Commission/ Lori said she spoke with them

3. *MOU UPDATE :*

Commissioner Zafiropoulos reported that she and Commissioner Warrington met with Mr. Zimmerman as follows:

He was not encouraging about the money we already spent. Apparently there is no way to replace money we already spent even though we were told we could. Now there is no legitimate way to reimburse because we don't have a code. He asked for the proposals we put together in order of priority. Bonnie provided a comprehensive bound resource guide that was passed around at the meeting. As of the date of the meeting they had not heard back from Mr. Zimmerman.

Commissioner York commented that we were being given the "fast shuffle" and believes we should count on Barbara Fitzgerald before she leaves.

Commissioner Hillbrant suggested we go to the supervisors to get the MOU back on track.

Commissioner Zafiropoulos suggested that each group of commissioners go to their respective district supervisor to seek assistance.

Commissioner Gillivan suggested we give each supervisor a copy of the protocol Commissioner Warrington put together to have something concrete to show them. We should also include a copy of the bills we have incurred

Commissioner Gillivan made a motion that each group of commissioners meet with their respective supervisors to obtain their support and action. Motion carried.

4. *Review of Retreat*

a. *Projects:*

- *El Concilio* is a month away at the new high school. It was reported that they need volunteers for the day, October 19, 2002, at Pacifica High School in Oxnard. Backpacks are needed. There will be 200 to 250 Girls- Young Women's Symposium. Commissioner Hillbrant will see if she can find some resources.
- Commissioner Engelbert gave a moving presentation about caregiver's for the aging. She presented an idea for an education road show to provide support for older care giving women. She estimates that a grant of \$5000 would provide 27 seminars throughout the county. She talked about the caregivers, primarily women, who feel helpless and often depressed. Senior Concerns has an advocates program providing assistance to 7000 to 9000 each month. After the presentation, the Commissioners discussed possible ways to help without money ie. volunteers to assist. The Commissioners also discussed utilizing the web site and newsletter to get the word out.
- Commissioner Gan discussed the Women's Health Symposium to be held on January 25, 2003. She would like to see the Commission for Women as part of the planning committee. The symposium will be at the Radissen in Oxnard.

Nurses will get units for continuing education. They don't need money but they do need help with topics. Suggested topics were, health for the young women, health care workers in the home, and domestic violence as a health issue. Commissioner Goodrow indicated we did have a table last year.

- Commissioner York presented information about a benefit for the coalition to end domestic and sexual violence.

b. By-Laws

- By-Laws will be on the agenda for the next meeting ; Commissioner Fargo passed out recommended changes.
- There was a motion to e-mail (mail to Commissioner Howard) proposed changes to all commissioners at least one week prior to the next meeting. The motion carried.

5. Business Cards – Tabled

6. Brochure Update – Tabled

7. Future Meeting Location – October meeting at the Fitzgerald Center location

Discussion: Commissioner Goodrow pointed out that under the by-laws of the county, we can access the county facilities for the meeting. One suggestion was that we talk to the supervisors about meeting at the Board of Education site at the Camarillo Airport. Commissioner Warrington stated that we could use the court facility but we would have to pay a guard if we were there on Saturday.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2002 at The Fitzgerald Center

B. New Business

- Commissioner York introduced her guest, Emily Ross C.P.A. who was part of the Mervyns project and is also a Mary Kay representative. Ms. Ross offered her business as potential for fund raising.
- Funding of Commission Business – to be added to the agenda for October as unfinished business.

Discussion: It was suggested that we keep track, internally, of how much money we have voluntarily contributed. Commissioner Goodrow suggested that when we have a project we present it to the supervisors to make application for funds (ie. newsletter) which is the way other groups without annual funding obtain funding.

- Ventura County Reproductive Rights Network.- There was a motion to add our name to the calendar. The motion carried. The motion to pay \$25 as a sponsor was not seconded and died. The motion to continue at \$0 carried.
- Sonoma Junior Commission Project – Discuss as new business at next meeting
- Commissioner Goodrow was approved as the representative from the commission to the reproductive rights organization.

7. **Comments/Announcements**

- Commissioner Fargo announced the United Nations Day at Ventura College on October 23, 2002
- Commissioner Warrington passed out Teen Assist cards containing emergency numbers
- Commissioner Goodrow announced that in Ojai on September 22 and at Ventura College a woman (member of families for peaceful tomorrows) who's brother was killed at the Pentagon would be speaking. She also indicated she has the Afghanistan movie.
- Commissioner Hillbrant announced the United Way fair in Camarillo at Constitution Park today
- Commissioner Zafiroopoulos mentioned the Governor's conference. Commissioners Goodrow and Fargo were planning to attend. She also passed out VCCW pins.

8. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

The next regular meeting of the Commission for Women will be held at the Fitzgerald Center, 401 Hodencamp Road, Thousand Oaks on October 5, 2002

Respectfully Submitted,
Etta O. Gillivan