



# VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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### Minutes – May 3, 2009

A regular meeting of the Ventura County Commission for Women was held in the Commission office at the Human Services Agency, 4601 Telephone Rd., Suite 201, Ventura, on Saturday, May 3, 2009.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:26 a.m., followed by her reading of the VCCW Mission Statement.

**Commissioners present:** Chair Janet Barron, Treasurer Nancy Lee Phillips, Secretary Pro Tem Lee Riggan, Diana Goodrow, Ina Howard, and Suzi Caron. The Chair declared that a quorum (7 members) was not present, and that informally tasks pursued by members would be shared with those in attendance. ~~Guest Norma Maidel was introduced and welcomed.~~

#### Information/Discussion Items:

- Supervisor Foy asked for VCCW support on an issue before the Board of Supervisors however the request arrived too late for the agenda.
- Commissioner Caron and Guizar are working on the holding of "Flowers Aren't Enough" performance as an event for Domestic Violence Prevention Month on October 17, 2009. Although highly committed to the subject Commissioner Caron and Guizar have not met as yet regarding location, collaborators, sponsors, and fundraising.
- Response from county council has been delayed on the collaborative group's letter.
- VCCW historical materials are being gathered; correspondence establishing the VCCW has been located and was distributed; Commissioners Howard who is chairing the Historical Project, and Commissioner Barron will search the files for additional historical items to include.
- The Status of Women & Girls in Ventura County Committee had not met and Chair Barron suggested starting a calendar of possible dates members could meet in order to begin the work on that project and respond to the communications with VCCF.
- Commissioner Phillips suggested a Action Plan Format for the Project Planning Table using a Ghant chart. The Chair or her delegate would record the project progress.
- It was suggested that those Commissioners with vacancies in their district contact their Supervisor regarding appointments.
- Website and Email Systems are suffering from access problems within the County's system.
- Advisory Board guidelines are still in committee.
- Commissioners discussed the Outreach Ambassador role they could perform for their district sharing information about VCCW. Commissioner

#### VENTURA COUNTY SUPERVISORS

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Steve Bennett

##### DISTRICT II

Linda Parks

##### DISTRICT III

Kathy Long

##### DISTRICT IV

Peter C. Foy

##### DISTRICT V

John C. Zaragoza

#### COMMISSION MEMBERS:

##### DISTRICT I

Diana Goodrow ✓

Janet Barron ✓  
Vacancy

##### DISTRICT II

Lee Riggan ✓

Suzi Caron ✓

##### DISTRICT III

Nancy Lee Phillips ✓

Elvia Guizar ✓

Vacancy

##### DISTRICT IV

Jan Lawrence 2943

Shanté Morgan ✓

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Vacancy

##### DISTRICT V

Ina Howard ✓

Deborah De Vries ✓

Carmen Hurd ✓

Howard recounted the VCCW and the Mervyns' project, dressing (low-income) women for success and the VCCW Trauma Oriented Referrals.

- Commissioners who participated in the Women's Expo (Director Beth Sutherland) panels coordinated by Commissioner Durisseau felt it was a good outreach effort for VCCW but too expensive (\$750) to be a sponsor.
- The Chair suggested commissioners monitor and attend the Board of Supervisors meeting when the agenda includes issues of concern to women and children; and that they should do the same for their city council meetings. In that regard the "Homeless" Demonstration before the City of San Buenaventura was noted to be Monday, May 5 at 5:30 p.m. Commissioners may also wish to contact their Supervisor and request that they be placed on their newsletter mailing list.
- Noting the failure to have a quorum at this meeting teleconferencing and public access methodology as per the Brown Act was informally reviewed, the change of date for the June meeting noted, and the need for a July date change (due to fall on the 4<sup>th</sup>).
- Public Comment proposed guideline to be 3 minutes is to appear on the next appropriate agenda.
- Commissioners discussed CAWA and ACCW representation. Commissioner Goodrow (who will celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in October) said that she has served a number of years as the VCCW representative because she was most able and available and that she would welcome another to these positions as well as someone to serve with her on the Women's Economic Justice Collaborative. She will remain the Regional Coordinator for the California Women's Agenda (CAWA). Chair Barron suggested that a representative also be chosen for the Reproductive Rights Network which she also attends as a representative of another organization.
- Commissioners suggested that the level of VCCW participation in the Census Partnership be voted on at the next appropriate meeting and that one form of participation might be wearing "We Are Counted" T-Shirts.

**Meeting adjourned: 11:31pm**

- **Next meeting:** 9:00am, June 13, 2009 at the Commission Office, Ventura

Approved as: Printed: \_\_\_\_\_ Corrected:  \_\_\_\_\_

Lee Riggan, Secretary Pro Tem