

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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MINUTES

May 17, 1986

Location: PSSA Facility, 2220 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo

- I. The regular monthly meeting of the Ventura County Commission for Women was called to order at 9:18 a.m. by Co-chair Dot Engel.

- II. Commissioners and guests were introduced.
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| Commissioners present: | Commissioners excused: |
| Marlene Alexander | Lauren Anderson |
| Jean Bush | Tila Estrada |
| Ray Clayton | Brook Hubbell |
| Ginny Connell | Candace Matson |
| Dot Engel | Alicia Ramirez-Brewer |
| Lillian Goldman | |
| Arleen Rosenfield | |
| Sandra Ryder | |
| Meredith Sheehan | |
| Martha White | |

Guests: Ruth Irussi, PSSA Gain Program; Sylvia Preston, Child Development Resources; Sylvia Armitta, Interface; Lee Anderson, Friends; Bonnie Warrington, Jeanine Faria, Linda Moore Dunston.

- III. The minutes of the April 19 meeting were accepted as submitted.
- IV. Financial Report - Commissioner White
As of April 25 with 84% of the fiscal year elapsed, 57% of the level 1 funds have been spent (salaries and benefits) and 34% of level 2 funds have been spent (service and supplies). Questions were raised by Commissioner Bush re: whether or not the computer equipment has been ordered and charged to the budget, and by Commissioner Connell re: the amount of money left unspent as of this reporting period. Commissioner White will investigate the current status of the budget and make a report at next month's meeting.
- V. Correspondence Report, Staff Report - Martha Baskerville
A copy of the full correspondence report is available from the Commission's office.

Staff read Commissioner Matson's letter of resignation which was accepted with regret. Ms. Matson will attend Hastings College of Law.

V. (Cont'd)

Commissioners Bush and Rosenfield will research the funding situation at the state Commission on the Status of Women and will write letters as appropriate to support the Commission.

Commissioner Connell will respond to the San Bernardino Cty. Commission/Status of Women re: pay equity.

Staff requested job analysis sheets be completed and work continue on information for the Annual Report. Updated information for Commissioners' manuals was distributed.

VI. Friends of the Commission - Lee Anderson

Work continues in preparation for the "Salute To women" Banquet scheduled for Oct. 29 at the Westlake Plaza Hotel, Westlake Village. Ms. Anderson attended a planning meeting for the Governor's Conference on Women in Business as a representative of the Commission.

M/S/P Connell, Goldman not to co-sponsor the Governor's Conference on Women in Business and to send a letter to conference planners explaining our position.

VII. Task Force/Committee Reports

A. Education Task Force - Forum on Women in Agriculture
Commissioner Connell reported on the forum to be held on May 31, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., U-V 1, Ventura College. The format will include a panel of speakers and group discussions. Other Commissioners not on the planning committee are urged to participate to help facilitate the day's program.

B. Divorced Women/Single Heads of Households Task Force
Commissioner Rosenfield reported on the development of a "wish list" for presentation to the Child Support Division of the District Attorney's office. This list contains proposals for a step-by-step checklist brochure for obtaining child support, workshops on how to follow your own child support case, means of providing follow-up information to custodial parents, and establishment of a liaison.

The Commission voted to delegate Arleen Rosenfield, as Chair of this Task Force, to be the liaison on behalf of the Commission and to work with representatives of the District Attorney's office to achieve the goals outlined in her report.

C. Legislative Analysis - Commissioner Rosenfield
SB 1071 (Lockyer) guarantees the participation of both spouses in the management and control of community property, previously supported by this Commission, is in the Assembly Judiciary Committee. A letter urging support will be sent to Assemblymember Tom McClintock who sits on that committee.
SB 1750 (Hart) re: delayed sale of a home in divorce settlements, died in committee.

SB 1751 (Hart) re: mandatory child support deductions for child support has been amended and is on the Senate floor with no date set for a vote.

Commissioner Rosenfield will meet with a representative of Assemblyman O'Connell's office to review bills related to our Five Year Plan and will follow the progress of the bills through the legislative session.

D. Child Care - Commissioner Engel

Pleasant Valley Hospital in Camarillo and the Camarillo Health Care District are working together to develop a child care program which will include care for infants and for sick children.

Commissioner Brook Hubbell and newly appointed Commissioner Bonnie Warrington are both members of the United Way Child Care Task Force Implementation Committee.

E. Housing - Commissioner Connell

Several Commissioners attended the meeting which focused on the issue of housing in Ventura County which was organized by Supervisor Lacey at which she, members of her staff and Ventura Mayor John Sullard presented information.

The Housing Task Force will meet on June 11, 7 p.m., at 2220 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. "Salute To Women" Awards - The committee will determine if Commissioners may submit nominations for awards.

B. Commissioner Connell announced a meeting on May 28, 7 p.m. in the PSSA facility, 2220 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo, to discuss the potential of establishing a women's center. Representatives of other organizations are invited to attend. Commissioners are asked to attend and to share this information with others, and to encourage others to attend also.

IX. No items were submitted under New Business.

X. Ruth Irussi, Public Social Services Agency Administrator for GAIN, Greater Avenues for Independence, explained the programs being developed by PSSA to comply with AB 2580, passed by the California legislature in September, 1985. The purpose of GAIN is to provide employment training programs and a wide range of services to move welfare recipients to independence and self-sufficiency. Ventura County is one of the first in the state to begin planning for implementation of GAIN in fiscal year 86-87. The first year will see the development and training of staff and the building of a framework for the delivery of sequential services to clients.

XI. Announcements

Interface Children Family Services' Domestic Violence Program has been awarded a \$65,000 grant from the California Office of Criminal Justice Planning. This award will provide critical supplemental funding in 1986-87 for Interface's existing county-wide services for battered women and will increase clinical services for the women and children in shelter. Interface will be subcontracting \$25,000 of this grant with the Coalition Against Household Violence for additional beds in Ventura. The proposal, written in collaboration with the Coalition, was ranked second out of eighty in the State.

Organized Parents Against Latchkey will celebrate their first anniversary on May 30, at the Lobster Trap Restaurant. Special guest speakers will be Assemblyman Jack O'Connell and Ventura County Supervisor John Flynn. Call 483-7657 for information.

XII. The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting of the Commission for Women will be on Saturday, June 21 at 2220 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo, at 9 a.m.