

# VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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AGENDA  
CONFERENCE CENTER  
CAMARILLO AIRPORT  
CAMARILLO, CALIFORNIA

NOVEMBER 10, 1990  
9 a.m.

- I. Call to Order Eliza Thomas, Chair
- II. Introductions  
Commissioners  
Guests
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Approval of Minutes - October 13, 1990
- V. Fiscal Report  
Subsidiary Ledger for the Commission.  
  
Report/evaluation of proposed computer upgrade Commission for Women Office (carried forward from October agenda).  
Katie Reeder, Dist.I
- VI. Projects recommended for Commission involvement during the coming year:
  - A. Health for Women and Children
    - 1. Advocate for more satellite health centers (for Women/Children) and more resources for existing centers.
    - 2. Develop a Bilingual Community Information Program focusing on services availability. (Service is currently available through Interface HELP-LINE).
    - 3. Advocate for more County funding for health.
    - 4. Recommend that the County hire a lobbyist to concentrate on health issues.
    - 5. Develop a plan whereby indigent women can obtain needed services within one week.

B. Women's Resource Center

1. Mission Statement: A central location where women can go for advice, counseling, and resources to meet their individual needs.
2. Short Term Goal: (Accomplish by September 1991): To present a report on the needs and a concept for a Women's Resource Center to the Board of Supervisors for approval to proceed with its creation.
3. Long Term Goal: (Accomplish by 1995): To form a public/private partnership Women's Resource Center.
4. Action Plan: Form a research and Development Committee of Commission members to compile a comprehensive report by using the existing available data and resources (Community individuals who have previously shown interest in such an endeavor).

Present report to Commission for review, discussion and consensus.

Establish a Task Force by April 1991. Their report to be due July/August 1991 - to Commission. Subsequently report will be presented to Board of Supervisors. Subject to their approval - task force would develop concept for the "Center".

Long range planning/implementation tentatively scheduled to begin September/October 1991.

- C. Approval of Recommendation to work in conjunction with CeWaer (California Elected Women's Association for Education and Research) and the California Commission on the Status of Women - OUTREACH PROJECT. (Statewide effort to recruit women for boards and commissions to apply for these appointments).

Formation of a Local Appointments Coalition, sponsor a workshop on the appointments process and work to improve notification and recruitment for board and commission vacancies would be the next step.



- D. Recommend participation in the CALIFORNIA STATE COMMISSION'S second annual networking conference "California Women Together: Nurturing Tradition. Fostering Change" March 19, 20, 21, 1991 in Sacramento. Opportunity to present Ventura County Programs, network with other women's organizations throughout the state in addition to developing a California Women's Agenda.

Recommend that the Commission for Women pursue liaison with the Ventura County Women's Equity Coalition to explore the possibility of obtaining their co-sponsorship of a recognition/achievement program which could coincide with Women's History Month (March 1991) and the Commission for Women's 10th Anniversary. (If this co-sponsorship becomes a reality the event would not only recognize women of achievement in Ventura County but also honor women in history who have made a contribution in this regard in Ventura County.

- E. Recommend that the Commission for Women become involved in a network of Commissions in a Tri-County geographic area which could be held in the spring. (More information will be coming from the tentative organizers from the Santa Barbara Commission).
- F. Recommend continuation of the Annual Family Law Forum. Suggested involvement of other organizations who have expressed interest (i.e. students at Ventura School of Law and others).
- G. Recommend continuation of Survival Skills Day. (Seek out other organizations for co-sponsorships).
- H. Recommend that the Commission become more involved in the GAIN Program by offering its services in any way possible to assist them in meeting their goals during the coming year. In this regard, the Director of GAIN will be invited to make periodic presentations to the Commission.
- I. Recommend continuation of Cool-It Tips Program with the possibility of broadening the program to encompass the entire county seeking support and sponsorship of 12th District PTA.
- J. Recommend continued liaison in the area of Child Care by covering the meetings of the Ventura County Child Care Coordinating Council. This group meets monthly at which time each child care council from the various cities presents activity report. Continue to monitor the process of the Mervyns Child Care Grant which was applied for jointly by Child Development & Resources and Oxnard College Child Development Center. Awarding of the grant to be announced mid-December 1990. This grant would among other things train child care providers.

- K. Recommend continued liaison with Ventura County Network for Housing.
    - 1. Recommend approval of \$25 registration fee for Commissioner to attend the Homeless Conference (Empowerment; Breaking the Cycle of Poverty" to be held November 27, 1990 at the Oxnard Community Center). Conference is co-sponsored by Project Understanding, the Ventura County League of Women Voters, Ventura County Public Social Services Agency, Ventura County Mental Health, the City of Oxnard and the Ventura County Homeless Coalition.
  - L. Recommend continued quarterly monitoring of the two shelters for battered women in Ventura County.
  - M. Recommend continued co-sponsorship of Creative Options at California Lutheran University 1991.
- VII. Acceptance of resignation of Commissioner Teresa Godinez, appointee from Supervisorial District IV.
- VIII. Staff Report

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