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VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

MINUTES

March 15, 1986

Meeting Location: PSSA Facility, 2220 Ventura Blvd.,
Camarillo

- I. The regular monthly meeting of the Ventura County Commission for Women was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Co-Chair Dot Engel.
- II. Commissioners and guests were introduced.

Commissioners present:	Commissioners absent/excused:
Ginny Connell	Jean Bush
Dot Engel	Raymond Clayton
Tila Estrada	Lillian Goldman
Brook Hubbell	Alicia Ramirez-Brewer
Candace Matson	Arleen Rosenfield
Sandra Ryder	Mary Silverman
Martha White	

Guests: Lee Anderson, President, Friends; Bonnie Warrington, Friends; Meredith Thomas-Sheehan; Laurie Freeman, OPAL.
- III. The Minutes of Feb. 22, 1986 were accepted as corrected: Page 3, VII. C. paragraph 3: Four school sites have been identified. YMCA will be the provider for three sites; a local PTA unit will be the provider for the fourth.
- IV. Financial Report - Commissioner White. As of Feb. 28, 69% of the fiscal year had elapsed with 33% of Level 1 accounts (salaries & benefits) expended and 28% of Level 2 accounts (services & supplies) expended for an organization total of 32% of funds expended.
- V. Executive Secretary's Report - Commissioner Matson
A copy of the full correspondence report is available from the Commission office.
 - . The Commission voted positively to accept an invitation from Margo Koss, Center for Economic Research, California Lutheran University, to co-sponsor public meetings to be held as part of a county-wide human services needs and resources assessment. Commissioners Connell and Estrada will act as observer/alternate for the hearings.

- . Dot Engel and Brook Hubbell will accept an invitation from the Ventura Unified School District to participate as members of their Child Care Task Force.

VI. Staff Report - Martha Baskerville

Since the last meeting, Ms. Baskerville has participated in the following activities on behalf of the Commission:

- . Attended, along with Co-chair Engel, the first half of a two-session training program for volunteer coordinators. Called "I CAN", the program is being presented by the Tres Condados Girl Scout Council.
- . Attended a workshop on recognizing and preventing sexual harassment in the workplace, presented by the County Personnel Office and the Affirmative Action Office.
- . Participated with Bonnie Eisenberg, National Women's History Project, in presenting two women's history slide/script programs at Pt. Mugu during Women's History Week.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Communications - Commissioner Ryder

A newsletter highlighting Women's History Week was printed and mailed early in March. The computer program for producing the newsletter is finalized. Commissioners are asked to submit information regarding their committees, task forces and news of other organizations at each monthly Commission meeting for inclusion in coming newsletters.

A color logo is being designed for use in public service announcements on television.

Co-Chairs Engel and Bush will review the draft of the Commission's brochure.

M/S/P, Matson/Estrada: to give the \$500 check donated by GTE to the Commission on Human Concerns immediately to offset the debt for the Needs Assessment.

B. Women's History Project - Commissioner Connell

Ms. Connell reported that the Women's History Project luncheon, March 6, was very successful. Approximately \$300 was raised for the Project. National Council of Jewish Women, Camarillo Section, donated \$100 to the Project.

CSUN is celebrating Women's History Month thanks largely to the efforts of Ventura County Women's History Project member, Cathy Sluter and her work through the CSUN Women's Center.

The Thousand Oaks Library published a Women's History Bibliography for distribution to patrons and organizations.

C. Child Care

Commissioner Engel reported that the United Way Executive Board has approved all of the recommendations of their Task Force on Child Care. Now the recommendations will go to the full Board of Directors. Berta Steele will chair the implementation committee and asks for recommendations for people to serve on that committee.

Commissioner Hubbell reported on information from PSSA: the Maintenance of Effort Child Care Allocation for FY 86-87 will continue to be allocated to Ventura Avenue YMCA (\$28,845). The Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) proposal will include a request for \$873,000 for child care services for Ventura County. Commissioners received an information sheet providing the major components of GAIN. "Latch Key" monies for child care services were awarded to Ventura County Campfire Program, Simi Valley Family YMCA, Rancho Simi Parks & Recreation, and Oxnard Elementary District.

D. Legislative Analysis - Commissioner Connell

Ms. Connell reported on the following bills:

- . AB 635 (Hughes) Would establish the adult child care training project
- . AB 3572 (Hayden) issues a legislative finding that local child care needs should be considered by cities and counties in the preparation of their general plans
- . SB 1754 (Roberti) re: day care services/ child development appropriations.

M/S/P Connell/Estrada: to send letters of support to the authors of the above mentioned bills.

M/S/P Connell/Matson: to request the Board of Supervisors to authorize the Commission for Women to oversee the implementation of the GAIN program to see that it meets the highest intent of the legislation.

E. "Salute To Women" Awards - Commissioner Matson

M/S/P Ryder/Estrada: to accept the recommendations presented by Commissioner Matson regarding the awards.

Recommendations: 1) 1986 Awards banquet date - Wednesday, Oct. 29.
2) Have a woman from Ventura County as emcee. 3) Dissemination of nomination forms should begin immediately. 4) The nomination form should include request for information on age - an age bracket - and cultural heritage. 5) The following categories will be removed: Political Action, Homemaking. The following categories will be added: Young Woman, Entrepreneur, Business/Labor.

VIII. Friends of the Commission - Ms. Lee Anderson, President

The Friends are proceeding with plans for the 1986 awards banquet. Input for the banquet should be sent by memo to the following Directors according to their area of responsibility:
Facilities, Speaker - Margarita Corral; Invitations, Program - Lee Anderson; Reservations - Anne Fischer; Decorations - Priscilla Pike & Paula Shain.

A new brochure about the Friends was distributed. Membership dues for the Friends has been set at \$12/year. Contributions other than dues can also entitle one to membership in the Friends of the Commission.

IX. Unfinished Business

A. Five Year Plan

1. Housing Task Force - Commissioner Connell announced that the task force now consists of 8-10 members. They meet regularly on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the PSSA facility in Camarillo, 2220 Ventura Blvd. The next meeting is April 9, at 7 p.m.
2. The Special Needs of Divorced Women task force postponed their meeting to await response from the Friends brochure recently distributed at Creative Options Day.
3. The Education Task Force will meet on Monday, March 17 as planned. Instead of Breakthrough, the topic of discussion will be the status of women in agriculture in Ventura County and the fact finding/public forum being planned.

B. NACW Region IX Conference - Information packets from the Commission will be delivered by Arleen Rosenfield to Senators Hart and Roberti. Resolutions for the conference must be submitted by March 25.

X. New Business

A. The following policy statement was adopted: "Based on the appropriated budget, staff shall perform work consistent with and within the budget. Only Commission staff, in conjunction with PSSA Fiscal, may commit County funds."

B. M/S/P Connell/Estrada: to send a letter to the Office of Criminal Justice Planning in support of the joint proposal for funding by Interface and the Coalition Against Household Violence.

XI. Ms. Jean Bourbeau, Executive Director, Ventura County Campfire, shared information on their successful proposal for an after school child care program to be funded by the "latch key" legislation. The program will be in 3 elementary school sites in Pt. Hueneme: Hueneme, Haycox, Larson. Tentative starting date is April 22 for all three sites. The program will be after school from 2:30 - 6:30 and from 8:30 am-6:30 pm during vacations, holidays. They will serve up to 56 children at each school on a first come-first serve basis. Ms. Bourbeau stressed the importance of developing cooperation and trust between Campfire, PTA units and parents and the school district. The Child Development Resource & Referral office was helpful in putting together information for the proposal.

XII. Announcements - Friends of the Commission will participate in the Ventura County Professional Women's Network Business Fair on 3/20.

XIII. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. The next monthly meeting will be on Saturday, April 19, 9 a.m., at 2220 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo.