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VCCW General Meeting

Minutes –Nov. 22, 2010

A regular meeting of the Ventura County Commission for Women was held at El Paseo 3717 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd, Westlake Village

Commissioner Chair Debra Bagley called the meeting to order at 6:54 p.m.

Commissioners present: Debra Bagley, Suzi Caron, Amy Walker-Davis, Shanté Morgan-Durisseau, Ruth Funk, Diana Goodrow, Ina Howard, Carmen Hurd, Jan Lawrence, Nancy Lee Phillips and Lee Riggan.

- Agenda adopted: moved by Comm. Durisseau, 2nd by Comm. Hurd
- Treasurer's Report: Distributed.
- Comm. Agreed to vote on Consent Calendar items separately. The minutes of Aug. 16, 2010 approved with revisions, moved by Comm. Phillips, seconded by Comm. Goodrow. Motion Passed. The balance of the Consent Calendar approved, moved by Comm. Phillips, seconded by Comm. Durisseau.
- Correspondence: Distributed

Chair Report:

a. Ethics- Commissioners Bagley, Comm. Hurd said the last training was offered December 2008. Comm. Walker-Davis completed training. Chair Bagley will resend the information about the dates and times for training.

b. Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW)/Asilomar Retreat – Chair Bagley and Comm. Goodrow attended the retreat. Chair Bagley said retreat very informational. She attended several workshops including women as leaders and the workplace and women. Comm. Goodrow suggested VCCW conduct a study on gender balance on all county commissions. There was also interesting information from the Dept. of Labor and female veterans: female veterans are more likely to experience homelessness and California has the highest percentage of homeless women veterans.

c. Ambassador Program – Chair Bagley asked commissioners to e-mail Comm. Lawrence additional information about organizations to consider for membership. Commissioner Durisseau asked Comm. Lawrence to get additional information about VCRRN to add to the list of organizations.

Committee Reports:

a. Status of Women and Girls Report – Comm. Morgan-Durisseau presented a written report with an update on discussions with CSUCI. Comm. Morgan-Durisseau and Chair Bagley met with CSUCI Professor Dennis Downey and two of his students on Nov. 4. Professor Downey will launch Phase I of the student as part of his Capstone 499 class. The study will be conducted under the direction of VCCW. Phase I is expected to be completed by the end of the semester (summer 2011). Prof. Downey will draft an agreement for VCCW and CSUCI to sign.

b. Standing Rules – Comm. Walker-Davis gave a verbal report. Committee members: Riggan and Goodrow promised to send out a copy of recommended changes in writing to commission. The recommended changes are attached.

c. VCCW Retreat – Chair Bagley surveyed the commissioners to find out if support having a retreat. By a hand count five commissioners voted for the retreat. Comm. Lawrence supports having a review calendar. Comm. Morgan-Durisseau only wants

to have a retreat if all commissioners attend. Walker-Davis concerned the commission does not have a professional organize the retreat. Comm. Phillips concerned the county does not provide any money for professional or educational development.

- d. Women's History Month/Proclamation – Comm. Durisseau has contacted the Board of Supervisors to find out who to contact to arrange for proclamation. Told to wait until January after a new chair of the Board of Supervisors is elected. Commissioners Hurd and Phillips have agreed to serve on committee. The current events planned include: co-sponsor of AAUW Women's History Month performance on March 12 at CSUCI and participate in CSUCI luncheon on March 29.

Action items:

- Comm. Phillips moved/Comm. Funk seconded motion to support "Rally for the Vote" AAUW Presentation – Women's History Month. Motion Passed.
- Comm. Phillips moved/Comm. Caron seconded motion in support of co-sponsor "Dirty Little Secrets" for National Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April. Motion passed.
- Comm. Phillips moved/Comm. Caron seconded motion to support creation of an adhoc committee for Women's Recognition Program. Motion passed.

Discussion/Information Items/Announcements –

- a. Comm. Morgan-Durisseau agreed to chair committed to investigate hosting a program recognizing women in Ventura County. Commissioners Durisseau, Funk and Phillips agreed to serve on the committee.
- b. Comm. Morgan-Durisseau agreed to forward information about a national initiative to support the creation of an American Women's History Museum in the nation's capitol to commissioners.
- c. Comm. agreed to endorse the California Women State Appointment Project.
- d. Comm. agreed to not meet in December.
- e. Comm. agreed to meet in Camarillo in January
- f. Comm. Goodrow asked the commission to meet on the third Monday of the month in January in order to be able to vote in a timely manner to consider participating in VCRRN Roe vs. Wade event. The commission agreed to meet on Jan. 17.
- g. Comm. Howard agreed to send a thank you note to host of meeting in Thousand Oaks.

Upcoming Events

- Next meeting scheduled on Monday, Jan. 17, 2011.

Meeting adjourned: Comm. Durisseau moved/Comm. Howard seconded to adjourn meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Approved as Printed: _____ Corrected: _____

Shanté Morgan-Durisseau, Secretary