

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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**District 4**

Connie Lawrason

Marilyn Maurer

**District 5**

Aurora de la Selva

Beverlee Mc Grath

Eliza Thomas

**Commission Staff**

Bonnie M. Warrington

MINUTES

Conference Center  
Camarillo Airport

Camarillo, CA

November 9, 1991

1. The regular meeting of the Ventura County Commission for Women was called to order at 9:15 am by Chair MacDonald.
2. Roll Call:  

<u>Commissioners Present:</u>	<u>Commissioners Absent/Excused:</u>
Spencer	Jones
Breyman	Scovill
Harris-Murray	Maurer
MacDonald	McGrath
McVerry	
Lawrason	<u>Staff:</u> (Present)
Rogalsky	Bonnie M. Warrington
de la Selva	Administrative Aide
Thomas	<u>Guests:</u>
	Ann Pruitt
	Mike Coit

Special Welcome to New Appointee, Supervisorial District 4  
Virginia Rogalsky

3. Ann Pruitt had attended the Appointments Coalition Forum at the Thousand Oaks Library and expressed interest in future activities.
4. Consent Calendar:  
M/S/C Lawrason, Spencer to accept consent calendar as presented with the correction to Item A which should reflect two (2) roll calls votes: 2/3 vote to subsequent need to add item to Agenda and unanimous vote to expend fund to PAP Clinic sponsored by Hispanic Nurses Association.
5. Order of Business
  - A. Women's Political Appointments Coalition  
Action will be taken to implement computer program to input data from Talent Bank Forms at CFW Office. Stacey MacDonald will notify all City Clerks throughout the County of this new service and solicit their assistance to notify CFW of openings and coordinate the process.  
Pat Harris-Murray reported a successful WPAC Workshop at the recent Oxnard Women's Day. It is their intent subject to acceptance, to repeat the process at the Camarillo Women's Day and Creative Options.

5. Order of Business (continued)

B. District Outreach Report -Supervisory District II

Pat Harris-Murray presented a written report on the "Survey of Needs of Women in Ventura County" taken in conjunction with the Women's Political Action Forum. Of the 64 women attending, 29 surveys were returned (45%). All respondents were English speaking, attended some college with majority completing a degree program. Majority were in the age group of 41-50 years of age, married and living with spouse. Overwhelming majority own their own home with an average mortgage payment of \$1,463. Current yearly household income exceeds \$40,000. 54% women worked outside of the home out of necessity. However, a substantial number of these women participated in volunteer work. When asked "What are the three most important issues facing women today?", the survey indicated that the women overwhelmingly agreed that the top three issues are: 1. Child care, 2. Equal Pay 3. Reproductive Choice. Other issues mentioned include Health and Affordable Medical Care, Affordable Housing, Political Representation, Schools and Domestic Violence.

Recommendation: 1. Expand the outreach to groups identified as typical of the population of this area reflected by the 1990 census results. 2. Make some corrections in the survey tool to specifically identify areas of concern. 3. Develop a survey tool to gather information on the needs and issues of women throughout Ventura County. (Note-a complete written report on the survey is available in the Commission office. Commissioners Scovill and Breyman assisted in the compilation of statistics and writing of the report.) An effort is being made by Commissioner de la Selva to prepare the Survey in the Spanish language for availability to Outreach sessions in other Districts.

C. Salute to Women Bank Account/Finance Committee

New Treasurer Eliza Thomas had not yet arrived at meeting at the time of this agenda item. Staff Aide Warrington presented a brief overview of the status of the account. Written report given to each Commissioner for review at the next Finance Committee meeting and their further action. Recommendations will be presented at a future Commission meeting.

M/S/C Breyman/Spencer to 1. Authorize Treasurer Thomas to purchase/rent a post office box; 2. Open a new bank account to handle receipt of reservations, etc for future events.



D. Commission Re-Organization Report

M/S/C Breyman/Lawrason to accept the Re-Organization Report/Recommendations, and to authorize Chair to prepare letter to Board of Supervisors asking permission to levy a subscription fee for monthly Minutes/Agendas in light of recent budget cuts. This fee would cover costs of reproduction as well as mailing fees.

E. Health Care Committee Report

Anna McVerry presented a written report on recent meeting. The PAP Clinic sponsored by the Hispanic Nurses Association, with funds provided by the Commission served approximately 100 women on October 19, 1991. The Star Free Press report on the event failed to mention this monetary CFW contribution, however Alice Romero, President of HNA wrote a letter to the Editor that was printed very recently acknowledged this support (of CFW): "they were our main financial supporters which in turn kept the cost at \$5 per patient. Commission members volunteered their services as well as the Ventura County Medical Center, which donated supplies which made the event an overwhelming success."

Special appreciation to Commissioners Mary Jones, R.N. and Eliza Thomas, R.N. for their assistance throughout the day at the Clinic.

The Health Care Committee has future plans to watch for opportunities to co-sponsor other health care workshops. Additionally they will continue to explore the Teen Pregnancy issue. It is to be noted that an offer of on-site counseling services has not brought forth a response from the county-wide schools that have been contacted. The Committee will continue to research various school policies and bring back a recommendation/report at a future Commission meeting.

F. Leadership Development Committee

Written report was accepted as presented.

G. Program Committee

Chair Carol Breyman reported that the Women's History Project event has been tentatively scheduled for March 14, 1992 at the Doubletree Hotel in Ventura. A well known guest speaker has been contacted and negotiations are continuing.

M/S/C Spencer/Lawrason that VCCFW join the National Women's History Project as an Institutional Member to enable the Commission to access full program information for the coming year. Fee of \$50 to be paid from the CFW Budgeted Membership funds

### Family Law Forum

Letter from Attorney Susan Witting relative to the presentation of a Forum in 1992 in the east Ventura County area in co-sponsorship with the Commission and the Thousand Oaks Branch of AAUW. By consensus the Commission approved going forward on the project with Staff Aide Warrington acting as Liaison. Additionally the Commission recommended seeking out a third sponsor and asked Commissioner de la Selva to follow through on that request, as well. Tentative date would be in late March of 1992. More information will be available early in 1992..

Salute to Women - 1992 - Chair MacDonald announced that the Nomination form is being revised. Recommended changes and announcement of plans will be announced at a future meeting.

#### H. Public Relations Committee

It was announced that this committee will work closely with Program Committee on all planned events to maximize publicity coverage. Some areas being explored are Public Service announcement opportunities. Commission Chair has been interviewed by two local newspapers and those articles should be coming within the next few days.

#### I. Battered Women's Shelter Monitoring Report

In the absence of Committee Chair McGrath, her written report on the quarterly on-site visits was read and accepted.

IT IS TO BE NOTED: That a Batterers Hotline has been established to provide help in prevention of battering. Ex-batterers will staff the 24 hour telephone lines to respond to calls for help. This is the first such service being provided in Southern California.

24 hour Batterers Hotline Telephone Number is 805/656-4861.

#### J. Legislative Report

In the absence of Committee Chair Mc Grath her written report was read and accepted.

#### K. Housing

In the absence of Commissioner Scovill, GFW Housing Liaison, her report on Family Self-Sufficiency Project will be presented at a future meeting.

#### L. Child Care

The Commission will continue to monitor the on-going licensing issue.

#### M. ByLaws

M/S/C Spencer/de la Selva to accept the Amendments to By Laws by unanimous affirmative roll call vote of members present.

#### N. December meeting has been changed to December Seventh, 1991 .