

November 3, 2015

**Minutes of the Commission on the Status of Women Meeting held at:
County Government Center, 1055 Monterey Street, Room 161/162, San Luis Obispo, CA**

Note: Please bring copies of Agenda and Minutes to meetings

1. Call to Order: AK 6:15 PM
2. Roll Call: AK

Present: Amanda King (AK), Vice-chair; Kathy Veder (KV); Shawna Scott (SS), Secretary; Paula Ufferheide (PU), Jan Harper (JH), Consuelo Meux (CM), Vicki Milledge (VM), Julie Jones (JJ)

Excused: Layci Gregnani (LG)

Absent: Anita Shower (AS), Robyn DeRohan (RD)

3. Guests/Introductions/Announcements/Introductions:
 - A. Chris Noffz, guest
 - B. Guest Speaker: Restorative Partners: Sister Theresa Harpin, C.S.J., Executive Director; Dixie Howell, Community Outreach Coordinator; Roxanne Lopez; see website: <http://www.restorativepartners.org/> for information and videos
 - 1) Introduction by Chris Noffz
 - 2) Restorative Justice treatment approach in prison/jail
 - 3) Brochure provided, including summary of programs
 - 4) Issues regarding affordable housing (re-entry); high risk (cycle of violence, can't get a job, etc.) without permanent home following sober living; not enough sober living facilities in County (only three in County)
 - 5) Hero: Kim Carter – A Time for Change website: <http://www.timeforchangefoundation.org/about/board.html>
 - 6) Focus not just on re-entry, but full integration
 - 7) Difficulty finding legal options to survive
 - 8) Women tend to face more barriers to finding employment and housing
 - 9) Ms. Howell and Ms. Lopez present their stories
 - 10) Big gap between sober living and independent living
 - 11) Community Outreach: AVP Alternative Violence Workshop for community and in jails (experiential workshop – break down barriers, create relationships); Thinking for a Change – once a week class (cognitive self-change); mentoring program
 - 14) Review of Strategic Housing Program – no priority for housing for released inmates, especially for women – Homeless Services Oversight Council, Department of Social Services, Event Date: November 4, 2015, Time: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Location: Department of Social Services: 3433 South Higuera St San Luis Obispo, CA 93401: Conference Room 101
 - 15) AB109- programming, classes (90-day period of assistance) – what next?

- 16) Political environment, needs education and visibility to reduce “fear factor”
 - 17) County Sheriff mission stops at the door, County Probation in community
 - 18) LA County providing housing free for first two years; Laura Weir Homeless Services working on free housing
 - 19) Need funding for at least two years to really reestablish your life
 - 20) Huge barrier – credit reporting
 - 21)
4. Approval of Minutes - SS
- A. July 7, 2015- pending
 - B. August 4, 2015 – move to accept (JH), second (PU) - filed
 - C. October 6, 2015 – move to accept (CM), second (KV) - filed
5. Officer Reports
- A. Chair Report – AK
 - 1) Minutes, Agenda updated on website
 - 2) Speaker suggestions (KV) CalStar Program, Critical Care Transport System; Preschool for low/medium income children (JJ)
 - B. Treasurer Report - JH
 - 1) Checking \$2,950.65, no deposits
 - 2) Stamps \$23.32
6. Unfinished/Ongoing Business, 5 min update
- A. Commissioner Vacancies - SS
 - 1) District 1 (2), District 5 (2)
 - B. Website/Social Media/Communications – AK
 - 1) People are adding us on LinkedIn (top 3% for views in this area)
 - C. Questionnaire/Survey Monkey – JH & AK
 - 1) Approximately 100 surveys completed
 - 2) KV went to Nipomo Women’s Club and distributed surveys
 - D. Board of Supervisors Agenda - SS
 - 1) November 3, 2015:
 - Consent Agenda -Social Services Item: Request to approve the 2015-2020 San Luis Obispo County California Child and Family Services Review System Improvement Plan (Clerk’s File) to identify policies, resources, and action steps that will be taken to further improve the services provided to foster youth and families. All Districts
 - Hearings: Hearing to consider adoption of the 2015-2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice / Fair Housing Plan of the County of San Luis Obispo (“Fair Housing Plan”). All Districts. Staff recommends continuance of this item to March 8, 2016.
 - Hearing to consider the petition of the Board of Trustees of the Atascadero Unified School District to cancel \$25 million of authorized but unissued general obligation bonds; and to approve the resolution to cancel said bonds. District 5.
 - Presentation: National Adoption Month

- E. Holiday Party – December 15, 2015, 4:30 – 7:30: AK
 - 1) Invitations distributed via email
 - 2) Discussion- stick with organizational email
 - 3) Email AK with any additions to the list
 - 4) SS to find out Commander Brenda Trobaugh contact information
 - 5) Room reserved, but we'll be in the lobby
 - 6) Passing around food list (sweets and savories) – simple, no silverware
 - 7) Firm up RSVP list a week ahead
 - 8) AK will arrange for two tables
 - 9) Bring name tags, Commissioners wear badges
 - 10) Bring surveys, nomination forms, sponsorship materials
 - 11) PU: think about discussion topics beforehand, issues to discuss with the Supervisors, mingle in the crowd and talk to everyone
 - 12) JH reaching out to absent Commissioners
 - F. Third Annual WWF Event Update – KV & JJ
 - 1) KV: Ten nominees to date, five brought in by JJ (indirectly)
 - 2) Three sponsors, working on more
 - 3) Need to work on advertisements for the program
 - 4) Daytime meetings will be scheduled – more information to follow
7. New Business
- A. ACCW Conference: Advocacy in Action – January 22, 2016
 - 1) First conference in a long time, regenerated group
 - 2) Sacramento, California
 - 3) Tentative conference schedule: Hannah Beth Jackson (Equal Pay Legislation); Surina Khan, California Women's Foundation; Jenni Prisk (Women and Leadership)
 - 4) Commissions are providing panels on various topics
 - 5) Please see website for more information: <http://accwomen.org/>
 - 6) Our Commission needs to participate, informational, energizing, networking, friendship
 - 7) Provide support for attendance
 - 8) Tickets \$50 each (our Commission is a member), general public \$75/person
 - 9) Fancy brown bag lunch will be provided
 - 10) PU will send Commission tentative schedule/outline
 - 11) Looking for sponsors (forms available on website)

MOTION: Allocate \$100 to any Commissioner who wants to go to the ACCW Conference: Advocacy in Action – January 22, 2016

Second CM, Ayes (all), Nays (none) - Passed

- B. NOOR Foundation Tour: Monday November 9th Dental Clinic, 4:30 – 7:30 PM, 3071 South Higuera, San Luis Obispo, please attend if you are able, see what the NOOR Foundation does
- C. Better Together (JJ) event, attended by CM

Adjourn: 8:20 PM

Next meeting: NOTE: DECEMBER 15, 2015

Running Bucket List:

1. How can the Commission help the Women's Community Center (WCC)? Possible work issue for retreat
2. BOS matching funds that we raise
3. Report to BOS monthly, different commissioner each month, discuss at retreat
4. Attend League of Women Voters to request commissioners
5. Monthly newsletter – send to contact list, BOS, network; interface with our website
6. CSW Non-profit – how to set up, is this ok to set up, can BOS provide direction
7. Mobile display case for community libraries
8. Continue to update questionnaire for all commissioners, strengths to identify where each can help
9. Domain – “Women's Way to ____”
10. Update Bylaws – All positions 2 years
11. Budgeting and expenses
12. Inclusion of ACCW/State Questions on our County Survey to aid in State reporting
13. Move forward with an issue (Resolution) related to NACW Conference, possible movie night for Commission or open to public
14. Women's Bureau Trauma Event, presenters, option to show “Invisible War”