

SAN DIEGO COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, ROOM 302

SAN DIEGO, CA 92101-2942

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Minutes

April 1, 2015, 5:00 – 6:30 PM

Commissioners

Chairwoman

Jenni Prisk

Vice Chairwomen

Sherry Ludwig

Rupa Singh

District 1, Cox

Clarissa Reyes Falcon

Angela Harris

District 2, Jacob

Vacant

Vacant

District 3, D. Roberts

Rupa Singh

Maria McEneaney

District 4, R. Roberts

Rachel Cano

Jenni Prisk

District 5, Horn

Sherry Ludwig

Vacant

Members At-Large

Elva Chavez

Leanne Taylor

Staff Assistant

Rachel Weber

Student Intern

Tiffany Yang

Vice Chair Rupa Singh called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM

1. Members Present: Rupa Singh (Vice Chair), Sherry Ludwig (Vice Chair), Rachel Cano, Maria McEneaney, Leanne Taylor, Tiffany Yang (Student Intern).

2. March 4, 2015 Minutes: Motion by Maria McEneaney – Approve March Minutes, Motion 2nd: Leanne Taylor (Abstain: Sherry Ludwig) – approved

3. Welcome to Visitors: Suzie Ditmars (former Commissioner), Donna Kuge, Kathy Brown, Cindy Dumas (Safe Kids International), Tara Jeyaratnam, Jenny Donaldson, Patty Mondragon, Karen Lehmann

a. Public Comments:

- Cindy Dumas – readdressed her concerns surrounding bias against women and gave each Commissioner a handout of materials which confirm discrimination against women in family courts. (Ex. C) Cindy requests the SD County Commission on the Status of Women form a committee today with Sherry Ludwig as the Chair of the committee and Judge Salciado (retired) as a committee member.
- Donna Kuge – comments regarding the ongoing issue of bias against women. Gave an example of a recent case.
- Jenny Donaldson - commented on women having “no status” as women. Jenny gave personal testimony to her experiences as a survivor of domestic violence.
- Patty Mondragon – commented on the importance of women speaking the truth no matter how scary it may seem and gave testimony of her own experience where she “lost her voice”.

4. Request for Action from Safe Kids International:

- Rupa Singh - The Commission on the Status of Women is small with limited resources, even with Safe Kids International’s offer to assist. The Board of Supervisors do not have authority to make a change to the Judicial System. Suggests that Safe Kids International contact the CA State Judicial Council.
- Sherry Ludwig - In agreement with Safe Kids International that this is an issue that needs to be addressed. Suggests that Safe Kids International look into where there might be public hearings.
- Rachel Cano - In agreement with Rupa Singh’s comments.
- Motion by Rachel Cano – Move to deny request to form a subcommittee (Abstain: Maria McEneaney) – approved

5. Strategic Initiative Subcommittee Committee Reports:

a. Services to Homeless Women

- Sherry Ludwig reported that since Rick Braatz is unable to attend the June meeting she would like to postpone having a guest speaker.
- Tiffany Yang is working on posting a “resource” relating to services on the Commission’s website.

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Strategic Initiative Subcommittee Committee Reports (continued):

- November Event: Sherry suggests that all three initiatives be combined during one event, rather than having several small events (previous years Domestic Violence Event) with guest speakers to sit on a panel. Sherry is willing to take the lead on coordinating the event. Rupa Singh would like to have the Domestic Violence event remain separate because the purpose of the event is to get Southbay's system replicated in North County. Rupa suggests having a combined larger event in January or February of 2016. Leanne Taylor agrees with Rupa's suggestion to postpone. Maria McEneaney would like to work with her contact at USD to see about a partnership for the event.

b. Human Trafficking Task Force

- Maria McEneaney reported out on Prop 35 – sex offenders do not have to register their emails, screen names, etc. Maria provided the Commissioners with three handouts and potential resources for the Commissioners to utilize.

c. Domestic Violence

- Clarissa Reyes Falcon was unable to attend meeting, follow-up during May meeting.

d. Cities for the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)

- Jenni Prisk is working on sending out an email.

6. Website Updates:

a. Updating Commission History

- No update at this time.

b. Women's History Month Postings

- Complete as of March 31st. Tiffany Yang (student intern) did a great job. The postings will remain on the site.

7. Upcoming Events:

a. Salute to Supervisors Luncheon – 6/9

- Maria McEneaney will set up the room.

b. Hosting ACCW Meeting – New Date 6/27

- Meeting will be on a Saturday to accommodate out of town guests.
- Rachel Cano will work with Jenni Prisk on follow-up.
- Sherry Ludwig would like to see about having at least one “testimony” heard. Rachel Cano will follow-up with Jenni Prisk.

8. New Business:

a. Support for Sally Ride Statute (Ex. A)

- Motion by Maria McEneaney – join in on letter of support to erect a statue of Dr. Sally Ride in the U.S. Statuary Hall, Motion 2nd: Rachel Cano – approved

b. Lawyers Club Pay Equity Day Sponsorship (Ex. B)

- Equal Pay Day Leadership Luncheon, 4/14 at 12:00 PM, located at the US Grant Hotel, Downtown SD.

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New Business (continued):

- Motion by Maria McEneany – attend the luncheon, Motion 2nd: Sherry Ludwig – approved
- Sherry Ludwig, Rachel Cano, Rupa Singh, and Maria McEneany plan on attending.

c. Other Items

- Maria McEneany would like to address including “girls” in the Commission’s name – tabled until next meeting.
- SD Women’s Week Event – Rachel Cano attended the 1st day. Maria McEneany, Sherry Ludwig, and Rupa Singh attended the 2nd day. All women agreed that it was a great event with excellent key note speakers. Rupa Singh reported that her take away was that there wasn’t anything that tells people where to go for services; she would like the Commission to be part of the event next year to provide the information. Maria McEneany reported that she made great connections at the event. Debra Rosen wants the Commission to be on stage at next year’s event, possibly as a panel.

Meeting Concluded at 6:45 PM