

## COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Friday, February 20, 2009, 10:00 a.m.  
Waimea Civic Center Conference Room

### PRESENT

Katie Nova, Chair  
Carol Kitaoka, Vice-Chair  
Andrea Mejia  
Kathleen Peters  
Mary Sherman

### EXCUSED

Ellen Takazawa, Secretary  
Nancy Kelly, Treasurer  
Charmaine Ka-ipo  
Dawn Pung  
Elena Cabatu, HSCSW Commissioner  
(ex-officio)  
Julie Mecklenburg, Corporation Counsel  
(ex-officio)

### GUEST

Joyce OConnor

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m.

### ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

K. Peters moved to approve the agenda as submitted. A. Mejia seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C. Kitaoka moved to approve the January 16, 2009 minutes. A. Mejia seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

A revised budget status report from N. Kelly was circulated and reviewed by CSW.

K. Nova stated that only one mental health screening kit is needed so the committee will not be expending \$385.

K. Peters reported that it will cost approximately \$1,000 to do a radio ad for equal pay. CSW agreed to make a decision once E. Cabatu provides more information.

A. Mejia said she is waiting for information on teens internet protection for parents from Detective John Ancheta since he was inquiring with a specialized person from Oahu. There will be no cost if this person is able to do the presentation. It will be a one-day event with East Hawaii during the day and West Hawaii in the evening. However, CSW

would need to pay for hotel accommodations if this person will do a presentation in West Hawaii in the evening. A. Mejia will provide an update at the next meeting.

M. Sherman indicated that she would like to see a presentation on internet protection for the students in Kohala during the day. The cafeteria can be utilized for community presentations.

The treasurer's report was circulated. A. Mejia moved to accept the treasurer's report. M. Sherman seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

### STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

J. OConnor introduced herself. She is very interested in women's issues since she was involved in it when she was in Alaska.

### CORRESPONDENCE

A. Resource Directory from the Going Home Ex-offender Re-Integration Program

### REPORTS

A. Education

1. Urgent Services Directory  
No report.

2. First Female Booklet

A legal question needs to be answered from J. Mecklenburg about getting permission to publish the photo from each person/family before CSW proceeds with the printing of the booklet.

M. Sherman proposed an idea of having a mobile pictorial display of the women that could be moved around to different places for particular events instead of a booklet. CSW could send out a bid to have a professional person make a mobile display. K. Peters thought it was a great idea because she is not sure who would read the booklet. If there is a beautiful board in the Prince Kuhio Plaza, she would stop and read the information. CSW agreed to present this idea to the committee at the next meeting.

3. Essay Contest

C. Kitaoka reported that CSW needs to determine what CSW can afford and who will be covered for lunch. After some discussion, it was agreed that lunch will be provided for the essay winner, parents, "Real Woman," judges, teachers, CSW members and staff secretary, ex-officios, and two dignitaries. All other guests need to pay \$29 per person for lunch. Secondly, C. Kitaoka reviewed the program.

A. Mejia said she was able to obtain a quote of \$4 per lei.

C. Kitaoka stated that she saw a teacher from Kealahou Intermediate School and told her about the essay contest which was already done. In order to spark interest from the teacher and the school next year, C. Kitaoka offered one winner from her class a prize. The prize could be a \$25 gift card for one student and also allow the teacher to attend the awards luncheon. The teacher will acknowledge the student in class, but the winner will not be part of the contest. After some discussion, C. Kitaoka moved to give a \$25 gift card to one student and that CSW pay for the teacher's lunch and allow her to attend the luncheon. A. Mejia seconded the motion. M. Sherman questioned why CSW would not allow the student to attend as well. C. Kitaoka responded that the student cannot be acknowledged and the student's essay will not be included in the booklet because they missed the deadline. The motion was passed.

K. Peters suggested that CSW distribute the essay contest packet to the sophomore and junior college counselors for next year. C. Kitaoka added that she got a fifth grade teacher from Kona as a judge to get her interested and hopefully get more participation from West Hawaii once she sees the luncheon.

4. Hawaii County Women's Hall of Fame

A. Mejia reported that C. Ka-ipo provided information about having the Women's Hall of Fame at the Naniloa Volcanoes Resort. C. Ka-ipo had expressed her desire to hold the event one year in Hilo to see how many people would come out. If there is not a good turnout, then CSW should continue to hold the event at the Hilton Waikoloa Village, Water's Edge Ballroom. Since there were not enough members present to make a decision, the committee agreed to table this issue.

5. Equal Pay

K. Peters reported that she will contact E. Cabatu to see whether other organizations would like to co-sponsor a radio ad on equal pay with CSW. Suggested groups are AAUW, Soroptimist, Zonta Club, Business Professional Women, Lions Club, Rotary, and Toastmasters.

B. Health

1. Women's Health Month

K. Nova reported that she would like to do a workshop/seminar in Kona and maybe in Waimea on what people can do to manage their stress during these disastrous times from a psychological perspective. After her presentation, she would like to have an independent financial planner from the West Coast to answer concerns such as how to interpret what is really going on when you are hearing all these things from the media (what to look for and what to not pay attention to) and how to formulate questions if you are going to talk to your own financial planner. The financial planner will be on Maui with his family for spring break and he is willing to come over on March 28, 2009 or April 4, 2009. The workshop will be held after 1 p.m. at a determined location. She would like CSW

to sponsor the ads and refreshments. K. Nova offered to prepare a detailed budget for the next meeting.

K. Nova moved that CSW sponsor an event around managing stress and our difficult times along with providing financial information which will be held this fiscal year. M. Sherman seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

CSW agreed to support the East Hawaii Local Area Consortium Community Health Fair for Women on May 17, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Keaau Shipman Park.

C. Liaison

1. HSCSW

No report.

2. Legislative Update

K. Nova read an email that E. Cabatu sent which suggested that CSW designate three to five bills that they would like to monitor and advocate/oppose. She will give the committee a voice in the legislative process and she also volunteered for writing testimony for the committee. On a personal note, E. Cabatu is putting a lot of her energies to seeing the Civil Union bill pass and she would like to invite the committee to support this as well.

Tabled.

D. Community Reports

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Teen Dating Violence Prevention Peer Education Conference

C. Kitaoka reported that she met with Kathy Jo Kube, Department of Education, and they are willing to coordinate this event with CSW. The presentations will be held on either April 27-29, 2009, May 4-6, 2009, or May 11-13, 2009. Dr. Jill Murray has indicated that she is available during those times and she has suggested that her travel time begins on a Sunday so she will not charge for her travel time. The schools that Dr. J. Murray will be attending are Honokaa, Kealakehe, and Konawaena and she will do a suicide depression at those schools. Other possible schools are Keaau High School and Kohala High School.

Presentations will be at the following: Konawaena and Kealakehe – one day; Honokaa and Kohala – one day; and East Hawaii schools – one day. An evening presentation with the Soroptimist and agencies in West Hawaii. A. Mejia suggested a presentation at the University of Hawaii which she will inquire about getting a grant to cover Dr. J. Murray's expenses.

C. Kitaoka said she will ask Sherry Bracken to do the video of Dr. J. Murray. Dr. J. Murray is more than willing to do a video to show to Kohala High School in the event the school is not available. S. Bracken has offered to do a radio spot with Dr. J. Murray to promote the event. She would even do it by phone if Dr. J. Murray called in the week before.

B. Teens Internet Protection – A. Mejia

A. Mejia will contact Detective J. Ancheta to follow up with the presentations.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, March 20, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. in the Kona Mayor's Office conference room.

The August meeting will be held on August 14, 2009 since August 21, 2009 is a holiday.

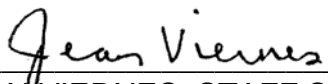
B. Schedules

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

  
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JEAN VIERNES, STAFF SECRETARY