

COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Friday, June 20, 2008, 10:00 a.m.
Kona Mayor's Office Conference Room

PRESENT

Dawn Pung, Chair
Carol Kitaoka, Vice-Chair
Ellen Takazawa, Secretary
Andrea Mejia
Katie Nova
Elena Cabatu, HSCSW Commissioner
(ex-officio)
Julie Mecklenburg, Corporation Counsel
(ex-officio)

EXCUSED

Nancy Kelly, Treasurer
Charmaine Ka-ipo
Kathleen Peters

ABSENT

Janet Coburn

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:14 a.m.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. Pung reported that there will not be Election of Officers because CSW did not receive a slate in time to be mailed out to CSW members.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

E. Takazawa moved to approve the May 16, 2008 minutes. C. Kitaoka seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was circulated.

K. Nova moved to accept the treasurer's report. Outstanding expenditures are lunch, mileage allowance, and the teen dating violence/equal pay radio advertisements. A. Mejia seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Michigan Women's Commission Newsletter

REPORTS

A. Education

1. Urgent Services Directory

E. Takazawa reported that the revised directory is completed and the cost was \$1,345. She presented a final copy of the directory for review. There are approximately three packets left from last year.

2. First Female Booklet

A. Mejia reported that the booklet will go out to bid in July. She needs to make contact with those women who do not have a photo in the booklet. CSW decided at the last meeting that the booklet will be printed on white paper, a lavender cover, and saddle stitched. After some discussion, A. Mejia moved to print 500 copies of the First Female Booklet and the bid process will be done by J. Viernes.

E. Takazawa seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

3. Essay Contest

C. Kitaoka reported that the initial packet will be mailed out to the schools in August.

E. Cabatu said she will enlist her twin sister who is an English teacher at Keaau Middle School to distribute the essay contest information internally at her school. In addition, she offered to emcee the essay contest awards luncheon next year.

4. Mentoring

No report.

5. Hawaii County Women's Hall of Fame

C. Kitaoka reported that N. Kelly emailed J. Moon several weeks ago and she has not received a response. N. Kelly will keep trying to make contact. The press release is complete and it will be sent to J. Viernes to put on letterhead.

C. Kitaoka said that she spoke to Agnes Mui at the Hilton Waikoloa Village and the menu will be the same as last year and she will charge \$57.50 per person inclusive.

C. Kitaoka offered to check on the vases at the Ross Stores and N. Kelly will check on a picture frame or a crystal bowl.

E. Cabatu mentioned that the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women (HSCSW) members have expressed interest in attending the women's hall of fame.

6. Equal Pay

K. Nova circulated a draft radio spot for equal pay submitted by K. Peters.

E. Cabatu reported that the quote for the teen dating violence/equal pay radio advertisement is \$2,187.49 to Pacific Radio Group. She needs to find teenagers to record the radio spot in Hilo or Kona. C. Kitaoka moved to approve \$2,187.49 for radio advertisements on teen dating violence/equal pay. K. Nova seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

B. Health

1. Women's Health Month

E. Cabatu reviewed the budget and she suggested using Kat from KWXX to do the live remote ad. She felt two banners would be sufficient instead of the three that was proposed. Mel Yamanaka and his son, Mark, will do the sound system. The total budget is \$3,157.

E. Cabatu suggested having the essay contest winners read their essays during the event.

CSW decided to defer approving the budget until the committee receives word about funding from the Hawaii County Council.

K. Nova said she found another psychologist, Michelle Zalenski, to help her with the depression screening since K. Peters will be unable to assist her.

C. Liaison

1. HSCSW

E. Cabatu reported that she attended the Ready to Run Workshop held on May 28, 2008 on Oahu. The purpose is to get women interested in running for office or being a part of running for office. The Governor and a lot of female legislators attended the workshop. There was discussion about having mini Ready to Run camps. She suggested that CSW attend next year if advanced notice is provided.

E. Cabatu mentioned that the HSCSW members have also expressed interest in attending the essay contest and the women and family wellness day.

2. Legislative Update

No report.

D. Community Reports

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Teen Dating Violence Prevention Peer Education Conference

C. Kitaoka reported that CSW purchased books from Dr. J. Murray and the cost was \$17,304.06. Secondly, CSW approved purchasing pens with the logo "Love Shouldn't Hurt" and the cost was \$4,402.58. The problem that CSW is facing is obtaining funding from the Hawaii County Council to bring Dr. J. Murray back.

E. Cabatu said that the teen dating violence radio spots will be 60-second spots with Pacific Radio Group.

B. Teens Internet Protection – K. Nova

K. Nova reported that one of the things that come up again and again in the community is that parents, teachers, and adults don't really understand what their children are

doing in the chat rooms or internet. They don't understand when to intervene, how to intervene, etc. One idea is to bring an expert similar to Dr. J. Murray's caliber out here to do whatever it is CSW wants them to do. She went on the internet and found two possibilities to start the committee's exploration. One is a woman name Nancy Willard and the other is a man name Gregory Smith. She circulated handouts on both of them. K. Nova said this is one option to have an expert from the mainland come over or if CSW knows of any expert that will cost the committee less money.

A. Mejia mentioned she knows someone who got trained from trainers on the mainland about internet safety. Perhaps this person could assist CSW with training.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers
Tabled.

K. Nova raised a concern about being the new chair. If she were to agree, she requested that some of the business that the committee hasn't been able to take care of easily about committee members who don't attend could be taken care of before she would agree. D. Pung agreed to take care of this issue and will draft a letter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, July 18, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. in the Aupuni Center conference room.

B. Schedules

C. Kitaoka and A. Mejia will be unable to attend the July meeting.

E. Cabatu announced that she is a new board member of the HMSA Foundation.

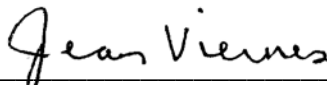
K. Nova said that the foundation has a lot of money and she felt that CSW could use it for their projects. E. Cabatu suggested that CSW submit their proposal to obtain funding for their projects.

E. Takazawa mentioned that the McDonalds Foundation is another source of funding.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



JEAN VIERNES, STAFF SECRETARY