

MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Thursday, August 17, 2006, 10:00 a.m.
Kahilu Theatre in Waimea

PRESENT

Dawn Pung, Chair
Ellen Takazawa, Secretary
Nancy Kelly, Treasurer
Janet Coburn
Charmaine Ka-ipo
Star Newland
Kathleen Peters

EXCUSED

Carol Kitaoka, Vice-Chair
Katie Nova
Margaret Masunaga, HSCSW
Commissioner (ex-officio)
Diane Noda, Corporation Counsel
(ex-officio)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:11 a.m.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

C. Ka-ipo moved to approve the agenda as submitted. K. Peters seconded the motion.
The motion was passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C. Ka-ipo moved to approve the July 21, 2006 minutes. J. Coburn seconded the motion.
The motion was passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was circulated.

K. Peters moved to accept the treasurer's report. C. Ka-ipo seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Approval letter from Valerie Takata, Complex Area Superintendent, to conduct the "Real Women" Creative Writing Competition in the Hilo/Laupahoehoe/Waiakea Complex Area

B. Letter from Barbra Green, American Association of University Women, requesting support for the Math/Science Conference for 7th grade girls in East Hawaii
CSW decided to discuss this request on next month's agenda.

C. Memorandum from William Takaba, Director of Finance, regarding Spending Guidelines

CSW reviewed the spending guidelines.

REPORTS

A. Education

1. Urgent Services Directory

J. Viernes reported that the vendor completed the typesetting; she proofread the directory, and faxed back the changes.

2. First Female Booklet

J. Coburn asked where would the First Female Booklet fit in the budget. J. Viernes replied that the booklet could come out of miscellaneous contract services. S. Newland suggested that the booklet be available in a cyber version.

3. Essay Contest

Tabled.

4. Mentoring

Tabled.

5. Hawaii County Women's Hall of Fame – October 28, 2006

C. Ka-ipo reported that she met with the two judges on August 11, 2006 since K. Peters was unable to attend. They reviewed the judging criteria and the three judges will receive copies of each nomination in its entirety.

C. Ka-ipo said there is a problem with the hotel accommodations at the Hilton Waikoloa Village. Therefore, she contacted the Waikoloa Beach Marriott and made reservations for M. Leed, J. Moon, J. Viernes, and the soundman. The government rate is \$139 a night and kamaaina rate is \$159. She advised CSW members to contact the Waikoloa Beach Marriott and make their hotel reservations in advance of the event.

Marie Laderta, Director of Human Resources Development, will attend on behalf of the Governor. The Governor's Office has agreed to produce certificates of appreciation for each nominee.

K. Peters suggested that a flyer be distributed to women's organizations. C. Ka-ipo said she has had no time to prepare a flyer. However, a final press release will be issued on October 15 to remind the public about the event and the entertainers.

6. Equal Pay

D. Pung reported that she will contact Annelle Amaral to present a workshop on Equal Pay. Details still pending.

B. Health

1. Women's Health Month

E. Takazawa reported that she would like to establish a formula for each presentation:

\$60 for refreshments, \$7 for leis, \$20 for omiyage.

E. Takazawa said she needs to work with C. Kitaoka on the expenses for the Identity Theft Seminar so CSW can approve her expenditures. Secondly, she has submitted the Hilo events in the 2006 Women's Health Month Calendar of Events.

E. Takazawa read the Women's Health Month proposal from S. Newland. The Importance of Domestic Harmony and Women's and Society's Wellbeing will be held on September 11, 2006, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the UH Hilo Women's Department. There will be a talk by Dr. Laura Moire, emergency room physician, discussing the importance of domestic harmony and women's and society's wellbeing. Birth educator Elena Tonetti's latest dvd, "Birth as We Know It," will be shown followed by a talk with midwife/doula Malu Landt, who will speak about the importance of domestic harmony as it relates to safe gestation, gentle birth and good birth outcomes. Completing the program is S. Newland, "How We Think is What We Get," addressing the use of language to help create greater levels of harmony and wellbeing and higher levels of functioning. On September 13, 2006, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Bay Clinic in Pahoa, Breast Health Awareness with C. Ka-ipo and The Importance of Domestic Harmony in Maintaining Wellness. However, C. Ka-ipo said she will be out of town. The total budget for S. Newland's proposal is \$280.

N. Kelly offered to check on the status of purchasing omiyage since the procedure was questionable.

K. Peters reported that C. Kitaoka was able to secure September 15, 2006 after the CSW meeting for the identity theft seminar.

C. Liaison

1. HSCSW

Tabled.

2. Legislative Update

Tabled.

D. Marketing

1. Newsletter

J. Coburn reported that she would like the newsletter printed on colored paper and copied in house by the county. The document will be a PDF file so the directory can be available on the County of Hawaii's website.

E. Community Reports

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Teen Dating Violence Prevention Initiative Training Program

K. Peters reported that C. Kitaoka has tentatively scheduled the conference for October 19 or October 20 depending upon availability with the Hilton Waikoloa Village.

B. Hawaii Women's Oral History Collection Training

J. Coburn reported that she attended the training with M. Masunaga on June 20 on Oahu. There was a presentation from members of the UH Manoa who had been doing oral history. Sharon Ferguson-Quick, Executive Director, of the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women (HSCSW), noted that it takes a lot of time to gather information for the collection of oral history and will take a lot of manpower. They are looking at budgets and what their scope is going to be. The initial purpose of the oral history is 1) to look at older women in our community and look at their lives, 2) to raise the community's awareness to the women that has been involved in the political process historically as well as today, 3) to interview people that were involved in a particular political move such as a labor organization.

The meeting was recessed at 11:10 a.m. The meeting was reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

C. Third Annual International Women's Leadership Conference

J. Viernes reported that she processed the registration fee for J. Coburn, C. Ka-ipo, N. Kelly, and S. Newland. D. Pung said there is a possibility that she will be attending the conference because the HSCSW has offered to pay for a representative from the committee. Since K. Nova decided not to attend, D. Pung offered to contact D. Noda to see if she would like to attend and CSW will ask the HSCSW to pay for D. Noda.

D. Pung stated that at the last meeting, CSW agreed to pay for registration fee, airfare, parking, and ground transportation. CSW indicated that the committee would pay for taxi as the ground transportation from the airport to the hotel and back.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Domestic Harmony Initiative 2006

S. Newland presented a Domestic Harmony Month Proclamation from Governor L. Lingle and Lt. Governor D. Aiona for November 2006. She is also working with S. Ferguson-Quick and people in three other states to get the Gentle Gestation and Gentle Birth Resolution passed in Hawaii, Missouri, Texas, and New Hampshire.

The Domestic Harmony Awareness 2006 Initiative Components submitted by S. Newland was distributed to CSW Members for review. S. Newland stated that she would like CSW to support in principle the importance of increasing domestic harmony awareness and that the committee stands behind that. K. Peters responded that she has no problem supporting the principle. This is one of S. Newland's pet projects which is a positive project. As the Committee on the Status of Women, what hit home is that

“violence is violence.” As a committee, she would like to do more in the area of domestic violence and teen dating violence. There is a tremendous social problem in domestic violence and violence against women and children. As far as gentle birth, they have not even addressed prenatal care which is something so basic, widespread, and needed. There has been awareness by every organization from grassroots up to the federal government level, but what is our role to bring the message home to our community as far as prenatal care? Gentle gestation might be just one facet. CSW needs to discuss what direction the committee needs to take and put their energy into it.

S. Newland stated that a lot of time, energy, and money have been spent addressing domestic violence. She is asking that CSW support domestic harmony awareness by bringing our attention to it. D. Pung said that the idea is good, but she’s not sure what the committee is going to do and tell people about domestic harmony awareness. N. Kelly agreed with K. Peters about supporting the concept of sharing information about domestic harmony. However, the committee needs to look at other things such as the impact, how many people does it involve, is it the best use of funds.

S. Newland moved that CSW agrees to support domestic harmony awareness as an alternative to domestic violence. C. Ka-ipo seconded the motion. K. Peters stated that CSW should discuss this further because her position is to increase intolerance for violence. S. Newland amended her motion that CSW support the importance of domestic harmony for women and society’s well being. C. Ka-ipo seconded the motion. The motion was passed with C. Ka-ipo, N. Kelly, S. Newland, and E. Takazawa voting in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

D. Pung announced that there will be a Olweus Bully Prevention Program workshop to be held on Thursday, August 24, 2006, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the UHH Campus Center Room 301. This workshop is targeted for school type people. The second workshop “What is bullying and what do I do about it?” will be held on Saturday, August 26, 2006, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the UHH Campus Center Room 301. There is a \$3 parking fee on Thursday. Jane Riese, Master Trainer of the Olweus Program, will lead both workshops.

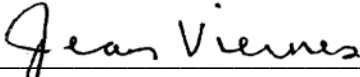
A. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 15, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. in Kona. Location to be announced.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



JEAN VIERNES, STAFF SECRETARY