

COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Friday, September 19, 2008, 10:00 a.m.
Kona Mayor's Office Conference Room

PRESENT

Katie Nova, Chair
Carol Kitaoka, Vice-Chair
Nancy Kelly, Treasurer
Andrea Mejia
Kathleen Peters
Dawn Pung
Elena Cabatu, HSCSW Commissioner
(ex-officio)

EXCUSED

Ellen Takazawa, Secretary
Chamaine Ka-ipo

ABSENT

Julie Mecklenburg, Corporation Counsel
(ex-officio)

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

N. Kelly moved to approve the agenda as submitted. A. Mejia seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

N. Kelly moved to approve the August 14, 2008 minutes. D. Pung seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was circulated. J. Viernes reported that outstanding expenditures not reflected in the treasurer's report are J. Moon's expenses.

D. Pung moved to accept the treasurer's report. A. Mejia seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Approval letter from Valerie Takata, Complex Area Superintendent of the Department of Education, regarding request to conduct the annual "Real Women" Creative Writing Competition in the Hilo-Laupahoehoe-Waiakea Complex

B. Letter from Lynne Enriques, Family Violence Interagency Committee, requesting participation to join the 20th Annual Domestic Violence Family Peace Walk & Vigil on Friday, October 17, 2008, at the Mo'ohau Bandstand

C. Michigan Women's Commission Newsletter

REPORTS

A. Education

1. Urgent Services Directory

K. Peters reported that she heard an announcement on the radio that a social service organization had an emergency services directory. She wants to make sure that CSW is not overlapping efforts.

D. Pung said that she encourages people to download the directory from the County of Hawaii website.

2. First Female Booklet

A. Mejia reported that she did not obtain the quotes from Hawaii Printing Corporation since CSW has no money in its budget.

CSW felt that quotes should be obtained so the committee knows how many booklets to order.

3. Essay Contest

C. Kitaoka reported that she received a quote of \$28.51 per person for lunch at the Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel. She will also inquire with C. Ka-ipo to see whether she could obtain quotes at the Naniloa Volcanoes Resort, Polynesian Room.

K. Peters offered to drop off a packet at Kohala Elementary School to get them to participate.

C. Kitaoka mentioned that Council member A. Pilago will give a \$1,000 for the essay contest and Council member E. Naeole has already given \$500. She will prepare a budget and present it to CSW at the next meeting.

4. Hawaii County Women's Hall of Fame

N. Kelly reported that the event went well with four honorees. However, the turnout was not good. Approximately 38 people were in attendance. The program is always good with J. Moon and M. Leed as our guests. CSW needs to decide how the committee will do it the next time.

A. Mejia suggested moving the venue to Hilo and having the event held at the Naniloa Volcanoes Resort, Crown Room or Polynesian Room. C. Kitaoka said she likes the way it is and she didn't feel anything should be changed. She suggested spreading the cost to the people that are coming, but she was not

sure if this is allowed. K. Nova said that CSW needs to look at all the options and she didn't think the committee needs to make a decision today. It would be better if C. Ka-ipo was present to discuss what she wants to do. There are other factors to consider such as whether the event will be in Hilo or Kona every other year, have the event every other year in Waikoloa, or does the committee want to continue the event.

N. Kelly asked if it was possible for the participants to pay for more than just the meal. If it's not possible, then CSW may want to partner with a women's group as a co-sponsor to help defray cost. K. Peters agreed and suggested co-sponsoring with Soroptimist or the League of Women Voters in order to get more attendance. This is a question that needs to be answered by J. Mecklenburg.

K. Nova mentioned that more people would have attended the event if advanced notice was provided. In addition, she didn't hear any complaints about the cost of the dinner. N. Kelly stated that there were two other big events scheduled for Saturday night in Waikoloa. K. Peters suggested that the winners should be notified in advanced so they can rally their people to attend the event regardless of the venue. Secondly, K. Peters suggested having a lunch instead of dinner at the Hilton Waikoloa Village, Water's Edge Ballroom because it's safer for people to drive, it will reduce CSW's cost, and the setting is still at a beautiful place.

K. Nova suggested that N. Kelly put together points to consider for the next meeting. N. Kelly agreed to check on the venue, lunch versus dinner, date conflicts, and more lead time with publicity and proper notification.

CSW discussed the cost of entertainment. K. Peters suggested having local entertainers perform who live on the Big Island and maybe they could do it for gratis.

CSW also discussed changing the month of the event. The reason why the event was held in September is because the hotels are slow.

5. Equal Pay
Tabled.

B. Health

1. Women's Health Month

D. Pung reported that the Women and Family Wellness Day turned out well in spite of lack of attendance. However, it was also difficult for older people to walk over the bridge. N. Kelly added that the parking was awful because the parking was taken by the presenters. People attending had to park by the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel or at Liliuokalani Gardens.

K. Peters inquired whether a county street can be shutdown for an event.
A. Mejia offered to obtain the procedures and share it with CSW at the next meeting.

CSW discussed having the event at Liliuokalani Gardens, downtown Hilo, or at Prince Kuhio Plaza. However, if the event is held at the Prince Kuhio Plaza, then the vendors would have to pay for the tables. There will be no problem with bringing in food if held at the plaza.

E. Cabatu reported that she received feedback about getting other organizations and clubs involved to help with the set up. The participants wanted more traffic. The only problem having it at the plaza is that it's not outside and it doesn't feel family oriented. Liliuokalani Gardens is a good place to have little huts situated around the park. She suggested a jumping castle for little kids and changing the date to the last weekend in August.

C. Liaison

1. HSCSW

The next HSCSW meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2008.

2. Legislative Update

No report.

D. Community Reports

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Teen Dating Violence Prevention Peer Education Conference

C. Kitaoka reported that Council member E. Naeole contributed \$2,000 and B. Ford has offered to give \$15,000 for the conference. J. Kimura has also committed \$5,000. However, the \$15,000 is targeted for West Hawaii only.

C. Kitaoka mentioned that there will be a State Health Conference scheduled for December 4, 2008 and all the teachers, principals, etc. will meet on Oahu. The peer education coordinator suggested that the conference would be a great place for Dr. J. Murray to speak.

N. Kelly suggested that CSW use some of the funding for Dr. J. Murray to do a video. The video and set of books can be given to the schools as part of a teaching tool. C. Kitaoka stated that it would be better if the peer education people gave it to the right people instead of giving it to the principals. K. Peters said she would inquire whether film students might be able to do the production in California for a reduced fee.

K. Peters asked if there were other agencies that might want to donate money to the cause. C. Kitaoka said it's not only teen dating violence, but the funding includes

depression and suicide. N. Kelly noted that she has a community violence coordinator in the Prosecutor's Office who works with the Family Violence Interagency Committee and the coordinator said there are pots of money, but there is no big pot of gold out there.

B. Teens Internet Protection – A. Mejia

A. Mejia reported that she contacted Detective John Ancheta and he is willing to do a presentation, but he needs to know what topic to be covered and how long a session.

K. Peters said doing a presentation to the students is good, but what is missing is a presentation for the parents. The committee needs to decide how the word will go out to the parents. K. Nova added that when CSW brought this issue up, the idea was to educate the parents so that they are smarter about what their children are doing on the internet, how to block things, and how to look up facebook.

C. 2008 International Women's Leadership Conference – Wednesday, September 24, 2008, Sheraton Waikiki Hotel and Resort

A. Mejia will be attending the conference on behalf of the committee.

D. Prospective Members

K. Peters reported that she will follow up with a prospective candidate who lives in Kohala and she may be willing to serve on the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, October 17, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. in the Aupuni Center conference room.

Merle Endo, SANE Coordinator, will be invited to attend the next meeting as a guest speaker.

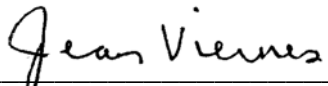
B. Schedules

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



JEAN VIERNES, STAFF SECRETARY