

MINUTES  
COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Friday, March 16, 2007, 10:00 a.m.  
Kona Mayor's Office Conference Room

PRESENT

Carol Kitaoka, Vice-Chair  
Ellen Takazawa, Secretary  
Charmaine Ka-ipo  
Andrea Mejia  
Katie Nova  
Kathleen Peters  
Margaret Masunaga, HSCSW  
Commissioner (ex-officio)

EXCUSED

Dawn Pung, Chair  
Nancy Kelly, Treasurer  
Janet Coburn  
Diane Noda, Corporation Counsel  
(ex-officio)

GUEST

Laura Guluzzy, Kona Resident

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

K. Nova moved to approve the February 16, 2007 minutes. K. Peters seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was circulated.

C. Kitaoka reported that she received the bill from the Hilton Waikoloa Village for the Teen Dating Violence Prevention Peer Education Conference. However, it was incorrect because they charged CSW \$500 for security keys.

C. Ka-ipo pointed out that CSW is over in the mileage account. She suggested that next year's budget reflect an increase in the budgeted amount for mileage. J. Viernes responded that the budget is now flexible and any shortages will come out of the base account.

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

## STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

L. Guluzzy reported that she is a Kona resident and a recent attendee of the 3rd Annual Hawaii County Women's Hall of Fame. She appreciates that CSW has continued the Women's Hall of Fame and it was very well attended this year. C. Ka-ipo has done an outstanding job as well as other committee members that helped. She anticipates a long and fruitful future for the Hawaii County Women's Hall of Fame. She is pleased that this event is going forward as part of the committee's agenda. She also asked that the committee do a little more advertising for the Kona area to garner more attendance. She offered her assistance with publicity in the West Hawaii Today. Furthermore, she was asked by James Wing, photographer/oceanographer, who donated framed photographs for the first Women's Hall of Fame to be contacted for future donations. L. Guluzzy's employer, Alert Alarm of Hawaii, donated one night stay for two to each of the honorees at the Hilton Waikoloa Village. Perhaps Robert Bean, President of Alert Alarm of Hawaii, would be willing to do that again if a request was made. Safeway donated \$25 gift cards to each of the honoree.

K. Peters said that CSW had extensive discussion on soliciting, but the committee was told about the restrictions of soliciting donations. L. Guluzzy said that when she was on the committee, they suggested forming a separate entity called friends of the CSW to assist with fundraising. This is an idea that CSW can pursue and maybe challenge the restrictions of soliciting donations.

A. Mejia commended C. Ka-ipo for doing a wonderful job because she felt very honored. The person instrumental in putting an article in the Hawaii Tribune Herald was Pudding Lassiter.

L. Guluzzy mentioned that the crystal vases that K. Peters put together were beautiful and incredible.

## CORRESPONDENCE

A. Thank you letter from Darnell Carvalho, Wedding and Events Manager for the Mauna Kea Resort, for selecting the Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel as the site for the "Real Women" essay contest awards luncheon

B. Michigan Women's Commission Newsletter

## REPORTS

### A. Education

#### 1. Urgent Services Directory

E. Takazawa reported that there are 6 ½ packets left of the directory. K. Nova volunteered to update the directory for the next printout.

#### 2. First Female Booklet

Tabled.

### 3. Essay Contest

C. Kitaoka reported that approximately 96 people were in attendance. The event was very successful. She circulated an album of the photos taken at the awards luncheon. She offered to chair the essay contest for next year.

E. Takazawa said that she liked the way the program included recognizing the teachers and the principals.

C. Kitaoka suggested more participation from the West Hawaii Schools.

M. Masunaga said she hand delivered the packet to the schools encouraging them to participate as a school assignment.

M. Masunaga offered to submit the photo of the winners in West Hawaii Today and the Hawaii Island Journal.

### 4. Mentoring

M. Masunaga reported that she is in the process of setting up the mentoring dinner on April 27 at the La Bourgogne French Restaurant in Kona. Kelly Shaw from the Soroptimist International of Kona would like M. Masunaga's daughter, Colette Masunaga, to do a presentation on the Teen Dating Violence Prevention Initiative at the dinner.

### 5. Hawaii County Women's Hall of Fame

C. Kitaoka confirmed October 6, 2007 as the date for the Women's Hall of Fame dinner in the Water's Edge Ballroom at the Hilton Waikoloa Village.

### 6. Equal Pay

Tabled.

## B. Health

### 1. Women's Health Month

E. Takazawa reported that she will start collaborating this month and she has been brainstorming different ideas. She has been talking to people who have participated in the past and she has been encouraged to continue what she has been doing highlighting different areas of alternative health. She would like to have an event in the Kona area. L. Guluzzy suggested that E. Takazawa contact the ILWU in Kona for funding assistance.

K. Peters said that she and K. Nova have discussed planning an event in Kona. However, it will not be alternative health. They could do mental health aspects and depression and anxiety screenings. They would like get to some female practitioners for a few hours to provide consultations on different treatments for menopause, a question and answer session, and information and referral.

## C. Liaison

### 1. HSCSW

M. Masunaga reported that the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women (HSCSW) had a meeting on February 16, 2007. She met with Senator Colleen Hanabusa in the afternoon and also with Sachiko Takato from Hiroshima, Japan and InnHea Park from Seoul, South Korea. The HSCSW are collaborating with S. Takato and I. Park to try and improve the domestic violence hotline in Japan and in South Korea. The HSCSW and the Pay Equity Task Force have no meeting scheduled yet.

### 2. Legislative Update

M. Masunaga reported that she has written legislation for a \$53,000 appropriation so that the HSCSW can have funds to do projects, neighbor island commissioners can attend meetings, and for simple office expenses. This past Monday she submitted testimony. Senator Clayton Hee, Senate Judiciary Chair, and Representative Marcus Oshiro, House Finance Chair, both support the appropriation.

## D. Marketing

### 1. Newsletter

Tabled.

## E. Community Reports

M. Masunaga circulated photos of her daughter, C. Masunaga, who won a community volunteer award from the Soroptimist International of Kona which was held on February 27, 2007.

L. Guluzzy reported that Alert Alarm of Hawaii has instituted mandatory trainings for all staff on all types of harassment. Corporate management has gone through the trainings. She hopes that becomes the norm in all businesses in Hawaii County and the State of Hawaii. In addition, Alert Alarm of Hawaii has been recognized nationally for being dealer of the year for overall business practices for 2006.

C. Kitaoka mentioned that Kathy Jo Kube was planning to attend today's meeting to provide information about violence in the schools. She may submit something in writing or attend the next Kona meeting.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### A. Teen Dating Violence Prevention Peer Education Conference

C. Kitaoka suggested that K. Nova contact Dr. Jill Murray to see whether CSW can plan something together with her. There will be some funds leftover from the conference to help pay for part of J. Murray's fee before the fiscal year ends.

N. Kelly is also trying to work something with the Prosecutor's Office for funding and there may be other funding sources.

K. Nova agreed to make contact with Dr. J. Murray and find out her availability in October 2007 for three days.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, April 20, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. in Hilo. Location to be announced.

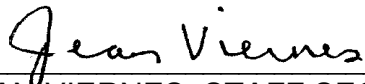
B. Schedules

C. Kitaoka, A. Mejia, K. Nova, and K. Peters will be unable to attend the April meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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JEAN VIERNES, STAFF SECRETARY