

MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Friday, May 21, 2004, 10:00 a.m.
Department of Liquor Control Conference Room

PRESENT

May Lake, Chair
JoAnne Balberde-Kamalii
Laura Guluzzy
Paradise Newland
Dawn Pung
Ellen Takazawa

EXCUSED

Deborah Davis

GUESTS

Donnalyn Kalei, Hawaii Community
College and Olaa Community Center
Barbara Lively, Olaa Community
Center

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

D. Kalei and B. Lively introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. Pung moved to approve the agenda as submitted. L. Guluzzy seconded the motion.
The motion was passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

L. Guluzzy made a correction to the minutes on page 4 as follows: It should read
L. Guluzzy offered the use of tennis rackets through her husband from the USTA.

L. Guluzzy moved to accept the minutes of April 16, 2004 as corrected. D. Pung
seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was circulated.

L. Guluzzy moved to accept the treasurer's report. P. Newland seconded the motion.
The motion was passed.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

B. Lively provided a brief history of the Olaa Community Center. The center was
opened eight months ago and is a volunteer/donation driven organization. The center
recently applied for and received a meth initiative grant. They are still seeking more
funding and collaboration.

D. Kalei reported that the Hawaii Community College has been very supportive with the Olaa Community Center. The Olaa Community Center is open Monday to Friday, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Their service is to provide service to latch key kids who don't have any place to go. They also offer space to community organizations such as Parents, Inc. and Alcoholics Anonymous. Space is also offered free of charge just to bring services into the area. The center has been staffed purely by volunteers. Plans in the future are to redevelop the center with approval from the Department of Education. Currently, they are applying for a \$800,000 grant. Furthermore, she started a substance abuse counseling program in which practicum students will be used.

J. Balberde-Kamalii recommended that D. Kalei contact Kamehameha Schools as a community partner. She also recommended Jay Kimura from the Prosecutor's Office since they have a Youth Group program.

L. Guluzzy suggested that D. Kalei prepare press releases about the Olaa Community Center. A follow up call should also be pursued.

CSW members suggested that D. Kalei submit an application to serve on the committee.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Michigan Women's Commission Newsletter

B. WomenNews Nebraska

REPORTS

A. Education

1. Urgent Services Directory

No report.

P. Newland reported that she attended an Island Solutions workshop in Waikoloa and she was excited to see a copy of the directory in the handouts.

2. First Female Booklet

On hold.

3. Essay Contest

J. Balberde-Kamalii reported that the initial mailing to the schools will begin in August. Therefore, she will start up in mid June when school is over. She will make sure that contact with the Charter Schools are made islandwide. Essays submitted in Hawaiian or another language needs to be submitted in English also. She will try to get a more diverse group of judges. She will begin research on having the luncheon awards ceremony held in a centralized location such as Waikoloa or Waimea. She asked CSW members to provide any feedback to her. L. Guluzzy suggested more participation from West Hawaii schools and offered her assistance. Secondly, she likes the idea of alternating the location of the

awards ceremony in Hilo, Kona, or Waimea. She would like to have the awards ceremony held in Kona for 2006 because the new Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort and Spa, the former Kona Surf, will be open. She offered her assistance in securing the location in Waikoloa since she knows the marketing director at the Hilton Waikoloa.

4. Equal Pay Day

D. Pung reported that she was disappointed with the lack of community involvement because CSW brought in a very worthwhile guest speaker, Ah Quon McElrath. A. McElrath challenged CSW to see what the committee was doing to help women out.

M. Lake stated that CSW could discuss this issue further at the training meeting in July.

5. Mentoring

L. Guluzzy reported that the mentoring project has been scheduled for May 29, 2004 at 11 a.m. in Oodles of Noodles in Kona. She will be attending the event representing CSW.

6. Dress for Success/Fashion Furlough

On hold.

B. Health

1. Women's Health Month

L. Guluzzy reported that Dale Suezaki has been able to secure two speakers from the mainland who are experts in financial issues. A seminar will be scheduled on September 24, 2004 for women's financial health in South Kona. Location to be determined at a later date. Another seminar will be scheduled on September 14, 2004 for women's legal help with speakers M. Masunaga and Kim Jackson.

E. Takazawa reported that she emailed J. Viernes the minutes for the Women's Health Month subcommittee meeting, but it got lost in transit. A hard copy will be hand delivered to J. Viernes for distribution to CSW members. In addition, she will meet with J. Viernes to obtain a copy of last year's grant proposal since she will be drafting this year's grant proposal.

CSW decided to meet as a subcommittee after lunch following next month's meeting to discuss Women's Health Month.

L. Guluzzy requested more copies of a health checklist that the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women (HSCSW) distributed. She would like to receive them as they come out rather than at the end of the year.

C. Liaison

1. HSCSW

M. Lake reported that she will be attending the next HSCSW meeting scheduled for June 18, 2004 on Oahu.

A report from A. Hikida Tasaka, HSCSW, was distributed to CSW members.

2. Legislative Update

M. Lake reported that she has been attending the Hawaii Women's Coalition meetings on Oahu. She has supported what the coalition does. They will be now focusing on community education. They are also looking into establishing a website to track bills.

M. Lake requested that the vice chair attend the next Hawaii Women's Coalition meeting on June 9, 2004 on Oahu.

E. Takazawa asked if the Hawaii Women's Coalition has agreed to come over and schedule a meeting on the Big Island. Perhaps a representative from the coalition could come over and provide a legislative update to CSW. M. Lake said she brought it to the attention of the Hawaii Women's Coalition, but they did not bring it up for discussion. The problem may be due to cost, flying, and time. She will suggest to A. Hikida Tasaka about having a representative attend the training meeting in July.

D. Marketing

1. Newsletter

M. Lake reported that she will have the newsletter completed by the next meeting for approval. She welcomed CSW members to assist her with the newsletter.

E. Community Reports

L. Guluzzy reviewed her community report which was circulated to CSW members.

L. Guluzzy reported that her husband participated in a Girl Scout Sports Day held in conjunction with the National Girls and Women in Sports Day for tennis. Tennis pro Nancy Wheeler and Mario Celarie, from Mauna Lani Bay Resort, participated in the event. There were 44 girls, 20 parents/leaders, and 24 volunteers that participated.

L. Guluzzy reported that she attended a Rotary meeting this month. A gentleman from The Neighborhood Place of Kona presented a nice tri fold brochure which could be used by someone in the community as a prototype to start up a business.

P. Newland reported that she attended a two-day workshop at the King Kamehameha Hotel. The workshop was the Rural Development Council Spring

Consortium. She also attended a transportation meeting in Nanawale with representatives from the county. Furthermore, she attended the Island Solutions workshop in Waikoloa on May 1.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Resignations and appointments

M. Lake announced her resignation effective September 2004 due to personal reasons. She is urging that the Mayor or Wendell Hatada appoint someone from Ka'u. An interested member from Ka'u has already submitted an application.

M. Lake mentioned that Carol Kitaoka will be appointed as the new member representing Kona next month. There is still one more vacancy to fill from East Hawaii.

B. Nominating Committee

The ballot from D. Davis has declared L. Guluzzy the vice-chair position. The following officers are:

Chair – M. Lake
Vice-Chair – L. Guluzzy
Secretary – J. Balberde-Kamalii
Treasurer – E. Takazawa

CSW decided to retain the current slate for fiscal year July 2004 to June 2005. CSW understood that if the chair resigns, then the vice-chair takes over as chair. Secondly, a new vice-chair needs to be nominated and elected by the committee if a vacancy occurs for that position.

NEW BUSINESS

A. New Committees

L. Guluzzy moved to table this item until after the training meeting. E. Takazawa seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

B. Sponsorships and Co-Sponsorships

L. Guluzzy moved to table this item until after the training meeting. E. Takazawa seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

C. Guest Speakers

M. Lake reminded CSW members to submit names of guest speakers to J. Viernes.

D. Training Meeting

CSW members decided to schedule the training meeting for August 7. The time and place to be determined at the next meeting.

E. NACW Convention 2004

P. Newland reported that the convention registration is not yet available on their website. She was impressed that the NACW website included the HSCSW website link. She wondered if CSW could become a commission instead of a committee.

L. Guluzzy pointed out that every state has their own structure and it depends on the way it's written in the statutes. CSW could possibly work on revising the statute if necessary.

P. Newland moved to table this discussion until next month when more information is available. L. Guluzzy seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, June 18, 2004, at 10 a.m. in Naalehu. Location to be announced.

B. Schedules

L. Guluzzy will be unable to attend the June meeting and Women's Health Month subcommittee meeting since she will be off island from June 10-21, 2004. Therefore, she recommended that D. Pung attend the Hawaii Women's Coalition meeting as her replacement on June 9. D. Pung agreed to attend.

C. Other

L. Guluzzy mentioned that West Hawaii Today will employ her as a freelance writer effective June 1. She will be writing a seniors page. Secondly, she will be the security systems specialist for Alert Alarm of Hawaii for Kona effective July 1.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JEAN VIERNES, STAFF SECRETARY