

MINUTES  
COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Tuesday, June 14, 2005, 10:00 a.m.  
Aupuni Conference Room

PRESENT

JoAnne Balberde-Kamalii, Secretary  
Charmaine Ka-ipo  
Margaret Masunaga  
Paradise Newland  
Kathleen Peters

EXCUSED

Dawn Pung, Chair  
Carol Kitaoka, Vice-Chair  
Ellen Takazawa, Treasurer  
Janet Coburn

GUEST

Diane Noda, Corporation Counsel

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:25 a.m.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M. Masunaga moved to approve the agenda as submitted. P. Newland seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

P. Newland moved to approve the May 26, 2005 minutes. M. Masunaga seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was circulated.

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

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. News articles from the International Public Management Association for Human Resources on House to Consider Workforce Investment Act Bill and Women in the Labor Force, May 20, 2005

B. Letter from New West Broadcasting Corp. regarding two employment openings for the position of sales account executive

C. Thank you letter from CSW to County Council Vice-Chair Virginia Isbell for appropriating funds for the Teen Dating Violence Prevention Initiative Training Program and the GEMS Program

D. A response from Barbara Tavares to Gerald Nakata in the Honolulu Advertiser regarding why there is not a Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Men

J. Balberde-Kamalii reported that there is a bill on the Governor's desk that would move the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women (HSCSW) from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to the Department of Human Services.

M. Masunaga indicated that the bill is pending.

## REPORTS

### A. Education

#### 1. Urgent Services Directory

K. Peters reported that she completed updating the directory. However, E. Takazawa did not e-mail her addition. Therefore, her addition needs to be e-mailed to J. Viernes.

#### 2. First Female Booklet

No report.

#### 3. Essay Contest

J. Balberde-Kamalii reported that she will be preparing the initial packets for the schools and sending a permission letter to the Department of Education at the end of July. The Charter Schools were well represented last year.

#### 4. Equal Pay Day

No report.

#### 5. Mentoring

No report.

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

No report.

The Women's Hall of Fame date will not change, but the event may be held during lunch instead of dinner pending confirmation from J. Moon.

### B. Health

#### 1. Women's Health Month

M. Masunaga reported that Dale Suezaki and Kim Jackson will be doing an update on financial health and estate planning with an emphasis on "end of life" issues on September 9, 2005, at 11:30 a.m. in Kona. Location to be announced.

J. Balberde-Kamalii suggested that CSW start sending out letters to the UHH Women's Center and other programs requesting for their schedule of events so it can be combine into one bulletin or newsletter for dissemination.

C. Ka-ipo said that she would like to see something done on breast cancer in collaboration with Kaiser because it's becoming an epidemic. She feels women needs to be educated early.

### C. Liaison

#### 1. HSCSW

M. Masunaga reported that they are in the process of meeting with the State of Hawaii, Department of Human Resources Development office on the procedures for hiring an Executive Director.

M. Masunaga said that Faye Watanabe Kurren and Maile Meyer are HSCSW commissioners whose terms are expiring June 30, 2005. She would like CSW to purchase leis for them. M. Masunaga moved to purchase leis for F. Watanabe Kurren and M. Meyer and present it to them at the next HSCSW meeting to be held on June 24, 2005. J. Balberde-Kamalii seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

#### 2. Legislative Update

M. Masunaga reported that she does not know whether the Governor will sign the pending transfer of the HSCSW from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to the Department of Human Services.

### D. Marketing

#### 1. Newsletter

No report.

### E. Community Reports

P. Newland reported that the skate park in Pahoa is moving right along. A design committee meeting was held last week. A filmmaker from Na Leo 'O Hawaii is working with them to do a public service announcement. P. Newland is helping to produce the public service announcement.

Planet Puna is happy to announce that they have live streaming video from open microphone night at Lola's Boutique and Café.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### A. Resignations and appointments

No report.

#### B. Nominating Committee

M. Masunaga moved to accept the following slate of officers as presented by the nominating committee: D. Pung, Chair; C. Kitaoka, Vice-Chair; J. Balberde-Kamalii,

Secretary; E. Takazawa, Treasurer. C. Ka-ipo seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

#### C. Teen Dating Violence Prevention Initiative Training Program

M. Masunaga reported that CSW received continued funding from Council Vice-Chair V. Isbell for the teen dating violence prevention initiative training program for next fiscal year. She would like to coordinate a February 2006 training date with the Hawaii Youth Services Network from Oahu. C. Kitaoka is on the planning committee for the project focusing on homeless and runaway teens.

#### D. GEMS Program

M. Masunaga reported that the GEMS Program has scheduled their workshop on Thursday, October 20, 2005, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Outrigger Keauhou Beach Resort. CSW is invited to attend.

M. Masunaga reported that she had a long conversation with Chairperson Kiera Horgan about the GEMS Program. The district superintendent for the West Hawaii Complex has been contacted regarding the workshop date. All 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls in the West Hawaii Complex are invited to attend. If there is a school that has a 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade combination class, then the 6<sup>th</sup> graders in that class will be invited based on space availability. Approximately 224 students will be attending the event.

M. Masunaga said that she spoke to K. Horgan about CSW's concerns on selection. K. Horgan replied that last year they had 175 students and nobody was excluded. She also invited the home schooled and private schools 5<sup>th</sup> graders to participate. Preference is given to the public schools students first and there are more slots this year than last year.

There will be 15 workshops with 14 students per workshop. The following speakers have been confirmed: Tracy Brennan, firefighter and paramedic; Beth Jose, Veterinarian; Valerie Hoke, Katherine Petterson, Occupational Therapist; Gisela Hetherington, Chemist from NELHA; Melanie Bondera, organic farmer; Laura Deirenfield, mobile lab; Crystal Thomas-Yamasaki, surveyor; Teri Leicher, scuba diver; Liz Chock and Myrna Tsubota, software engineer at Keck; and Sarah Anderson, also from Keck. Pending speakers are a financial speaker and other speakers.

M. Masunaga said she also inquired about having the event in East Hawaii. K. Horgan said East Hawaii has their own program, but they coordinate it with the Girls Scouts and invite 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Since the University of Hawaii at Hilo speakers is used, their budget is not as much because they can utilize the facilities at the university.

M. Masunaga stated that if there is any problems with selection, they will contact CSW.

NEW BUSINESS

A. New Committees

None.

B. Sponsorships and Co-Sponsorships

None.

C. Guest Speakers

CSW's guest speaker during lunch will be Council Chairman Stacy Higa.

M. Masunaga said she has a few guest speakers in mind and she will try to find one for the next meeting in Kona.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, July 22, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. in the Kona Council Office at the Kailua Trade Center.

B. Schedules

P. Newland will be unable to attend the July meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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JEAN VIERNES, STAFF SECRETARY