

MINUTES  
COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Friday, December 15, 2006, 10:00 a.m.  
Kona Mayor's Office Conference Room

PRESENT

Dawn Pung, Chair  
Carol Kitaoka, Vice-Chair  
Ellen Takazawa, Secretary  
Nancy Kelly, Treasurer  
Charmaine Ka-ipo  
Star Newland  
Katie Nova  
Margaret Masunaga, HSCSW  
Commissioner (ex-officio)

EXCUSED

Janet Coburn  
Kathleen Peters  
Diane Noda, Corporation Counsel  
(ex-officio)

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

N. Kelly moved to approve the November 17, 2006 minutes. S. Newland seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was circulated.

Outstanding expenditures are the Teen Dating Violence Prevention Peer Education Conference (\$8,000 to \$10,000) and the Women's Hall of Fame (\$200).

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

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

## CORRESPONDENCE

A. Thank you letter from CSW to Councilwoman Virginia Isbell for her support of the Teen Dating Violence Prevention Initiative Training Program and the GEMS Program

B. Michigan Women's Commission Newsletter

C. Article of Hawaii Tribune Herald Women's Hall of Fame Honorees

D. YWCA Winter/Spring 2007 Newsletter

## REPORTS

### A. Education

#### 1. Urgent Services Directory

E. Takazawa reported she distributed three directories to Bay Clinic. She suggested that a packet of the directory be distributed to Kona Hospital which M. Masunaga offered to take care of. C. Kitaoka would like two packets for her office in Kona.

#### 2. First Female Booklet

Tabled.

#### 3. Essay Contest

C. Kitaoka reported that the deadline to submit essays is December 15. She has received commitment from ten judges: East Hawaii judges are Julie Tulang, Jeanie Whittington, Lisa Faulkner-Inouye, Nikol Calderon, and Dawn Pung. West Hawaii judges are Barbara Kossow, Kathy Peters, Margaret Masunaga, Maile David, and Brenda Ford.

During the winter break, three or four girls will do the 300-word count for each essay.

C. Kitaoka will finalize the menu with Darnell Carvalho, Weddings & Special Events Manager of Mauna Kea Resort. The awards luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, March 4, 2007, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Mauka Salon at the Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel.

#### 4. Mentoring

M. Masunaga reported that she will do a follow up on the girls mentoring project in January or February 2007 with the Konawaena High School girls.

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

C. Ka-ipo reported that CSW expended approximately \$3,130.33 from a budget of \$3,449. K. Peters did a wonderful job on the awards. Detective-Sergeant Ann Mejia and Pudding Lassiter called her and thanked the committee for the

wonderful event. In addition, C. Kitaoka said that having Melveen Leed provide entertainment made the event very special.

D. Pung stated that CSW needs another chairperson to coordinate the Women's Hall of Fame next year. N. Kelly volunteered to chair the event with assistance from C. Ka-ipo.

C. Ka-ipo suggested that N. Kelly research the different hotels that is ADA accessible to host the dinner.

#### 6. Equal Pay

D. Pung reported that she will contact Annelie Amaral to present a mini workshop in April 2007.

### B. Health

#### 1. Women's Health Month

E. Takazawa reported that she received a thank you letter for assisting with the Ladies Night Out sponsored by the Hui Malama Ola Na 'Oiwī. It will be held next year in September to coincide with Women's Health Month.

E. Takazawa stated that she would like to have a presentation on Hooponopono. Perhaps CSW could have a luncheon focusing on Hooponopono, but the committee has not budgeted for this presentation. However, S. Newland suggested that CSW speak with new council members Brenda Ford and Emily Naeole and ask for their assistance with funding. C. Ka-ipo offered to assist E. Takazawa with this presentation.

E. Takazawa mentioned that she recruited a woman to do the Tellington Touch on our pets.

### C. Liaison

#### 1. HSCSW

M. Masunaga reported there will be a Women's History Month reception to be held on Thursday, March 22, 2007, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Washington Place on Oahu. On February 12-13, 2007, there will be a Hiroshima Women's Educational Center representative who is going to be in Kona. M. Masunaga said she will try to find out if they wanted to meet with people in the community specifically relating to the domestic violence clearinghouse hotline. Sachiko Takato is the person from Hiroshima that will be here. A tentative meeting with Senator Colleen Hanabusa has been scheduled with S. Takato on February 16, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. The Pay Equity Task Force meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on February 16 at the Lt. Governor's Conference Room. The HSCSW meeting will also be held on February 16, 2007 at 1 p.m.

M. Masunaga stated that S. Takato invited her to Japan on July 7-8, 2007 to provide an update on domestic violence in America and the Teen Dating Violence Prevention Initiative Program.

2. Legislative Update  
No report.

D. Marketing

1. Newsletter  
Tabled.

E. Community Reports

S. Newland reported that she had five or six events for Domestic Harmony Awareness Month in November. She distributed 2,700 bumper stickers and 3,500 ribbons in Puna, Hilo, and Kona. She received good press in the newspapers and she also did a number of radio interviews. She is generating a safe baby resolution which is being considered by the Women's Coalition for the legislative package.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Teen Dating Violence Prevention Peer Education Conference

C. Kitaoka reported that there were approximately 130 students and a total of 170 people in attendance. The main speaker, Rae Spence, also spoke at Konawaena High School on November 6. M. Masunaga said that as a result of R. Spence talking to these kids, there were two follow up inquiries from teens. On November 10, there was an update on teen dating violence prevention on 20/20 and R. Spence was featured on the program.

C. Kitaoka mentioned that K. Nova recommended Dr. Jill Murray, a speaker on warning signs. Dr. J. Murray is a well-known speaker who speaks at schools and conferences. However, CSW was unable to afford her speaker's fees and it wasn't quite the right conference for her to come to anyway. C. Kitaoka suggested that CSW obtain Dr. J. Murray as the main speaker at a future conference when more funding is available.

K. Nova said that CSW could schedule Dr. J. Murray to do as many things as we want her to do. The committee owns her from the time she gets off the plane until she gets on the plane. C. Kitaoka will contact Dr. J. Murray and work on getting corporations to subsidize her speaker's fees.

N. Kelly suggested that the Violence Against Women Fund might be able to help with airfare.

C. Kitaoka reported that the purpose of the conference was to create action plans and take the message back to the schools and the students all created action plans.

B. Math/Science Conference for 7th Grade Girls

M. Masunaga suggested that B. Green contact a council member who is willing to give her the funding. B. Green needs to present her proposal to the council member and then to the full council.

S. Newland moved that B. Green take her proposal to her appropriate council member and come back to CSW for letters of support. K. Nova seconded the motion. The motion was passed. D. Pung offered to draft a letter to B. Green on CSW's recommendation.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Guest Speaker – Councilmember Brenda Ford – Welcome

K. Nova will invite B. Ford to the March 16, 2007 meeting in Kona since she did not attend today's meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, January 19, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. in the Department of Liquor Control conference room in Hilo.

B. Schedules

C. Kitaoka will be unable to attend the January meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

  
JEAN VIERNES, STAFF SECRETARY