

MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Friday, December 21, 2007, 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
Andrea Mejia
Katie Nova
Elena Cabatu, HSCSW Commissioner
(ex-officio)

ABSENT

Janet Coburn
Renee Schoen, Corporation Counsel
(ex-officio)

GUEST

Sharon Ferguson-Quick, Executive
Director, HSCSW

EXCUSED

Kathleen Peters

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. C. Ka-ipo seconded the motion.
The motion was passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Corrections to the minutes were made as follows:

Page 2, Reports, A. Education, 5. Hawaii County Women's Hall of Fame: "section"
should be changed to "selection."

Page 3, Unfinished Business, A. Teen Dating Violence Prevention Peer Education
Conference: "Kealakehe School" should be changed to "Kealakehe High School" and
add "Kealakehe Intermediate School."

C. Ka-ipo moved to approve the November 16, 2007 minutes as corrected. A. Mejia
seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was circulated.

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

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Letter from Mayor Harry Kim to Council Chairman and Members of the County Council reappointing C. Kitaoka and K. Nova to CSW
- B. Pennsylvania Commission for Women Newsletter
- C. Michigan Women's Commission Newsletter
- D. Thank you letter from Melinda O'Herron, Librarian of Konawaena Middle School to C. Kitaoka for bringing Dr. J. Murray to Konawaena Middle School and for the donation of her books

REPORTS

A. Education

1. Urgent Services Directory

D. Pung suggested that members keep copies with them to hand out to people.

2. First Female Booklet

A. Mejia reported that she attempted to contact Mary Goya, Associate Professor of Hawaii Community College, but she was unsuccessful. M. Goya is the person that needs to approve the Administration of Justice students to work on this project.

E. Takazawa suggested that the booklet could be posted on a website rather than publishing it. J. Viernes said that the booklet could be posted on the County of Hawaii website.

S. Ferguson-Quick suggested linking the booklet to the State commission website.

3. Essay Contest

C. Kitaoka reported that the essays have been turned in today for judging. Since some schools did not submit a CD, she needs to count the essays to check on the word count requirement. There are seven confirmed judges and four who have not replied yet. Carolyn Lucas, a reporter from West Hawaii Today is one of the judges.

The essay contest awards luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, March 2, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in the Mauka Salon at the Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel.

4. Mentoring
No report.

5. Hawaii County Women's Hall of Fame

N. Kelly reported that the selection criteria will be revised. She asked CSW members to provide any suggestions to her. C. Kitaoka said it was good that CSW spread the awards around, but she didn't think that CSW should do it because the committee needs an individual from a particular area. CSW members agreed and suggested that the committee does not have to honor six women. C. Ka-ipo said another suggestion is to have more publicity earlier in order to receive more nominations.

Since next year will be the fifth year, C. Kitaoka suggested that the Hilton Waikoloa Village, Water's Edge Ballroom will be the venue again and then move the location the following year. D. Pung said that it was also suggested that CSW honor J. Moon for the fifth year with the program. C. Kitaoka suggested having centerpieces with light bulbs and inviting her husband and son to attend.

C. Kitaoka offered to reserve the Water's Edge Ballroom and C. Ka-ipo agreed to secure the entertainment.

CSW decided on two possible dates for the Women's Hall of Fame: Saturday, September 20, 2008 or Saturday, September 27, 2008.

6. Equal Pay

S. Ferguson-Quick shared information about the Hawaii Coalition for Women's Wage Equality, a statewide coalition of dynamic organizations and individuals committed to achieving pay equity for women of Hawaii.

C. Ka-ipo moved to support pay equity and that CSW join the Hawaii Coalition for Women's Wage Equality. A. Mejia seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

B. Health

1. Women's Health Month

E. Cabatu reported that she received support from her employer to chair a Health Fair for the Hilo Medical Center in conjunction with other organizations. One of her sponsors that she enjoys having is Meadow Gold because they provide refreshments and they bring Lani Moo. However, Meadow Gold has two events already planned for the month of September. Therefore, she needs to secure a date and a location. The health fair will be a wellness model which may include healing touch, yoga, teen sexual health, etc. In addition, she had a successful health fair at the Hilo Shopping Center with over 300 people in attendance in November.

K. Nova mentioned that she and K. Peters planned to do a depression screening in October because that is when national depression screening day is recognized.

E. Takazawa indicated that the Life Care Center also has a health fair on a Saturday in September. She agreed to work with E. Cabatu on planning events for Women's Health Month.

E. Cabatu said one thing that she has come across is that it's better to go out into the community than to have the health fair at the hospital. C. Ka-ipo agreed that it's better to have the health fair at a public place such as the Hilo Shopping Center because the merchants get involved. They give out prizes and there is live radio coverage.

C. Liaison

1. HSCSW

E. Cabatu said she missed the last HSCSW meeting.

2. Legislative Update

S. Ferguson-Quick reported that the Women's Coalition is putting their legislative packets together. One bill to look out for is enhanced penalty for violence against pregnant women.

D. Community Reports

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Teen Dating Violence Prevention Peer Education Conference

C. Kitaoka reported that the State Attorney General is planning to bring Dr. J. Murray to Oahu next year. Perhaps CSW can piggyback on that event or bring her another time. C. Kitaoka e-mailed Dr. J. Murray and she was willing to come to the Big Island again. As of yesterday, Dr. J. Murray has received 1,437 e-mails from students and 60 e-mails are repeat people.

C. Kitaoka said that Jay Kimura, Prosecutor's Office, is willing to commit \$5,000 to bring Dr. J. Murray back. In addition, Council member Angel Pilago has offered \$3,000 for the program. With leftover funds in the budget, C. Kitaoka said CSW could encumber speaker fees for this fiscal year or next fiscal year. N. Kelly suggested that Dr. J. Murray provide presentations during the school year in March or April 2008 and before the prom. C. Kitaoka offered to check with the schools on their testing dates.

A. Mejia explained about a miscommunication at Keaau High School which resulted in the presentation by Dr. J. Murray being cancelled. Unfortunately, N. Kelly replied that Keaau High School was never confirmed with the contact person. Pahoa High School didn't want to make any kind of adjustments to their testing schedule initially,

but Council member Emily Naeole's office contacted the school to have the presentations.

D. Pung stated that CSW would like to see more schools participate with the presentations.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Guest Speaker – Sharon Ferguson-Quick, Executive Director of HSCSW

S. Ferguson-Quick shared handouts about the HSCSW's purpose and mandate, HSCSW's Top Ten Priority List, and HSCSW's Program Proposal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, January 18, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. in the Department of Liquor Control conference room located in Hilo.

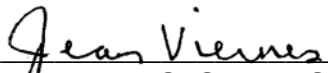
B. Schedules

N. Kelly will be unable to attend the January meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



JEAN VIERNES, STAFF SECRETARY