



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 6:30-8:30pm

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Roll Call**

- a. **Commissioners Present:** Nirmala Bandrapalli (no vote), Sue Datta, Anya Drabkin (no vote), Cheryl Fama, Ann Girard, Christine Padilla, Melissa Lukin (no vote), Ellen Tafeen (no vote), Maya Tussing, Anisha Weber, Candra Williams, Penelope Stinson, Cate Warden
Staff: Tanya Beat, Juda Tolmasoff
Absent: Aileen Cassinetto, Kelly Keele, Susan Kokores, Karen Pyles (on leave)

3. **Public Comment –**

4. **Action to Set Agenda and Approve Consent Agenda Items**

Motion by Cheryl Fama. Seconded by Anisha Weber. Approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. **Adopt a resolution finding that, as a result of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.**
6. **Approval of April 2022 Minutes (action under Consent)**

REGULAR AGENDA

7. **Young Woman of Excellence poem (presentation) – Eva Chen, Junior, Burlingame HS**

- United Against Hate poem shared

8. **Women’s Hall of Fame Debrief (discussion) –**

- **Food**
 - i. Overall poor for what we paid. All the food came out at the beginning so if you did not go immediately to the table, you did not receive much.
 - ii. Cheat-A-Little was the caterer. Late to provide food, no service at the food table. Most expensive part of budget. Will request discount due to quality of service & food. Would not recommend for future events.
- **Venue & Drinks**
 - i. Fun location – highly recommend Devil’s Canyon for both their inside/outside venue
 - ii. Drinks were excellent and DC accommodated non-alcoholic drinks. Very good.
 - iii. Weather was terrible with the cold wind and having to be outside.
- **Program**
 - i. Emcee was excellent (Dani Gasparini)
 - ii. Great to see Commissioners in person
 - iii. Livestreaming was great; however, having a roving camera to see everyone would have been wonderful

9. San Mateo County Medical Center: Women and Gender Non-Conforming Reproductive Health Services
(presentation) Scott Oesterling, MD

- Fellow presenters Janet Chaikind, Julie Birdsong
- SMC Medical Center: ob/gyn services for more than 6,450 women and 50%+ are White/Latina
- Types of services range from general gynecological health to all care related to pregnancy
- Programs: Medi-Cal and Family Planning Access Care and Treatment
- Committed to reproductive choice. 50 abortions per year (6500). Demand has lowered with contraceptive literacy.
- Critical partnership with Planned Parenthood
- Following the action plan from Future of Abortion Council

10. San Mateo County Action Plan: Women and Gender Non-Conforming Reproductive Health Services
(presentation & discussion) Peggy Jenson, Asst County Executive; Linda Wolin, Senior Legislative Aide to Supervisor Pine.

- Supervisor Pine, Co-Sponsored with Supervisor Slocum – Resolution Affirming San Mateo County’s Unwavering Support for Women’s Reproductive Freedom and Healthcare Privacy
- Working to: 1. Support Planned Parenthood with Measure K funds to improve technology at clinics; 2. Development of a buffer zone ordinance; 3. Advocacy (legislation and cases that need to be tracked)
- Request to learn from the CSW what priority topics they are interested in; transition to agenda item #11

11. Support of CA 2022 Legislation recommendation by the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls (discussion)

- Safety at the clinics: volunteers to sign up as escorts? Under the buffer zone action point.
- CSW can serve as advocates with what the County action plan could be. City Council meetings, social media. Connect with youth who can join in advocating.
- Five bills in CA summary (refer to meeting materials)
- What the CSW can do is direct staff to work on the issues or bills you feel need to be prioritized.
- The CSW can support issues rather than actually bills that Peggy and Linda can incorporate into their action. We have a small group tonight; will encourage us to have full discussion in June. Examples of issues are: 1. Protection of medical workers who provide services to non-residential patients. 2. Protection of people seeking medical services who come from other states. 3. Capacity building for more safe care.
- The CSW asks that this action is agendized for the June CSW meeting.
- Discussion results: the present CSW is supportive of the Board of Supervisors’ Resolution and future action plan. **Request** to 1. take action on the support of the BOS resolution at the June CSW meeting and 2. To prioritize issues and come to consensus of those issues for the County’s action plan at the June CSW meeting.
- **REQUEST** from present Commissioner: June meeting is important to read/study meeting materials and attend for discussion and action.

12. Wellness Break

13. Reports: Director’s Report & Thank you to Youth Commissioners!

- Homework for CSW: send in 2 photos & reflection for retreat.
- Women’s Recovery Grant Qtr 1 Progress Report submitted

14. CSW Retreat Preparation

- Break out rooms: Share one skill you bring to the CSW & what would you like to develop while you're on the CSW. Share with each other (one-on-one) and be prepared to share about your partner when we return.
- Christine: community building; knowledge of SMC; would like to develop public speaking skills; more confidence.
- Anya: subject matter expertise in public & mental health and how those intersect with gender; analytic research skills; I would like to develop more knowledge on the County (connecting the dots on who to work with).
- Anisha: empathy, excellent listener and curious. Would like to work on balance and not being stretched too thin.
- Nirmala: passionate on women's issues, not afraid to speak up
- Penelope: leadership skills and would like to work on collaboration
- Maya: bring strategy to the table and would like to work on collaboration
- Candra: diplomacy and great ideas (creativity & innovation); want to learn more advocacy
- Ann: creativity and diverse workplaces; want to work with differing perspectives

15. Commissioner Announcements

- The 7th Annual Southern CA Commissions for Women (virtual convening); June 13, 12-2pm
- ACCW having elections in June (self-nominations are encouraged)
- Summer break in July and August? Will agendaize it for June.

16. Adjournment

The **Commission on the Status of Women Group** agree to arrive on time/start on time; take turns speaking; speak loud enough for everyone to hear; be courteous of other opinions; listen to hear a different perspective than your own; mute phones; allow the chair to guide the process; Chair will check in about remaining time at 8:15 PM.

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