



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 27, 2025, 6:00-8:00pm

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

2. Roll Call

a. **Commissioners Present:**

b. Julissa Acosta, Ana Avendaño, Aileen Cassinetto, Nirmala Bandrapalli, Dayna Chung, Trish Erwin, LaSaundra Gutter, Susan Kokores, Larisa Ocañada, Michelle Stewart, (arrive after the agenda vote), Susan Takalo, Rosie, Tejada, Irma Zoepf, Joy Zou; Staff: Tanya Beat

c. Absent: Ann Girard, Aysha Pamukcu, Ellen Tafeen (on leave), Amani Shroff

d. Guests: Amy McHugh, Claire Cunningham, Anisha Weber, Suruchi Bhutani, Carmela Meehan, Emily Mungul, Garcia Martinez Najera

3. Public Comment –

Lauren Dai, Margi Power

4. Action to Set Agenda

Motion to approve agenda and consent agenda by Nirmala Bandrapalli, seconded by Rosie Tejada. Approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approval of April Meeting Minutes

REGULAR AGENDA

6. Update on Financial Literacy Workshop

- Amani Shroff called in sick so Aileen Cassinetto provided verbal overview

7. Human Services Agency Presentation – Claire Cunningham, Director of Human Services Agency

- Please see attached presentation with handout.

8. CAP Team Presentation of CSW Communications Plan

CAP Team: Suruchi Bhutani, Carmela Meehan, Gracia Martinez Najera, Emily Mungul; Anisha Weber served as the CSW contact.

- Excellent Presentation that prioritized outreach content, templates, and suggestions on how to promote Fund the Future and Women's Equality Day. Please see meeting materials for detailed report.

9. CSW Spotlight – Ana Avendaño

10. Fund the Future Project

- Survey Feedback: various points of feedback. Discussion on the purpose of the survey. Tanya will share out the survey so that individuals can provide comments and revised

wording. Feedback due back by June 16.

Note: Julissa: how do we acknowledge those who contributed to the first survey? Highlight in any presentation we do (Listen & Learn) and acknowledge the results from FtF (the 6 recommendations).

- Work Plans Action: Motion to approve both subcommittee Work Plans by Julissa Acosta; seconded by Trish Erwin. Approved.

- Presentations:
 - Retirement Committee – Call to Action: Irma Zoepf, Nirmala Bandrapalli, and Susan Kokores with advice from Linda Woling & Jacki Rigoni. Created an educational letter to send out to small businesses.
 - Request for Members of the CSW to add contacts to the stakeholders list. Also to have all members send out the emails to make it more personal.
 - Host informational sessions on CalSavers
 - Update on SMC Action Plan presentation to BOS from Susan Kokores. Linda Wolin’s presentation will probably be in August.

11. Pathways to Shared Prosperity: Creating a Unified Approach to Economic Mobility in San Mateo County of San Mateo – moved to a future meeting (TBD)

12. June Meeting Attendance – in-person only. Jacki Rigoni will be staffing this meeting and she is unable to run a virtual conference.

13. Adjournment



Economic Self-Sufficiency	Connect
<p>Medi-Cal (Health Coverage): Medi-Cal is a public health care program for California residents with low income and resources. Medi-Cal provides a range of free or low-cost health services aimed to assist Californians with medical needs.</p>	<p>Call (HSA Service Center): 1-800-223-8383</p> <p>Online: benefitscal.com</p>
<p>CalFresh (Food Assistance): CalFresh provides nutrition assistance to people with low income. If approved, a monthly dollar amount is placed on a debit-like card to help you add to your monthly food budget.</p>	<p>Visit one of our *HSA offices, during regular business hours (M-F, 8am-5pm):</p>
<p>Financial Assistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CalWORKs: Cash assistance for families with children. • General Assistance: Cash assistance for adults without children. • CAPI: Cash assistance for aged, blind, or disabled non-citizens. • RCA: Cash assistance for qualified refugees. • TCVAP: Cash assistance for eligible non-citizen victims of human trafficking, domestic violence and other serious crimes. 	<p>*271 92nd St. Daly City, CA 94015</p> <p>*400 Harbor Blvd., Bldg B. Belmont, CA 94002</p> <p>*2415 University Ave. East Palo Alto, CA 94303</p> <p>*2500 Middlefield Rd. Redwood City, CA 94063</p>

Employment Services	Connect
<p>SMCWorks (Welfare to Work): Employment, training, and supportive services to current and former CalWORKS recipients.</p>	<p>Email: SMCWorks@smcgov.org</p>
<p>CalWORKs Housing Support Program: Housing support assistance and a stability for current CalWORKs families experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.</p>	<p>Call: (650) 301-8450 or Email: HSA_CalWORKs_Housing_Support_Program@smcgov.org</p>
<p>Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS): Comprehensive services for residents with employment barriers and disabilities including vocational counseling, job placement, coaching and training.</p>	<p>Call: (650) 802-6450 Visit: 550 Quarry Rd. San Carlos, CA 94070</p>
<p>Service Connect: Comprehensive employment and support services for justice involved individuals referred by San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, Probation, or Parole.</p>	<p>Call: (650) 508-6745 or Visit: 550 Quarry Rd., 2nd Floor San Carlos, CA 94070</p>



Children and Family Services	Connect
Child Protective Services: Accepts referrals about situations in which children aged 17 or under are at risk of abuse or neglect.	Call: (650) 802-7922 or (800) 632-4615
Adoptions Unit: A full-service adoption agency working with birth parents, adoptive parents, adoptive children and adult adoptees.	Call: (650) 802-7615 Visit: www.helpsanmateokids.com
Resource Family Approval Unit: Become a foster/resource parent for children in foster care.	Call: (650) 802-7636 Visit: www.helpsanmateokids.com

HSA Community Services	Connect
Veterans Services: Range of benefits and services for Veterans and their families with assistance from the County Veterans Services Office.	Call: (650) 802-6598 Email: veteranservices-smc@smcgov.org
Resource Centers: Provide employment-assistance services, workshops, and referrals to community-based agencies for assistance with additional needs. Services are open to all members of the public by appointment or walk-in during regular business hours (M-F, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm). Resources Centers are located in the specified HSA offices .	* Belmont: (650) 508-6791 * Daly City: (650) 301-8422 * Redwood City: (650) 599-3826

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