



# COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

## COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

San Mateo County Office Building – Room 101

455 County Center, Redwood City – 6:30 PM

#### 1. Call to Order

#### 2. Roll Call & Introductions

- a. **Commissioners Present:** Becky Abens, Nirmala Bandrapalli, Sue Datta, Cheryl Fama, Melissa Lukin, Karen Pyles, Ellen Tafeen, Maya Tussing, Anisha Weber, Marguerite Machen, Dana Linda, Aeneas Bufiy, Ei Ei Samai, Ann Girard, Susan Kokores  
Staff: Tanya Beat, Sabrina Robertson, Juda Tolmasoff
- b. **Absent:** Anya Drabkin, Manufou Liaiga-Anoai, Christine Padilla

#### 3. Public Comment

Darren Atkinson shares about the San Mateo County Veterans Services Office

#### 4. Approval and Adoption of Agenda (Action)

Motion to approve by Cheryl Fama, seconded by Sue Datta. Unanimously approved.

#### 5. Approval of November Meeting Minutes (Action)

Motion to approve by Anisha Weber, seconded by Ei Ei Samai. Unanimously approved.

#### 6. Culture & Group Agreement Activity

- a. Commissioners discussed ideas to improve the culture and create group agreement for the CSW meetings
- b. Connection with each other, welcoming, quarterly fun to reward for working on bigger projects, actionable items roles and responsibilities. To be respectful, agree to disagree, disagree with the opinion and not the person.

#### 7. Introduction to CSW Projects in 2020 (discussion)

Vice President Maya Tussing introduces the projects for the beginning of the year; Mental Health, Census 2020, and the 2020 Rise Conference.

#### 8. Project Discussion by Team & Share Out (discussion)

- a. Commissioners split into three groups to discuss projects for the three work plans. Work plans include the next 18-24 months. Discussions include how to make a positive and productive team, how they can set each other up for success, and what challenges and obstacles may come up when working on the project.

## 9. Announcements

### a. RISE 2020 Update & Request for Assistance

- i. 2020 Women's Hall of Fame and Young Women of Excellence Honorees
- ii. Aimee Allison is the Keynote Speaker of the conference and Aila Malik is the emcee.
- iii. Need donations and sponsorships such as table centerpieces, speaker gift bags, Program ads, Art exhibit lead, and commissioner volunteers for pre-event prep; onsite leadership.

### b. Youth Commission Report

- i. Breakfast Up! Educates youth on the importance of breakfast and provides breakfasts to schools around San Mateo County; YC passed a motion to sponsor the program
- ii. Youth Commission wrote a letter of support to the Board of Supervisors for the Children's Collaborative Success, which supports kids who are susceptible to entering Juvenile Hall and behavioral rehab centers
- iii. Youth Commission also sent letters of support to the Health and Wellness Committee and the Environmental Justice Committee

### c. Domestic Violence Council Report

- i. Lori Smiley-Klinger presented on statistics for local DV service providers and Melissa Gibbs looked at law enforcement protocols for "civil standbys" and strangulation protocols
- ii. Discussion on areas of focus for 2020, next meeting is 4/9/2020

## 10. 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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