



# COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

## COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 27, 2020, 6:30-8:30pm

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call & Introductions**

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

**3. Public Comment**

Bharathi Chinnakotla

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

Motion to approve by Susan Kokores, seconded by Ei Ei Samai. Unanimously approved.

**5. Approval of September Meeting Minutes (Action)**

Correction of Melissa Dinwiddie's name. Motion to amend minutes and approve by Anisha Weber, seconded by Ann Girard. Unanimously approved.

**6. Reports (update)**

- a. Director's Report
  - i. Officer Elections, Nov CSW Meeting
  - ii. Nirmala Bandrapalli for President; Maya Tussing for Vice-President
  - iii. Virtual Holiday gathering? Tanya will send Doodle for availability
  - iv. One vacancy starting January, 2021. Announcement will go up on [bnc.smcgov.org](http://bnc.smcgov.org) page. Please outreach.
- b. DVC & Human Trafficking (see meeting materials)
- c. Youth Commission Report (see meeting materials)
- d. Mental Health Work Group Report

**7. Potential Projects from RISE 2020 (discussion)**

Group 1 (Maya, Ann, Susan, Dana): Financial stability for women

Group 2 (Sue, Anisha, Ellen, Nirmala): Under-representation of women in government; women's leadership (empowerment) in the workplace

Group 3 (Anya, Cheryl, Juda, and Tanya): Under-representation of women in government (women's leadership in gov't); Communications (develop tools; monthly newsletter)

Group 4 (Marguerite, Ei Ei, Melissa, Barathi): Access to Affordable Quality Child Care; Access to affordable Housing or Lack of Housing; They focused on process and impact of the work they do and less about the actual topics. What are the parameters of the CSW (advising, supporting other community groups or organizations)?

Top Topics/Groups:

Women's Leadership in the Workplace and Government (new)

Financial Stability (new)

Communications (new)

[Conference work group]

[Mental Health group]

Next Meeting: think about the group you want to work in and leading or co-leading.

Homework: Please read through the Criteria for Selecting Projects; Impact/Effort Matrix

## **8. Announcements**

## **9. 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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