

COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
KALANA O MAUI, 9TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2011
MINUTES

I. Call to order and establishment of quorum

Chair Potopowitz called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Present: Chair Potopowitz, Debra Cabebe, Dennyse Grace, Maria Ornellas and Carol Reimann

Ex-Officio: Anna Mayeda

Excused: Suzanne Hobbs and Susan "Netra" Halperin

Staff: Mercedes Neri, Mayor's Executive Assistant
Gary Murai, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Colleen Chang, Administrative Assistant

II. Public Testimony

Audrey Inaba, RN, Maternal Child Health Coordinator, Maui District Health Office, gave a report of the events on National Women's Health Week that was held in May, 2011. Handouts were also provided.

Ms. Inaba shared with the committee her priorities and services and upcoming events that this committee might be interested in.

Ms. Inaba distributed the updated listing of Domestic Violence Agencies and contact information for the committee's use.

Chair Potopowitz requested Ms. Inaba share with the committee any statistical data her department prepares on "Women of Maui County". The committee was informed that the Department of Health is currently preparing this data and will share it with the committee when it becomes public.

III. Welcome New Member Carol Reimann

Chair Potopowitz introduced new member Carol Reimann to the committee and staff. Commissioner Reimann gave a brief introduction of herself. The committee and staff also introduced themselves and gave a brief introduction also.

IV. New Business

No discussion under this item.

V. Approve the Minutes from the May 17, 2011 Meeting

Commissioner Ornellas made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Grace seconded the motion. Commissioner Reimann, Grace and Ornellas abstained. The minutes were approved by the Committee.

VI. Review and Discuss Correspondence Received

No correspondence received.

VII. Report from State Commission on the Status of Women Representative Anna Mayeda

Chair Potopowitz informed the committee that Ms. Mayeda's term ends with the State's fiscal year end, June 30, 2011. This will be her last meeting.

Anna Maeda encouraged the Committee to invite Sharon Ferguson-Quick to one of their meetings to give an update on the State's initiative and to continue to collaborate with other organizations. The State's 2012 fiscal year funding remained at \$50,000.

Leslie Wilkins will be Ms. Maeda's replacement and was unable to attend this meeting.

Ms. Maeda commented that this was a learning curve for her and requested to be kept informed with the committee's projects and kept on the mailing list.

VIII. Discussion Items:

A. Governor's International Women's Leadership Conference 2011

Chair Potopowitz, Commissioner Cabebe, Sandy Baz, Budget Director and Mercedes Neri, Mayor's Executive Assistant met with Mayor Alan Arakawa to seek funding for this conference.

As a result of that meeting, Commissioner Cabebe reported that the Mayor allotted \$1,600. for this conference. This amount will cover all expenses (airfare, conference fees, ground transportation) for one (1) commissioner/chaperone and as many students that the funds will cover; possibly four (4) students.

Commissioner Cabebe will prepare fliers/applications and distribute them to all the school's counselors when school opens in August.

The Conference early registration ends in two weeks, Commissioner Cabebe wanted to take advantage of the discounted fee and register the chaperone. Three commissioners expressed their desire to be a chaperone; Chair Potopowitz, Commissioners Ornellas and Grace. Chair Potopowitz was chosen, by draw of names, to be the chaperone and her expenses paid for with the funds that the Mayor allocated. Chair Potopowitz encouraged all commissioners to attend the conference. She has attended these conferences for several years and found it to be very interesting and enjoyable.

Commissioner Grace suggested that there is a need to analyze the committee's direction and address sources of funding initiatives for future projects. Commissioner Cabebe expressed that she was very sensitive with the committee's appearance as being "money grabbers" and be demanding to the Mayor.

Mr. Murai informed the committee that it was mentioned in the Cost of Government's report that they were pleased with the work of Committee of Status of Women and to keep up the good work. Mr. Murai suggested that in the future the committee should request from the Mayor to be placed in his budget as a line item.

Commissioner Grace asked the committee if it would be advantageous to invite the conference to come to Maui. Commissioner Reimann informed the committee that Maui does not have the venue to host something that large scaled; Maui does not have the capacity. Given that information, Commissioner Grace also asked if the committee would consider doing a conference on a smaller scale. Commissioner Cabebe volunteered to inquire with the event organizers to start a dialog with them as to their thoughts in regards to doing a mini conference or a live video streaming on Maui.

B. Cost of Government Committee Update

Chair Potopowitz contacted the Chairman of the Cost of Government, Committee Chair Frank DeRego to find out what their intentions were and what their time frame for submission is in regards to charter amendments.

Chair DeRego mentioned that the Cost of Government Committee liked what this committee is doing and to continue our work but they wanted the committee to be more aware of the duplication of efforts in the community *ie; our health fair in September - many other organizations also participate and have their own health fair*. They particularly liked when the committee did Women's History Month and honored all those women which was a good effort on our part where no one else did the same thing and was so well received. They also will be recommending that the committee prepare and submit an annual report. This has not been approved by the County Council, but only a recommendation pending their approval.

Being that the committee has new members and a new Ex-Officio, Chair Potopowitz stated that this is a good time to review the committee's mission statement, what activities we would be interested in, what dollar amount that goes with these activities, the Cost of Government's recommendations and also our resources.

Chair Potopowitz will invite Sharon Ferguson-Quick to our July meeting for her to focus on the State's Commission and their initiatives.

D. Review and Discussion of Committee mission and yearly plan

- * **State Commission Mandate**
- * **CSW Mission**

Chair Potopowitz asked the committee to review the CSW Mission before the next meeting and be prepared for a discussion.

IX. Determine Next Meeting Date and Agenda

The next meeting date is Tuesday, July 19, 2011. Meeting to be extended to 2:30 p.m.

X. Adjournment

Commissioner Cabebe made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Grace seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.