

COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
KALANA O MAUI, MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2014
MINUTES

I. Call To Order And Establishment Of Quorum

Deputy Thomson called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM

Present: Molly Murawski, Jennifer "Mino" McLean, Susan "Netra" Halperin, Carol Reimann, Tina Gomes, Leigh Fitzgerald, Sheila Rae Kelley

Ex-Officio Excused: Leslie Wilkins

Staff: Zeke Kalua, Executive Assistant
Richelle Thomson, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Michelle Esteban, Administrative Assistant

II. Welcome Commissioners Leigh Fitzgerald, Sheila Kelley, and Tina Gomes

Each new member briefly introduced themselves.

III. No Public Testimony

IV. Vote on Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioner Reimann moved and Commissioner Kelley seconded the nomination for Commissioner Murawski as CSW 2014-15 Chair. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Murawski moved and Commissioner Reimann seconded the nomination for Commissioner McLean as CSW 2014-15 Vice Chair. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Review and Approve Minutes from the February 18 and March 4, 2014 Meetings

Commissioner Reimann moved and Commissioner Gomes seconded the motion to accept February 18, 2014 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair McLean moved and Commissioner Reimann seconded the motion to accept March 4, 2014 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. CSW Orientation and Training by Deputy Richelle Thomson

Deputy Thomson Presented the Goals and Duties of the Committee on the Status of Woman and has gone over the Sunshine Law.

Commissioner Gomes asked about subcommittees versus PIG (permitted interactive group) and TIG (temporary investigative group). Deputy Thomson agreed with Commissioner Gomes that both PIG and TIG is better used.

VII. Items for Review Discussion

A. Recap of Women of Excellence awards Event by Subcommittee

Commissioner Mino explained the day of the event.

B. Pay Equity Day and Month

Commissioner Reimann shared that County Council passed a resolution for Pay Equity Day which was April 8.

C. State of Hawaii Commission Grant Budget

Ms. Esteban listed the potential projects for 2014-15. Deputy Thomson explained Ms. Wilkins suggestion in asking for a funding from the state.

Chair Murawski listed Technology Month in June, Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, and Women's History Month in March. Vice Chair McLean suggested concentrating on October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month. She also suggested a care package which would include shampoo and deodorant. Commissioner Kelley mentioned that the Soroptimist Women's Group collects hotel shampoos and soaps to give away. Commissioner Gomes added that Women Helping Women provides care packages.

Deputy Thomson reminded that the June 30 time frame is only if the state had funds left over, so if the CSW had a program funded or promised to use these funds to a certain avenue they can be encumbered by signing an agreement. She continued that if it's for the next fiscal year program then there is no deadline until the end of Fiscal 2015.

Chair Murawski suggested having a Commissioner at the Women Helping Women event to show support from the CSW.

Commissioner Gomes suggested working with Corrections with women from Maui County Correctional Center (MCCC). She explained getting approval first of all and find out what led them to crime and what CSW could do to help or assistance.

Commission Halperin mentioned that she has seen domestic violence in young boys and that there should be men groups in why some men result in domestic violence when in a relationship.

Commissioner Reimann moved and Commissioner Gomes seconded the motion to have Commissioner Fitzgerald and Commissioner Kelley create a TIG. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Thomson suggested putting the letter in the next agenda.

VIII. Determine Next Meeting Dates and Agenda

May 20, 2014

1. Grant writer discussion from March 4, 2014- Ms. Thomson will check on this.
2. Letter to the State for State Fund
3. Domestic Violence Awareness TIG

IX. Adjournment

Commissioner Gomes moved and Vice Chair seconded the motion to adjourn.

1:15 PM