

COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Tuesday, February 21, 2006

Minutes

I. Called to order at 12:30 p.m. Members Present: Jan Roberson, Leanne Calandrella, Lehua Kalua, Shirley Hartley, Nadine Newlight, Marti Wukelic. Also present: Shelley Pellegrino (Mayor's Staff), Mercedes Neri (Mayor's Staff), Pili Naho'oikaika (Administrative Assistant). Absent: Kay Fukumoto, Nancy Brauer, Cecille Piros

II. Approval of Jan. 2006 minutes.

Shirley Hartley moved and Leanne Calandrella seconded a motion to accept the 1/17/06 minutes. Motion carried.

III. Welcome Bonnie Coffey, President of National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW), and short discussion of NACW issues.

Bonnie Coffey gave an introduction on the NACW. She discussed the role of the NACW and how it can assist local commissions such as the CSW. The next national convention will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska, and will include workshops on survival skills (making your commission strong), performance measures, a day in the life of the commission, and health and reproductive rights.

Ms. Coffey also encouraged the committee to become a member of the NACW. For commissions without a budget, membership is \$50. Membership includes an issues alert, a member's only networking event, discounts at the convention, and a NACW networking newsletter.

Ms. Coffey can be reached at bcoffey@lincoln.ne.gov.

IV. Legislative Subcommittee – Workplace Harassment

a. CSW Resolution

Chair Roberson moved that the resolution and a letter relating to workplace harassment be sent to the top 100 employers in the State of Hawaii. Marti Wukelic suggested that the letter should provide employers information on avoiding harassment as well. Chair Roberson asked that both items be mailed to offices and agencies on Maui as well as the top 100 employers in the State, the Maui Chamber of Commerce, and Maui hotels.

Shirley Hartley moved to transmit the resolution and letter. There was no second to the motion.

Chair Roberson asked Marti Wukelic to modify her Power point presentation on workplace harassment and include it with the resolution. Marti agreed to assist.

- b. Discussion of HB 2840 and SB3269, Abusive Work Environment bills at Hawaii State Legislature

Chair Roberson reported on the above two bills, which were supported by the Hawaii Government Employees Association (HGEA), the CSW, and State Business and Professional Women's (BPW) organization. The bills were not scheduled for hearings this year.

- c. Legislative Advocacy Training

Leanne Calendrella moved and Nadine Newlight seconded to have someone attend a future CSW meeting to teach members about the state legislative process. Motion carried.

V. Update of CSW Health Month Grants

The CSW previously voted to provide \$1,500 to the Maui Memorial Medical Foundation and the Malama Family Recovery Center. Shelley Pellegrino explained that one of the checks was sent to the Maui Memorial Medical Center instead of the Maui Memorial Medical Foundation, and the Mayor's Office is working with the Foundation to locate the funds. The check to Malama Family Recovery Center was never transmitted, and the Mayor's Office has asked the Center for an invoice, after which the check will be issued immediately.

VI. Women's Resource Guide

Committee members will mail out letters and resource guides to the companies specified on the distribution list. Pili Naho'oikaika will mail out letters and resource guides to any additional companies not volunteered for. Marti Wukelic will also follow up with Maui Community College nursing program to see if the nursing students distributed some of the guides.

VII. Kokua Fair

Discussion of the Kokua Fair was deferred.

VIII. Women Speak UP!

Information from all three Speak UP! events will be combined and summarized in a report.

IX. MCC Women's Conference Planning

- a. CSW Panel at Maui Community College, March 7, 5-7 p.m.

Speakers will include Leslie Wilkins, Joanne Johnson, Stacey Moniz, and Carrie Ann Shirota. Chair Roberson will create flyers and inserts. Flyers will be posted and inserts will be mailed out with resource guides.

- b. Women Speak UP! at Maui Community College, March 7, 7-9 p.m.

Kathy Collins will moderate. Leis and refreshments will be funded by the committee for reimbursement.

X. Election of CSW officers for 2006-07

Shirley Hartley moved and Leanne Calendrella seconded that Lehua Kalua be elected new Chair and Marti Wukelic be elected new Vice-Chair. Motion carried.

XI. Upcoming event planning

- a. Finance Workshop—deferred to next meeting

- b. Women's History Month

Articles will be written on the women of Hawaii's history—past, present and future. The articles will be published every week for the month of March in the Maui News. The women featured in the articles will be Queen Lili'uokalani, Harriet Bouslog, Hokulani Padilla, and Mary Ann Peterson (Miss Maui 2005). Chair Roberson clarified that the article be no longer than 200-250 words. Marti moved and Shirley Hartley seconded that the articles be written and submitted to the Maui News. Motion carried.

- c. Equal Pay Day—Chair Roberson will check on the date.

XII. Announcements

Next Meeting: March 21, 2006

XII. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.