

**COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
KALANA O MAUI, MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Griffiths at 12:03 p.m.

Present:

Chair Kate Griffiths
Vice-Chair Jessica Crouse
Nalani Kaninau
Sharon Daniels
Kii Kahooohanohano

Excused:

Mahie McPherson

Absent:

Leihuanani Bissen

Excused:

Ex-Officio, Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women Stacey Moniz

Present Staff:

Stephanie Chen, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Darlene Endrina, Community Liaison
Pili Nahooikaika, Administrative Assistant

2. Public Testimony on Agenda Items

There was no public testimony presented.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2020

Chair Griffiths clarified that the meeting minutes of January 21, 2020 will be available for review and approval at the next meeting.

4. State Ex-Officio Report

Ex-Officio Moniz was excused.

5. Discuss Women of Excellence Recognition Event scheduled for March 24, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room

- Discuss Advertisement and Marketing – Members Daniels and Bissen agreed to reach out to Cindy Palos for radio advertisement.
- Discuss Event Preparation – Chair Griffiths reminded committee members to attend and assist with set up and break down of the event.

- Discuss Awards, Certificates, Lei – Member Kaho’ohanohano volunteered to make lei for the award recipients, Community Liaison Endrina volunteered to coordinate recipient awards, Administrative Assistant Naho’oikaika clarified that she will produce the recipient award certificates.
- Discuss Refreshments – Member Daniels volunteered to coordinate food and beverage.
- Discuss Applicants/Nominations – Members of the Women of Excellence Recognition Event Subcommittee will meet to discuss applicants and nominations and will report their recommendations at the next meeting.

6. Discuss receiving Women’s Movement Mementos, News Articles, Awards, etc. from former Committee on the Status of Women Member Walette Pellegrino

The Committee agreed to accept the mementos and have tasked Administrative Assistant Naho’oikaika to contact Mrs. Pellegrino for delivery.

7. Budget Status for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021

- Discuss and finalize purchase of Committee on the Status of Women giveaway items (t-shirts, pens, pencils, reusable bags) to be distributed at community events – Member Kaninau reported that she ordered 500 purple reusable bags measuring 20x13x8 for \$566.10.
- Discuss the committee’s budget proposal letter to Mayor Victorino for fiscal year 2021 – The Committee discussed increasing their budget proposal from \$9,000 to \$11,000. Chair Griffiths commented that Mayor Victorino suggested for the Committee to draft a letter to Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women Executive Director, Khara Jabola-Carolus and request a match in funds.
- Discuss and confirm attendance at the National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW) 50th Annual Conference in Leesburg, Virginia, July 19-22, 2020 – Chair Griffiths called for a show of hands for anyone who might be interested in attending this year’s conference. Chair Griffiths and Vice-Chair Crouse expressed interest. The Committee deferred this item to the next meeting for further discussion.

8. Report on Sex Trafficking presentation by Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women Executive Director, Khara Jabola-Carolus

Member Kaninau reported that the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women is working on the following measures for sex trafficking:

- Developing curriculum with the Department of Education
- Changing potential laws
- Targeting predators instead of victims
- Extending age restriction protection from 18 years old to 24 years

9. Report on the (En)Countering the Women’s Prison seminar held on January 25, 2020

Chair Griffiths reported concerns of former inmates, expressing that these women felt humiliated, invisible, an afterthought within the prison system. The former inmates expressed needs for quality female sanitary products, underwear, etc. They expressed needs for life skills training, consistent support in education, transition support, counseling services, transgender programs/policies. The Committee deferred this item to the next meeting for further discussion.

10. Subcommittee Status Update

- Website Coordination Subcommittee – Nothing to report.
- Women’s Survey Subcommittee – Vice-Chair Crouse requested Press Release to go out on February 27, 2020.
- Voter Registration Subcommittee – Nothing to report.
- Human Trafficking Subcommittee – Vice-Chair Crouse reported PACT’s vision in bringing awareness to the community. She explained that their focus is grant assistance, establishing agencies to serve adult victims, create a Home team, community awareness events. Vice-Chair Crouse reported that the Hawaii State Commission is developing awareness posters and informed members to reach out to them for materials if interested. She suggested that the Committee invite PACT to the next meeting
- Women of Excellence Recognition Event Subcommittee – Vice-Chair Crouse moved and Member Bissen seconded the motion to approve the nomination form. The motion carried. Community Liaison Endrina offered to contact Emura’s Trophies and Awards for their assistance with recipient awards.
- Domestic Violence Awareness Fair Subcommittee – Nothing to report.

11. Agenda Setting

The next meeting agenda are to include the following items:

- Sex Trafficking Part III
- Coordinate Funding Efforts for Feminine Products for Women in Prison
- PACT

12. Announcements

The next meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. in the Mayor’s Conference Room.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.