1. **Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order by Chair Griffiths at 12:09pm

Present:
Chair Kate Griffiths  
Vice-Chair Jessica Crouse  
Sharon Daniels  
Nalani Kaninu  
Sheron Leihuananai Bissen (joined in at 1:18pm via phone)

Absent:
Mahie McPherson

Excused:
Ex-Officio, Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women Stacey Moniz  
Ki‘i Kaho‘ohanohano

Present Staff:
Kristina Toshikiyo, Deputy Corporation Counsel  
Darlene Endrina, Community Liaison  
Stacy Takahashi, Administrative Officer  
Ipo Mossman  
Rochelle Ines

2. **Public Testimony on Agenda Items**
   - There was no public testimony.

3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2020**
   - Member Sharon Daniels moved and Member Nalani Kaninu seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 18, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **State Ex-Officio Report – Stacey Moniz**
   - Stacey Moniz emailed everyone her report and all present members have reviewed it. It was accepted into the record. (see attached email)

5. **Discuss New Sponsorship of Domestic Violence Awareness Fair with Women Helping Women Executive Director, Sanoe Kaaihue**
   - Sanoe unable to attend due to conflicting meetings. She will send email to group.
   - Chair Griffiths reported that the October Domestic Violence Awareness Fair is normally held at the Queen Kaahumanu Center but this year things are going to be done differently. CSW has passed over the responsibility of
hosting and conducting the fair to Women Helping Women. CSW will help sponsor the event.

   - Ipo Mossman, Community Liaison, spoke to Mayor about the BE IT RESOLVED clause in the Feminist Economic Recovery Plan for COVID-19 resolution passed unanimously by the County Council urging the Mayor to appoint a member from the Committee on the Status of Women to the Economic Recovery Task Force. Unfortunately, due to the number of members already appointed on the task force and the specific focus, there is no opening spot for a representative from the Committee on the Status of Women.
   - Vice-chair Jessica Crous moved and Member Nalani Kaninau seconded the motion that we no longer request a letter from the Mayor explaining why a Committee on the Status of Women member is not on the task force as his explanation was sufficient. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion of the University of Hawaii Better Tomorrow Webinar
   - Item deferred

New Business:

8. Impact of COVID-19 on Women of Maui County – Chair Griffiths
   - COSW convention on November 13, 2020 will be talking about the impacts of COVID-19 on women in Hawaii. Members discussed impacts on women in Maui County.
   - Childbirth – Some mothers don’t feel safe giving birth in the hospital due to the COVID outbreaks and have been opting for homebirths. However, some have hired a midwife but then can’t afford to pay because insurance doesn’t cover it or parents have lost their income due to COVID.
   - Childcare – Some women are having to homeschool children while working full time. It can be very challenging to be there for your kids and your job. A lot of women asking where can they get support.
   - Housing concerns – There have been reports about an increase in domestic violence issues and also a decrease in reporting domestic violence issues. They are less likely to reach out and call or report these things that are happening.
   - There are resources right now to help provide rental assistance or mortgage forbearance relief.
   - Older community are lonely, alone and afraid. They are also afraid to go to the doctors and to reach out to their medical services if they are not feeling well. Lack of human connection.

9. Report from Chair Griffiths on September 15 meeting with Khara Jabola-Carolus, Executive Director of Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women and the Kauai, Oahu and Hawaii CSW Chairs – Chair Griffiths
   - Discussed about the COVID-19 recovery plan. Working on capturing vulnerable women data. A survey on birthing and postpartum data during COVID. The survey is in partnership with Healthy Mothers, Healthy
Babies. They want to get more data so they can help mothers during this transition time.

- An anonymous donor funded 213 laptops for single mothers on Oahu.
- CARES ACT Funding tracking has been difficult on Oahu. The programs on Maui include HELP, Chambers of Commerce loans for business, buying food for farmers and distributing to those in need.
- Femicide free zones. Started a project at UH College. COSW received a grant for a community organizer who will canvas against gender-based violence on campus. Chair Griffiths liked the idea that they are forming a council of women so if there are issues, rather than going to an authoritative force, they will go to the council of women seeking advice or wisdom.
- COSW also tried to start a pre-apprentice job program with a focus of women in construction. Women hold less than five percent of the construction workforce jobs. The program completely stalled. They tried to partner with the Carpenters Union, but the Carpenters Union pulled out. UH College had two representatives at the meeting who offered to help.
- State of Hawaii Commission on the Status of Women Conference will be held on November 13. Focus will be on State and Counties as well as University of Hawaii priorities. They will be asking Mazie Hirono to be a speaker and want all the members on the committee to attend, but it’s not mandatory.
- Legislative packages 2021:
  i. Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Task Force (MMIWG TF) they would like one to be developed. On the news there are children missing on the Big Island. 40% of women Sex Trafficked in Hawaii are Native Hawaiians, so they want a task force to tackle this issue.
  ii. Section 8 & Public Assistance Discrimination – 83% of Section 8 are women and single moms. COSW want to create a bill that would prohibit landlords from discriminating against Section 8 vouchers. Other States made the source of income a protected classification under fair housing laws for the State. There have been efforts for the past several years to pass a similar bill in the State of Hawaii, but it hasn’t gotten forward traction. It might get a stronger forward traction if they can show that there is a larger percentage of minority groups who are otherwise protected under fair housing, who are impacted by landlords refusing to use Section 8 vouchers. On Maui, in the last year, we’ve had more landlords willing to join the program and learn more about it even before COVID-19 happened. If a law passed to add the source of income, which would cover Section 8 vouchers, it will also cover HUD Veteran Voucher’s and any other form of income. This is something the State could look at creating as a protected class under the Fair Housing Act.
  iii. Mandate all Government leaders to go through gender-base training. US Military goes through 5 days training, Canada was the first nation to mandate this.
iv. Institutionalizing Telework - State required their employees to go back to the office, but schools haven’t opened. They want to create a bill that will allow women to not have to go into the office if they are not needed, especially during the pandemic.

v. No-Cause Evictions – Landlords evict women for ‘drama’ (DV). This bill would end no-cause evictions for domestic violence survivors. Landlord can’t evict someone for not paying their rent, but can still evict for other reasons. For example, if a woman is experiencing domestic violence and there’s a lot of drama, then the landlord can evict them for that reason.

10. Returning Member Orientation, Purpose of CSW and Rules on Commission on the Status of Women grant spending – Corporation Counsel Toshikiyo

- Funding can be spent as long as it meets the purpose of the commission. Purposes include creating public awareness of the responsibilities needs, potential, and contributions of women, their roles in these society, and coordinating governmental non-governmental activities and information. As long as it achieves the purpose of supporting women.

11. Tote Bag Giveaway – Member Kaninau

- Motion to allocate $2,000 Vice-Chair Jessica Crouse and Sharon Daniels seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Items to include diapers, wipes and feminine products
- Darlene to ask the Office of the Mayor if we can coincide with one of the Maui County give away
- Public service announcement in The Mauimama with a designated date and time and also the Committee Status of Women can put a free PSA on the radio if we do a CSW Giveaway
- Chair Griffiths said that we are approaching Christmas time so December may be good month.
- Sub Committee Chair Kaninau will look at different venues and non-profits we can partner up with to do the Giveaway.

12. Subcommittee Status Update

- Website Coordination Subcommittee – Nothing to report.
- Women’s Survey Subcommittee – Member Kaninau finished all the surveys and last Thursday she dropped all the results to Member Bissen. Member Bissen to have her UHMC students to enter data into spreadsheet and report at the next meeting.
- Voter Registration Subcommittee – Chair Griffiths got the ad approved. It’s already in The Mauimama, and reaching out to Lahaina News, Molokai Dispatch, Lanai Today and Maui News. The bulk of ads will be going out next week
- Human Trafficking Subcommittee – Vice-Chair Crouse had a meeting with Member Kaninau before this meeting to talk about the Pearl Haven Challenge to build a facility to house girls who were taken out of trafficking situations for recovery and support. The project is moving right along. They are in their final fundraising stage for their last two hundred thousand dollars. Also DOT partnership to help increase awareness of
human trafficking coming into our airports. There's going to be a partnership to offer more training and support for airport employees as well as airlines.

- **Women of Excellence Recognition Event Subcommittee** – Member Daniels reported they are not doing anything until COVID allows having the ceremony. The event is biannual and won’t be happening in 2021.
- **Domestic Violence Awareness Fair Subcommittee** – No Information
- **Tote Bag Subcommittee** – Voted on $2,000 towards diapers, wipes and feminine supplies. Member Kaninu will reach out to Member Kaho'ohanohano regarding distribution. Giveaway possibly around Christmas time.

**13. Agenda Setting:**
The next meeting agenda are to include the following items:
- Reviewing results from survey
- Domestic Violence fair Oct. 17
- Tote Bag Giveaway

**14. Announcements**
- Resignation of Mahie McPherson – Chair Griffiths announced that Mahie McPherson resigned.
- Chair Griffiths is asking for an outer island member to join.
- Member Daniels said Pili sent in an application
- Member Bissen motion to Pili to become a member and Member Daniels seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 12:00p.m. Online via bluejeans.com

**15. Adjournment**
The meeting adjourned at 1:34pm.
Aloha all,

Unfortunately I have my Soroptimists board meeting tomorrow at the same time as the Maui CSW meeting.

Here are updates from the Khara and the State CSW:

- State Commission will host a virtual half day conference on November 13 with powerful speakers and introductions by Senator Mazie Hirono and DHS Director and former HSCSW Director, Cathy Betts.

- ACLU Expungement Week: HSCSW were invited to film a video on Act 176 Survivors Not Criminals for the ACLU's Expungement Week, which brings awareness to the unnecessary, everyday barriers faced by people with criminal records. One third of all American adults have a prior arrest or conviction records. As too many people know, a criminal record means facing discrimination when it comes to housing, education, employment and more for decades after the fact.

This is about giving women a second chance at life free of discrimination and stigma. Expungement Week 2020 digital. Below is a series of virtual resources designed to help our islands learn more about the power of expungement and what criminal justice reform looks like in Hawai'i. Please promote the following resource along with our video! https://acluhi.org/en/publications/expungement-week-2020

- Passing of RBG: In light of the passing of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg: Please join the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women and UH Better Tomorrow Speaker Series to celebrate the life and legacy of Ruth Bader Ginsburg: Friday, October 2 at 3:00 pm Hawai'i time. Our live conversation will feature friends and colleagues of the late Justice, as well as scholars of her work. Guests include: NYU law professor Sylvia Law, UH law dean Camille Nelson, UH professor Andrea Freeman, and Hawai'i Supreme Court Justice Sabrina McKenna. Register through this link: https://bit.ly/3j104g8.

Sponsored by the Hawai'i Community Foundation, Kamehameha Schools, William S. Richardson School of Law, YWCA Hawai'i, Kanu Hawai'i, UH Alumni Relations, and Hawai'i ACLU.

- I'm also excited to hear about the State DOT helping with human trafficking!

So sorry to miss tomorrow's meeting.

Peace and love,
Stacey