

**COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
ON-LINE VIA BLUE JEANS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Griffiths at 12:02pm

Present:

Chair Kate Griffiths

Vice-Chair Jessica Crouse

Sharon Daniels

Ki'i Kaho'ohanohano

Nalani Kaninau

Stacey Moniz, Ex-Officio, Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women

Excused:

Sheron Leihuanani Bissen

Present Staff:

Kristina Toshikiyo, Deputy Corporation Counsel

Darlene Endrina, Community Liaison

Rochelle Ines, Secretary

Ipo Mossman

Sanoë Kaaihue

2. Public Testimony on Agenda Items

- There was no public testimony.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of September 29, 2020

- Member Sharon Daniels moved to approve the meeting minutes of September 29, 2020 and Vice-Chair Crouse seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. State Ex-Officio Report – Stacey Moniz

- The State of Women in Hawaii Conference will be held on November 13 -14, 2020, from 12:00pm – 4:30pm, via Zoom. The conference will consist of guest speakers on the first day, with the second day focusing on county and UH Committee updates. A legislation course will also be presented by Khara.
- Update on Midwifery Bill – Legislation was created to make it necessary for midwives to be licensed. In Hawaii, midwives will be required to have their educational licensure. However, this bill hindered the path for traditional and cultural midwives. Therefore, a task force was established to encourage and promote communication on this issue. The report was created by Stacey Moniz and will be transmitted to Stacy Takahashi for the committee to review.

- Member Kaho’ohanohano said that midwives of all cultures, before and through colonization, have been practicing midwifery as an alternative to maternal and infant healthcare. The traditions of midwifery have gone on for thousands of years and are proven to be safe. The process supports the health and wellness of women and family in a holistic approach. This bill would provide institutional certifications, education, and training in midwifery which is not available in our state and is costly. In going through with this legislation of creating certification and pathways for training traditional midwives, we are able to give back the rite of passage of midwifery to cultures in which they have been removed.
- The Committee discussed supporting an amendment to the bill that would protect the practices of traditional midwifery.

5. Domestic Violence Fair – Saturday, October 17, 2020

- According to Ms. Kaaihue, the first drive-thru event had a great turnout, with approximately 150 people in attendance, allowing them to reach their goal. The attendees were grateful and excited about the event, especially since they were able to drive through and obtain services. QR codes were provided by participating agencies / organizations with a direct link to their websites. The left-over supplies and bentos were given to homeless individuals and shelters. The event greatly helped Maui County by providing these supplies to women and community members.
- Chair Griffiths asked, “Since we sponsored the food, how much was spent on this event?”
- Ms. Kaaihue said the bulk of the purchase was just the bentos. The cost was around \$1,000.00 for 200 bentos. All other costs were able to fit in somewhere and were minimal. They did a spot on Akaku and Facebook and even put a video together about the event which can be used continually for future events, until it becomes outdated.
- Member Daniels mentioned that she wants to ask Corporation Council if they were allowed to pay for food. Since in past events they were allowed to pay for food for the entertainers who performed and vendors at the events. Since this situation is different, the food was distributed as a part of the giveaway to the general public, where no one was excluded. She just wanted to find out if the rule that we can’t pay for the food still holds, even under the conditions of this event.
- Chair Griffiths said in the past, we paid for food for the staff and the people /participants of the DVA fair and provided food for the STEM event, so hopefully we can reimburse WHW for the food since it was a part of the giveaway.

6. Tote Bag Giveaway

- Member Kaninau reported that she spent a total of \$1,387.06 for the tote bag giveaway to date. That total covers about 5,544 diapers and 10,000 wipes, which made 92 bags. She gave away about 17 bags at the domestic violence fair and donated 17 bags to Women Helping Women. Member

Kaho'ohanohano took 24 bags to distribute to Molokai. There are also 24 bags that are ready to be driven out to Hana tomorrow, along with 10 other bags available.

- Member Kaho'ohanohano said the 24 bags that she got, she is sending it over to Moloka'i. She has made contacts with someone coming in from Moloka'i today who will take the bags for us. She is also willing to distribute tote bags in Lahaina and Lana'i, which she has the contacts for. If we do continue, she has the resources and can send it over to the neighboring islands.
- Chair Griffiths mentioned that Member Kaninau reached out to Keiki Makamae in Hana, where we will be taking 24 bags to them. She's also made contact during the Domestic Violence Awareness Fair, in which she spoke to Paul from the Children's Justice Fund, who said they are always in need of diapers. With that being said, we will be giving the Children's Justice Fund and The Farm diapers.
- Members discussed pricing on diapers and where they could purchase diapers at a lower cost so they can distribute more bags.
- Darleen responded and asked if anyone contacted the maternity ward at the hospital to see if there are any women who have just given birth who were in need of help.
- Member Kaninau mentioned reaching out to two homeless shelters in Lahaina and Kahului.
- A motion was made to spend the remaining \$615.00 and increase the amount by \$2,000 to distribute another 140 tote bags. Member Kaninau moved and Member Kaho'ohanohano seconded the motion to approve the increased budget of \$2,000. (Total budget of \$4,000) The motion carried unanimously.

7. Discuss Results from the Women's Survey

- Vice-Chair Crouse reported she did get the data pooled from the internet. There were 91 submitted online surveys and she forwarded the surveys to the sub-committee.
- Chair Griffiths said since we don't have the results of this survey, she's going to defer this item. Member Bissen was not in attendance and was going to have her team at UH Maui College to put survey results together.

8. State of Women in Hawaii Conference – Discussion on Oral Format

- *Select who will be presenting on their County/ UH's behalf*
 - Chair Griffiths will be presenting.
- *3 minutes top issues faced by women in their county and why*
 - Chair Griffiths said that she would like to talk about the results from the women's survey, so hopefully she gets it before the conference. If not, these are some topics to talk about:
 - I. Childcare
 - II. Distance Learning
 - III. Midwifery Bill – Member Kaho'ohanohano to send Chair Griffiths information on this topic.
- *2 minutes impact of COVID-19 on women in your county / UH*

- In addition to the top issues, women are faced with financial challenges - raising their families on low income – difficulties with purchasing and providing food, clothes, and essentials.
- *2 minutes CARES Act funding that went to women-related programs or issues that disproportionately impact women*
 - Chair Griffiths requested to have a letter sent to Mayor Victorino, requesting how much CARES ACT funding went to women-related programs or issues that disproportionately impact women. She would like to share this information at the State of Women in Hawaii Conference on 11/13/2020.

9. Subcommittee Status Update

- *Website Coordination Subcommittee –Member Bissen*
 - Vice-Chair Crouse said the only update was they were able to get the survey results thanks to Darlene and the surveys were forwarded to the sub-committee.
- *Women’s Survey Subcommittee – Member Kaninau*
 - Member Kaninau said she is trying to merge the results with the online survey and to figure out how to sort it.
- *Voter Registration Subcommittee – Chair Griffiths*
 - Chair Griffiths reported CSW have placed ads in The Lahaina News, Molokai Dispatch, Lanai Today and hopefully The Maui News to put to encourage women to vote. She also posted on Facebook. Members discussed how they should design the ad.
- *Human Trafficking Subcommittee – Vice-Chair Crouse and Members Kaho’ohanohano and Kaninau*
 - Nothing reported.
- *Women of Excellence Recognition Event Subcommittee – Members Daniels, Kaho’ohanohano, and Bissen*
 - Member Daniels said there is nothing to report until COVID-19 is over.
- *Domestic Violence Awareness Fair Subcommittee – Vice-Chair Crouse and Members Daniels and Kaho’ohanohano*
 - Update provided during agenda item #5
- *Tote Bag Subcommittee – Member Kaninau*
 - Update provided during agenda item #6

10. Agenda Setting

The next meeting agenda are to include the following items:

1. Midwifery Bill
2. Results from the Women’s Survey
3. State of Women in Hawaii Conference
4. Update on Tote Bag Giveaway
5. Welcome new member Pili Nahooikaika

11. Additional Comments

Chair Griffiths asked Ipo if he sent out a letter to Pili letting her know that she has been nominated. Ipo said yes the nominee was turned in into the Council and he spoke to Pili that she was nominated and she accepted.

12. Announcements

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 12:00pm, online, via BlueJeans.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:15pm.