

**COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
ON-LINE VIA BLUE JEANS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Griffiths at 12:06pm

Present:

Chair Kate Griffiths

Vice-Chair Jessica Crouse

Ki'i Kaho'ohanohano

Nalani Kaninau

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

Sheron Bissen

Pili Naho'oikaika

Excused:

Sharon Daniels

Present Staff:

Kristina Toshikiyo, Deputy Corporation Counsel

Darlene Endrina, Community Liaison

Rochelle Ines, Secretary

2. Public Testimony on Agenda Items

- Pahnelopu McKenzie
- Makalani Franco Francis

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2020

Vice-Chair Jessica Crouse moved to approved the meeting minutes of November 17, 2020 and Member Kaninau seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

4. State Ex-Officio Report – Stacey Moniz

- One of the ideas in the State's COSW legislative package is a Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's bill. There will be a statewide event on May 5, 2021 recognizing missing and murdered indigenous women. This was included in this year's package but because of COVID, not a lot has been done on this matter.
- A sexual assault occurred in Honolulu where a woman was kidnapped and stabbed in her genitals. She escaped and was found unconscious and bleeding in an elevator. The COSW was able to partner with community organizations and raised almost \$12,000 to support the victim. The Attorney General's office is going to take the case and they

are looking at creating a better partnership with the State Commission to allow Khara Jabola-Carolus (Executive Director of Hawai'i's Commission on the Status of Women) to continue working with the victim's witness as well as the victim.

- Khara called the attack, “sadistic and disturbing and misogynistic on every level.” She said since the start of the pandemic they've seen an uptick in domestic abuse and the severity of violence against women.
- Kaua'i CSW has been able to work with their County Council to introduce a resolution committing to the Feminist Economic Recovery Plan.
- Stacy will be emailing Rochelle a statewide transgender community survey report for distribution.
- Concerns on State Furloughs. They are looking at trying to support the Department of Human Services, which the COSW is part of. Stacy will forward the information as it becomes available.

5. Midwifery Bill SB1033

- Chair Griffiths said we will not be discussing the Midwifery Bill SB1033 today to further prevent a Sunshine Law violation. In order to discuss a report submitted by the Midwifery Bill Subcommittee, the report needs to be posted with the agenda (6 days before meeting) so members and the public can see it at the same time. When the packets (documents compiled by a Subcommittee and distributed to the board members) are made available to the board, they have to be made available to the public or distributed during a meeting – not before hand. (Attachments with calendar event).
- Kristina mentioned we can schedule a quick Sunshine Law refresher on the next agenda.
- We had 2 testifiers who testified in support of the amendments to Bill SB1033.
 - Pahnelopi McKenzie – Shared her experience as a midwife and a mother. Conversation of Midwifery is important. We should have various midwives with various skills as a true wellbeing for all families. It's not only about allowing amendments but to make it a doorway. Traditional midwifery should be a doorway and not a side post. This a public health crisis. (6 minutes)
 - Makalani Franco Francis – In support of the amendment as a pathway. As a homebirth mother for her 3 keiki, she had the opportunity to be supported and loved by midwives. She wanted to extend her mana'ō, as well as other women and moms in the community, that they have the choice to support midwives.
- Members talked about why Midwifery Bill could not be discussed and deferred the matter to the January agenda.

6. Discuss Results from the Women's Survey

- Member Bissen shared a PowerPoint slideshow with the Committee on the Status of Women's Maui County Annual Survey Overview. This survey was available in hard copies and on the Maui County Website. There was a total of 148 surveys that were received.
- See attached PowerPoint slideshow for reference
- Members discussed results from the women's survey including to:
 - Incorporate actual numbers and percentages for the survey
 - Post events on Social Media
 - There was not an area for gender on the form

7. Welcome new member Pili Naho'oikaika

8. Subcommittee Status Update

- *Website Coordination Subcommittee – Vice Chair Crouse and Member Bissen*
 - Nothing to report
- *Women's Survey Subcommittee – Vice-Chair Crouse and Members Bissen and Kaninau*
 - Update provided during agenda item #6
 - Vice-Chair Jessica Crouse wants to withdraw from Women's Survey Subcommittee
- *Voter Registration Subcommittee – Chair Griffiths*
 - Nothing to report
- *Human Trafficking Subcommittee – Vice-Chair Crouse and Members Kaho'ohanohano and Kaninau*
 - Nothing to report
- *Women of Excellence Recognition Event Subcommittee – Members Daniels, Kaho'ohanohano, and Bissen*
 - Nothing to report
- *Domestic Violence Awareness Fair Subcommittee – Vice-Chair Crouse and Members Daniels and Kaho'ohanohano*
 - Vice-Chair Crouse said the statistics and data still indicate that there's a significant increase in domestic violence right now partly due to the increased stress from COVID. There is also a decrease in reporting domestic violence.
- *Tote Bag Subcommittee – Member Kaninau*
 - Member Kaninau reported that she got reimbursed \$2,000 from the first round of diapers and wipes. For the second round of diapers and wipes, Member Kaninau delivered 30 bags of diapers to Lahaina Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Shelter and they were grateful. She also delivered 14 bags to the Malama Family Recovery Center
 - Chair Griffiths mentioned that we should do a press release and explain what the program is about. This will allow people to reach out to if they need diapers. Member Kaninau will write a letter

explaining who we are, why we decided to do this and will include photographs. Member Bissen said she would help and they will try and get the information to Chair Griffiths to make final edits before sending to the Mayor's communication team.

- Chair Griffiths proposed for someone to make a motion that Member Kaninau and Chair Griffiths write a press release about the Purple Bag Initiative.
 - Member Bissen made the motion
 - Member Kaho'ohanohano seconded
 - The motion carried unanimously
- *Midwifery Bill Subcommittee* – Members Kaho'ohanohano, Kaninau, Naho'oikaika and Ex-Officio Stacey Moniz
 - Ex-Officio Moniz said they had a meeting and went through the new amendments and it does not have a bill or house number yet. There was a draft created and a COSW meeting will be held to discuss what people think about this amendment draft.
 - COSW Meeting is on January 19, 2021 at 2:00pm
 - Members discussed if Senator Roz Baker presented anything about Midwifery to the CSOW. It was reported that she is not a fan of Midwifery and members want to hear her perspective on it.

9. Agenda Setting:

The next meeting agenda are to include the following items:

- Midwifery Bill
- Sunshine Law Review
- Discussion on CSW's use of Social Media

10. Announcements

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 12:00pm, online, via BlueJeans.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.