

COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
ON-LINE VIA BLUE JEANS
TUESDAY, February 9, 2021
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Griffiths at 12:05pm

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

Pili Naho'oikaika

Sheron Bissen

Sheron Daniels

Present Staff:

Kristina Toshikiyo, Deputy Corporation Counsel

Darlene Endrina, Community Liaison

Rochelle Ines, Secretary

LeeAnn Nomura Matsui, Secretary

2. Public Testimony on Agenda Items

There was no public testimony presented.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2021

- Member Naho'oikaika moved to approved the meeting minutes of January 12, 2021 and Vice-Chair Crouse seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. State Ex-Officio Report – Stacey Moniz

- Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women released a Gender Impact Statement titled "Gambling with Women's Safety: A Feminist Assessment of Proposed Resort-Casino" in response in part to the State Department of Hawaiian Homelands' suggestion to start a casino. This item (casino) was deferred. DHHL is underfunded and the effects of gambling as a public health issue is tied to significant community harm and linked to sex trafficking and other violence against women.
- 27th Legislative Breakfast – The Women's Caucus of Legislature honored former Sen. Laura Thelin and Rep. Cynthia Thelin.
- National Association of Commission on Women Conference will be on 7/22-7/25 in Leesburg, Virginia. State funding has been cut, and this is

part of the reason why members will not be attending the conference in person (in addition to COVID).

- The State Commission offered limited grants for specific projects that will benefit women and girls.
 - SCSW is partially funding a study on the impact of the COVID pandemic on Women
 - Gay Straight Alliance at Kea'au High School

5. Sunshine Law Review for CSW Members-Deputy Corporation Counsel Toshikiyo

- Deputy Corporation Counsel Toshikiyo – slide show presentation (see attached).

6. CSW's use of Social Media

- The biggest issue would be potential violations of the Sunshine Law
- Members discussed how to set up a social media account and what content could be posted/shared.
- Motion to create a TIG to research the possibilities of initiating a social media platform for CSW, the purpose of which would be to share information on what this commission does as it relates to Maui County.
- Motion approved by Member Bissen and seconded by Member Kaho'ohanohano. Members voted unanimously.
- Social Media Subcommittee Members: Members Bissen, Naho'oikaika and Ex-Officio Stacey Moniz, and Darlene Endrina.

7. Tote Bag Budget Update

- Total spent on diaper and wipes \$4,019.53.
- Members discussed spending \$1,000.00 to create Tote Bags with feminine products, underwear, t-shirts and slippers for women in need.
- Motion to use \$1,000.00 to create Tote Bags for women coming out of incarceration.
- Motion approved by Member Kaho'ohanohano and seconded by Member Kaninau. Motion was voted unanimously.

8. Midwifery Bill SB1033 Update

- Member Kaho'ohanohano - The Amendment Act SB1033 is now called SB893. The Bill was introduced and has passed the first session. We are now making contact with our legislators to inform them of the issues and to urge them to place the item in their referred committees. Senators and Representatives need to be contacted, especially Co-Chair Jarrett Keohokalole (Kaneohe & Kailua) and Sen. Roz Baker (South Maui and West Maui). If it is not scheduled by the next phase of hearing, this bill will die.
- Chair Griffiths asked what committee is it being referred to?

- Ex-Officio Moniz confirmed:
 - Health Committee
 - Commerce & Consumer Protection Committee
 - Judiciary Committee

Senator Favella sits on all 3 committees and also a huge supporter.
- Motion for Chair Griffiths to contact all the Senators on behalf of the Committee on the Status of Women.
- Motion approved by Member Kaho‘ohanohano and seconded by Member Daniels. The motion carried unanimously.
- Member Kaho‘ohanohano will send contact information of the committee’s Senators and House Reps to Rochelle to distribute to CSW members (there’s 2 emails and it will go to all of the Senators & Reps).

9. Determine Meeting Dates

- Member’s discussed meeting dates. The committee will change to the second week of each month, instead of the third, to accommodate Chair Griffiths’ NEW RESPONSIBILITIES.

10. Discuss Budget for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022 – Chair Griffiths

- We have until June 30, 2021 to use the leftover funds
- Chair Griffiths will draft a letter to the Mayor requesting the same amount (\$11,000) or less for next fiscal year. Funds are for: Tote Bags, Health and Safety, Professional Trainings on subjects related to CSW, etc.
- Chair Griffiths and Darlene Endrina to discuss further.
- Motion for Chair Kate Griffiths to write a letter to Mayor regarding the Budget FY2022 by Member Bissen seconded by Vice-Chair Crouse. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Subcommittee Status Update

- *Website Coordination Subcommittee – Vice Chair Crouse and Member Bissen*
 - Nothing reported.
- *Women’s Survey Subcommittee – Members Bissen and Kaninau*
 - Nothing reported.
- *Voter Registration Subcommittee – Chair Griffiths*
 - Nothing reported.
- *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*
 - Nothing reported.
- *Domestic Violence Awareness Fair Subcommittee – Vice-Chair Crouse and Members Daniels and Kaho‘ohanohano*
 - Nothing reported.

- *Tote Bag Subcommittee – Member Kaninau*
 - Update provided during agenda item #7
- *Midwifery Bill Subcommittee – Members Kaho‘ohanohano, Kaninau, Naho‘oikaika and Ex-Officio Stacey Moniz*
 - Update provided during agenda item #8

12. Agenda Setting:

The next meeting agenda are to include the following items:

1. Discussion on Social Media
2. Tote Bag Budget Update
3. Update on Legislation for the Midwifery Bill
4. Budget Update for FY2021 and 2022
5. Discussion on how to spend the balance of this year’s budget
6. Discussion on how the COVID funds were spent on helping women, letter sent out to Mayor.
7. Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women Event on May 5, 2021

Send additional agenda items to Rochelle by February 27, 2021 (10 days prior to next meeting)

13. Announcements

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 12:00p.m., online, via BlueJeans.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.