

COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
ON-LINE VIA BLUEJEANS
TUESDAY, March 9, 2021
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

Nalani Kaninau

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

Sharon Daniels

Excused:

Ki'i Kaho'ohanohano

Pili Naho'oikaika

Absent:

Sheron Bissen

Present Staff:

Stephanie Chen, Deputy Corporation Counsel

Darlene Endrina, Community Liaison

Rochelle Ines, Secretary

LeeAnn Nomura Matsui, Secretary

2. Public Testimony on Agenda Items

Including Feminine Products on EBT Cards

- Maya Marquez

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2021

- Member Daniels moved to approve the meeting minutes of February 9, 2021 and Member Kaninau seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. State Ex-Officio Report – Stacey Moniz

- To honor International Working Women's Day 2021, the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women and Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i are launching the "Here for Her" pilot project that will offer free therapy to single mothers to cope with the mental health impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and systemic sexism, racism and class oppression. The project is designed to rethink structures of support for working women, and includes formal training for Samaritan Counseling Center

Hawai'i staff and therapists on the structural, cultural and ideological roots of mental health outcomes and resources for single mother clients.

- Khara Jabola-Carolus was on Hawai'i Public Radio talking about gender wage gap, which is narrower in Hawai'i, but the pandemic is greatly impacting women in the workforce.
- Khara Jabola-Carolus was also awarded 20 FOR THE NEXT 20 from Hawaii Business Magazine. <https://www.hawaiiibusiness.com/20-for-20-khara-jabola-carolus/>

Agenda item #5 & #8 were taken out of order

5. Including Feminine Products on EBT Cards

- Vice-Chair suggested that the Committee could make contact with the State Department of Human Services and invite someone to attend either the April or May meeting. DHS's contact number is (808) 243-5110.
- EBT cards do not cover the cost of feminine products.
- Homeless programs only distribute 2 feminine products per month.
- Chair Griffiths mentioned Tote Bags giveaways with just feminine products to the unsheltered and support Maya Marquez with her cause.

6. Discussion on Social Media

- Committee would like to have a Facebook page but is unsure if CSW can have one through the County of Maui. It's also a Sunshine Law issue. Item is deferred to the next meeting.

7. Tote Bag Budget Update

- Member Kaninau spent \$763.54. She purchased 49 pieces of clothing, 26 pairs of slippers, underwear, socks and feminine products. She also purchased masks and travel size hand sanitizers to put in small size bags. These items made a total of 50 bags and will be distributed to women in need.
- Member Kaninau said with the balance (\$236.46), she can use these funds to purchase only feminine products and figure out other community distributions.

8. Update on Legislation for the Midwifery Bill

- Ex-Officio Moniz reported that one of the chairs of the three committees that the bill has been referred to needs to set a hearing date so that the bill doesn't die. If that doesn't happen, we will have to lobby again for the Midwifery Bill next year.
- There was one particular Senator was not interested in calling for the hearing because it's controversial. The bill is at a standstill.
- Senate Committee on Health
 - Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
 - Senator Roz Baker, Vice-Chair

- Chair Griffiths emailed the chairs of the three committees. Senator Roz Baker was the only one response was that she does not believe there is any consensus on the proposed changes to this law.

9. Budget Update for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022

- Discuss how the remaining \$4,500 in the FY2021 budget will be allocated (please see below). We have until June 30, 2021 to spend the remaining amount. Chair Griffiths reported that she sent a letter to the Mayor requesting a FY2022 budget amount of \$9,000, \$2,000 less than last year.

Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women Event on May 5, 2021	\$500
Resource Guide (Printing, brochure paper and holders)	\$1,000
Tote Bag Giveaway (Feminine hygiene products)	\$1,500
Diaper Giveaway	\$?

10. Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women Event on May 5, 2021

- Ex-Officio Moniz asked if anyone wants to help do a Murdered and Missing Indigenous virtual event this year on May 5, 2021. Due to COVID, the event won't be in person.
- Chair Griffiths said we can create a subcommittee for Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women Event and it can contain three members. (Stephanie Chen will research and get back to us.)
- The hour long event would have speaker videos sharing their stories in support on Zoom or Facebook Live.
- Vice-Chair Crouse inquired what type of activities she's hoping to have help with for this event.
 - Ex-Officio responded - recruiting speakers to record either a short message or a video and someone to edit videos.
- Member Daniels suggested considering having personal stories from families that are looking for their loved ones. It might get the people interested after watching this event and maybe get some community support.
- Chair Griffiths said we still have funds left in the budget to make t-shirts and we can sell them and raise some money for MMIW outreach.

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. Presentation from Hawaii State Department of Human Services regarding EBT Cards and Feminine Hygiene Products
2. Discussion on Social Media
3. Budget Update for FY2021 and 2022
4. Update on Legislation for the Midwifery Bill
5. Sponsoring Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women Event on May 5, 2021
6. Update on Resource Guide
7. Elect Chair and Vice Chair Officers
8. Gender Equity on Police Commission and Nominees

13. Announcements

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 12:00pm, online, via BlueJeans.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.