

COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
ON-LINE VIA BLUE JEANS
TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Griffiths at 12:04pm

Present:

Chair Kate Griffiths

Vice-Chair Nalani Kaninau

Jessica Crouse

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

Ki'i Kaho'ohanohano

Pili Naho'oikaika

Leonora Espaniola

Excused:

Sheron Bissen

Present Staff:

Kristina Toshikiyo, Deputy Corporation Counsel

Darlene Endrina, Community Liaison

Michele Yoshimura, Budget Director

Stacy Takahashi, Administrative Officer

Rochelle Ines, Secretary

LeeAnn Nomura Matsui, Secretary

2. Public Testimony on Agenda Items

- There was no public testimony presented.

3. Elect Chair and Vice Chair Officers

- Nomination for Chair and Vice-Chair
 - Motion to vote for Chair Griffiths to continue as Chair and motion to vote for Member Nalani Kaninau for Vice-Chair effective 5/11/2021. Member Kaho'ohanohano moved and Member Naho'oikaika seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- Congratulations to Kate Griffiths, Chair (re-appointed) and Member Kaninau, new Vice-Chair

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2021

- Member Kaninau moved to approve the meeting minutes of April 13, 2021 and Member Kaho'ohanohano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. State Ex-Officio Report – Stacey Moniz

- At the State level, we are partnering up with Hawai'i Women's Fund to do a research project on the impact of COVID on women in Hawai'i.
- May is Period Poverty Awareness Month.
 - At the State level the Commission has been working with a program called the Ma'i Movement Hawai'i, a non-profit. The Ma'i Movement is looking to have period products in all of the schools in Hawai'i.
 - Thank you to Darlene Endrina for working on a last minute proclamation on their behalf.
 - Drop-off locations (maimassage.org/maimassage)
 - Maui – Maui AIDS Foundation, Afterglow Yoga, Anytime Fitness, Epic Interval Training, Islands of Hope kiosk, Maui Food Bank, Kanuhele, Aloha Wins, Malama Yo Mama & Pukalani Superette
 - Moloka'i - Friendly Market Center
 - Lana'i - none. (She's working with Valerie Janikowski, a registered nurse.)
 - Distribution on period products will be at the end of month and also be during food drives. Stacey Moniz will send out Ma'i Movement information on drop off locations and how to make donations.
- There's anti-racism work happening at the Hawai'i Women's Coalition. Khara Jabola-Carolus is the co-chair.
- On Kaua'i, there's a Women's History Month writing essay contest for High School students.
- Khara Jabola-Carolus has been appointed as Executive Director for the next two years.

6. Cares Act Funding on Programs Impacting Women of Maui County of Maui - Budget Director Michele Yoshimura

- CARES Act money received in March 2020 was a total of \$66,000,000. There were no specific programs that were geared toward women or only women.
- There were a lot of programs that helped with child care, provided rental assistance and food assistance.
- Programs that can be used for distance learning.
- Maui Family YMCA's Emergency Childcare Program - When schools decided to do distance learning, they were asked to convert their program to help parents who worked during the day and would have to re-watch videos of their children's online class. Distance learning was held at War Memorial Gym. This helped a lot of parents out through COVID.
- There were food distributions through Feed My Sheep and Maui Food Bank. The County also assisted various community organizations provide food assistance. One of the big programs was through MEO H.E.L.P. program. This program provided rental assistance, mortgage assistance,

utilities and a broad range of payments which ran from April through October 2020.

- Small Business Grants through the community Credit Unions. There were six credit unions that provided small businesses with rental assistance. It was a small program with a \$7,500 cap and each month it got extended. With that, businesses were allowed to get up to \$12,000. The program ran through November 2020.
- There were additional programs through the Boys and Girls Club, Department of Housing and Human Concerns, and funded services through Mediation Services. There were emergency shelters that opened up at Waiale Park (pallet homes)
- Senior services – home delivered meals for senior population on Maui, Moloka'i and Lana'i.
- Leisure program expansion through Kaunoa Senior Services
- Family Events – Drive thru Halloween (in Lahaina & Keōpūolani Park) and Christmas (at County Building).
- Food Drives – Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Meal Food Boxes and Foodland gift cards for H.E.L.P. applicants. Gift cards for Moloka'i and Hana residents were from local businesses in their area.
- We should be receiving \$32,000,000 soon. Once we receive guidance from the Federal Government on how to use the funds, we will proceed with the programs.
- The \$40 million Emergency Rental Assistance Program has kicked off. This program will help with rental assistance and utility bills.
- Discussion if Moloka'i has access to Child Care Fund.
- Member Kaho'ohanohano shared her concerns/experience with women who she helped with through home births, prenatal care, postpartum services, etc. There were women in birthing industry not charging for services because the patients could not pay for services. Budget Director Yoshimura suggests reaching out to Director of Human Concerns to apply for a grant.
- Budget Director Yoshimura noted that it's important for you to make your needs known. If they don't know what the needs are out there, they cannot provide the assistance.

7. Budget Update for FY2021 and 2022

- FY2021 Balance \$4,506.88
 - Projected use of remaining funds:
 - \$ 1,500.00 Diaper/Feminine product projects
 - \$ 1,700.00 MMIW Event - Mask Up Program
 - \$ 800.00 Resource Guide
 - \$ 200.00 Moloka'i Dispatch Ad
 - \$ 182.29 Lana'i Today Ad
 -
 - \$ 124.59 FY 2021 Remaining Balance

All Receipts must be turned in by 6/7/2021 to Stacy Takahashi

- Budget for FY2022 is \$9,000
- Member Espaniola asked if it's possible to place an ad about CSW on the Moloka'i Dispatch to introduce CSW and what they do. Moloka'i women do not know what's available for them. Member Espaniola would be the contact person.
- Motion to place an ad in the Moloka'i Dispatch about CSW and announcing the new committee member for Moloka'i. Member Espaniola moved and Member Kaho'ohanohano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- Chair Griffiths and Member Espaniola will create the ad and bring it to the Committee on the next meeting for approval.

8. Update on Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women Event

- Approximately 50 people joined the event. Ten women on their bikes and another 20 bikers with their partners.
- Spent about \$1,239.48 (T-shirts, masks, stickers and bandanas)
- Partnered with the Popolo Project, a non-profit from O'ahu
- Received enough donations that was in the jar to cover honorariums for the people that did the blessings.
- Request additional funding. Current budget amount is \$1,000
- Motion to increase budget to \$1,700.00. Member Espaniola moved and Member Kaho'ohanohano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- Ex-Officio Moniz will also distribute masks, t-shirts, stickers and bandanas to Lana'i and Moloka'i.

9. Update on Resource Guide

- Members viewed and discussed the new design. Motion to approve new design on Resource Guide. Member Kaho'ohanohano moved and Member Espaniola seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- Motion to increase brochure printing to 5,000 for the Women's Resource Guide. Member Kaho'ohanohano moved and Member Espaniola seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- Darlene Endrina to contact Lloyd at Ace Printing to get cost on 5,000 brochures.

10. Presentation from Hawaii State Department of Human Services regarding EBT cards and Feminine Hygiene Products

- Item Deferred

11. Discussion on Ho'olaule'a O Na Makuakane

- Maui Family Support Services, Inc. will hold the 14th Annual Celebration of Fathers event on Saturday 6/12/2021, 9am-12pm at the Baldwin High School parking lot. This is a drive-through event.

- The organizer of the event is asking if CSW would like to have a table at the event showing support.
- Members discussed who can attend the event and distributing resource guides, diapers and wipes, etc. at the event.
- Motion to attend event if there are any volunteers to sit at the CSW table. Member Espaniola moved and Member Kaninau seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

12. 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 Kaho’ohanohano, and Bissen*
 - Nothing reported.
- *Domestic Violence Awareness Fair Subcommittee – Vice-Chair Crouse and Member Kaho’ohanohano*
 - Nothing reported.
- *Tote Bag Subcommittee – Member Kaninau*
 - Nothing reported.
- *Midwifery Bill Subcommittee – Members Kaho’ohanohano, Kaninau, Naho’oikaika and Ex-Officio Stacey Moniz*
 - Nothing reported.
- *Social Media Subcommittee – Members Bissen, Naho’oikaika, Ex-Officio Stacey Moniz and Darlene Endrina*
 - Nothing reported.

13. Agenda Setting:

The next meeting agenda are to include the following items:

1. CARES Act Funding
 - a. Moloka’i to receive child care funds
 - b. Letter to the Mayor regarding needs of women to be considered in the next round of COVID funds.
2. Update on Resource Guide
3. Presentation by a representative of the Hawaii Department of Human Services, topic to be confirmed with Amanda Stevens.
4. Report on Ho’olaule’a O Na Makuakane

14. Announcements

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 12:00pm, online, via BlueJeans.

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:59 p.m.