

COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN  
ON-LINE VIA BLUE JEANS  
TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021  
MINUTES

**1. Call to Order**

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

*Present:*

Chair Kate Griffiths

Vice-Chair Nalani Kanināu

Ki'i Kaho'ohanohano

Leonora Espaniola

Sheron Bissen

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

*Excused:*

Jessica Crouse

Pili Naho'oikaika

*Present Staff:*

Kristina Toshikiyo, Deputy Corporation Counsel

Darlene Endrina, Community Liaison

Rochelle Ines, Secretary

Stacy Takahashi, Office Manager

Amanda Stevens, Public Information Officer for Dept. of Human Services

Christine Wong, Assistant Statewide Branch Administrator (Dept. of Human Services, Benefit, Employment & Support Services Dept. and SNAP Benefits)

**2. Public Testimony on Agenda Items**

- Penelope Mackenzie testified in support of agenda item 7, "CARES Act Funding"

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2021**

- Member Bissen moved to approve the meeting minutes of May 11, 2021 and Member Kaho'ohanohano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**4. State Ex-Officio Report – Stacey Moniz**

- Thanks to Darlene Endrina for the Period Poverty Awareness Proclamation. They had statewide representation with every County presenting a Proclamation. Gov. Ige presented the State Proclamation virtually with the First Lady. The virtual event allowed them to see all the faces who have worked to raise awareness.

***Agenda item taken out of order***

## **5. CSW Ad for Moloka'i Dispatch**

- Chair Griffiths created the announcement ad and sent it to Member Espaniola for review and make any changes. It was emailed to the members and also viewed on screen for review.
- Member Espaniola explained that the people in Moloka'i don't know about Committee on the Status of Women. With the ad, they can contact her with issues or concerns that she would be able to bring to the Committee. The ad would have Member Espaniola as the contact person.
- Member Bissen suggested revising the copy to: "If you have community issues, concerns, or suggestions you wish to address or resolve concerning women please contact..." we should remove "resolve" to prevent confusion.
- Deputy Corporation Counsel Toshikiyo suggests revising it to "If you have community issues, concerns, or suggestions you wish to address to the committee concerning women, please contact your new representative."
- Chair Griffiths - Motion to approve the CSW announcement that will be published in the Moloka'i Dispatch. Member Bissen moved with the new changes and Member Espaniola seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## **6. Presentation by Christine Wong, Assistant Statewide Branch Administrator for Benefit, Employment and Support Services Division and Amanda Stevens, Public Information Officer for Department of Human Services.**

- Refer to attachments from Christine Wong.

## **7. CARES Act Funding**

- Item Deferred to the next meeting agenda due to lack of quorum.

## **8. Update on Resource Guide**

- Item Deferred to the next meeting agenda due to lack of quorum.

## **9. Report on Ho'olaule'a o na Makuakane**

- Item Deferred to the next meeting agenda due to lack of quorum.

## **10. Subcommittee Status Update**

- *Website Coordination Subcommittee – Vice Chair Crouse and Member Bissen*
  - Item Deferred to the next meeting agenda due to lack of quorum.
- *Women's Survey Subcommittee – Members Bissen and Kaninai*
  - Item Deferred to the next meeting agenda due to lack of quorum.
- *Voter Registration Subcommittee – Chair Griffiths*
  - Item Deferred to the next meeting agenda due to lack of quorum.
- *Human Trafficking Subcommittee – Vice-Chair Crouse and Members Kaho'ohanohano and Kaninai*
  - Item Deferred to the next meeting agenda due to lack of quorum.

- *Women of Excellence Recognition Event Subcommittee – Members Kaho‘ohanohano, and Bissen*
  - Item Deferred to the next meeting agenda due to lack of quorum.
- *Domestic Violence Awareness Fair Subcommittee – Vice-Chair Crouse and Member Kaho‘ohanohano*
  - Item Deferred to the next meeting agenda due to lack of quorum.
- *Tote Bag Subcommittee – Member Kaninau*
  - Item Deferred to the next meeting agenda due to lack of quorum.
- *Midwifery Bill Subcommittee – Members Kaho‘ohanohano, Kaninau, Naho‘oikaika and Ex-Officio Stacey Moniz*
  - Item Deferred to the next meeting agenda due to lack of quorum.
- *Social Media Subcommittee – Members Bissen, Naho‘oikaika, Ex-Officio Stacey Moniz and Darlene Endrina*
  - Item Deferred to the next meeting agenda due to lack of quorum.

**11. Agenda Setting:**

The next meeting agenda are to include the following items:

1. CARES Act Funding
  - a. Letter to the Mayor regarding needs of women to be considered in the next round of COVID funds.
2. Update on Resource Guide
3. Report on Ho‘olaule‘a o na Makuakane
4. Subcommittee Status Update

**12. Announcements**

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

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.