

**Hawai`i State Commission on the Status of Women
Regular Commission Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2015 1:30 pm
Leiopapa a Kamehameha Building
15th Floor Conference Room**

Members Present: Leslie Wilkins, Amy Monk, Lisa Ellen Smith, Carmille Lim, Elena Cabatu, Marilyn Lee, Judy Kern

Ex-Officio: Rachael Wong (DHS)

Visitors: Kathleen McGillivray (Hawai`i Island YWCA CEO), Cyd Hoffeld (Pahoa Family Health Center), Katie Hogan (UH health policy student), Dan Purcell (public advocate)

Staff: Cathy Betts, Nana Kawasaki-Jones

- I. Chairperson Leslie Wilkins called the meeting to order at 1:33
- II. Minutes of November 6 meeting were reviewed and approved
- III. Reports
 - A. Chair's Report – Leslie welcomed commission meeting visitors who had attended Opening Day of the Legislature. She is going to Washington D.C. and will be doing some advocacy on women and economic development. Cecile Richards, Executive Director of Planned Parenthood, is in Honolulu as the guest speaker at the annual fundraiser this weekend.
 - B. Executive Director's Report
 - i. Title IX –Cathy met with Representatives Ing and Ichiyama from the Education Committee to ensure that funding for the new Title IX positions will not be cut. Amy suggested that the Commission send President Lassner a thank you for his efforts and offer to assist with implementation. The Women's Coalition Affirmative Consent bill is modeled after California's no tolerance measure. In order for faculty to be included, their labor contract must be renegotiated.
 - ii. Women's Coalition package – Amy moved that the Commission endorse the 2015 package and authorizes the ED to advocate on the coalition bills and resolutions pertinent to the package and on behalf of women with HPD, UH or wherever necessary. Motion carried.
 - iii. Paid Family Leave Advocacy Day – planned for 2/4 from 9 – noon at the capital. There is a national push for all states to build infrastructure that will help working families. Since it affects public health, the bill was drafted with assistance from the National Partnership for Women and Families. Talking to the business community would be helpful. Marilyn may be able to contact the Chamber of Commerce. Amy suggested having data available for distribution. Rachael offered to advocate with the Governor.
 - C. Ex Officio Members – newly appointed Director of Human Services, Rachael Wong filled the Commission in on her education and public health background. Her focus is to rebuild bridges and push the boundaries of innovation with transparency.

D. State Commissioners

- i. Elena introduced Cyd Hoffeld, HIV Prevention Specialist from Pahoehoe Family Health Center. Dr. Jill Murray is returning to lead 3 Train the Trainer days in April with help from Augie T. Hilo High students created the Teen Dating Violence PSAs and dvds which the DOE will use, along with the discussion guides developed to accompany the dvds. She also reported that Dr. Sulma Gandhi at UH Hilo is actively working to comply with Title IX. The Family Residency training received 560 applicants for 4 openings.
- ii. Lisa Ellen noted the Young Women's Leadership Conference being organized on Kauai on April 17th. Sharon Lasker and Virginia Beck are the new Chair and Vice Chair.
- iii. Carmille stated that the NACW focus is on passing Paid Family Leave legislation this year. Leslie suggested asking Heidi Hartman if Hawaii can get on the Institute for Women's Policy Research 10 state Economic Self Sufficiency study.
- iv. Amy commented that Honolulu County still does not have an active County Committee on the Status of Women. She would like to write to the mayor offering to help recruit applicants to help get it up and running again.
- v. Judy has been working on the DOH disaster preparedness plan for the state.
- vi. Marilyn Lee was invited to the National Honor Society Band Concert with speakers on Women in Film, feminism, Girls Court and Soroptomists. She represented the Commission.

IV. Financial Updates and Funding Requests

- A. Hawai'i Island Women's Summit on April 24 requests \$5,000. Chaired by FarrahMarie Gomes. **\$1000 approved.**
- B. Statewide Girls Club to provide mentors for average Mililani public school students. **\$200 approved** to start a subcommittee to identify which schools can engage a teacher.
- C. Hawai'i Island Perinatal Substance Abuse PSAs requesting \$5,000. Audrey Inaba has seen an upswing in mothers with substance abuse issues delivering at Hilo hospital. **\$1000 approved** for printing materials for drug prevention during pregnancy.
- D. National Domestic Workers Event with Ai-Jen Poo. May 1. **\$800 approved.**

V. Upcoming Projects

- A. CEO of YWCA Kathleen McGillivray (workforce development background) wants to bridge islands and introduce STEM to children 2-5.

VI. No date was determined for the next meeting

VII. Meeting adjourned at 2:51

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