

Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women
Regular Commission Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2015 1:00 pm
Leiopapa a Kamehameha Building
15th Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Leslie Wilkins, Amy Monk, Lisa Ellen Smith, Judy Kern, Carmille Lim

Ex-Officio: James Nishimoto, HRD; Malia Taum-Deenik, DHS

Visitors: Dan Purcell, public advocate; Cyd Hoffeld, Pahoia Family Health Center

Staff: Cathy Betts, Nana Kawasaki-Jones

- I. Chairperson Wilkins called the meeting to order at 1pm
- II. Minutes from the January 29 meeting reviewed and approved
- III. Reports
 - A. Chairperson reported the Maui Committee honored Women of Excellence on Maui for Women's History Month. They are planning to show The Hunting Ground documentary at Iao Theater in August. She attended the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity conference in Washington, DC in April.
 - B. Executive Director reported on the 2015 Legislative session
 - i. The Domestic Violence Mortality Review panel and the UH Title IX Compliance both passed. Rep Linda Ichiyama was a champion for Affirmative Consent at UH. Amy suggested a Thank You letter from the Commission after meeting with VP for Administration Gouveia and President Lassner. NASW drafted the original bill for the task force. Also passed was a bill requiring HPD to post all policies for handling domestic violence, and a bill granting noncitizens the ability to apply for a Hawaii drivers license. The IVF bill for single women was narrowly defeated – need to talk to opposers over the summer to make headway for next year.
 - ii. City Council created the Domestic Violence Response Task Force and Cathy is co-chair. Their report is due to the Legislature by December 31.
 - iii. New Honolulu County Committee appointed has \$25K budget. June 19 is their strategic planning meeting.
 - iv. The Family Leave Bill was defeated but had also included a weak sick leave bill. Clarifications between paid sick leave and family leave are necessary in the TDI law. This issue hasn't been revisited since 1969.
 - v. Indiana's Governor recently signed an anti LGBT bill. Since the NACW conference is being held there this July, a discussion was held whether we should attend and submit our bid to host the 2016 conference. Voted to attend with aloha in our hearts and equity in our laws.
 - C. Ex-Officio James Nishimoto from Human Resources Development introduced himself and informed the Commission of the issues his department is currently addressing. Malia Taum-Deenik updated the Commission on the DHS Legislative report.

D. State Commissioners

- i. Carmille will be a sister in the field, working with networking groups for younger women as she completes her Board term.
- ii. Marilyn is the new Soroptomist president, with a \$2000 leadership scholarship.
- iii. Amy is on the AAUW board which just sold their clubhouse to invest in programs rather than real estate. She is attending their national convention next month.

E. County Committee Representatives

- i. Kauai - Lisa Ellen reported that Women's History Month and Career Day for two of their High Schools were successful, as was Drug Court Graduation. Their Committee plans on hosting 2 more showings of The Hunting Ground. She assisted Jay Furfaro with re-writing by-laws for County Boards and Commissions.
- ii. Maui – Leslie also reports hosting a showing of The Hunting Ground, in conjunction with the Mayor's office.
- iii. Hawaii Island – Cyd Hoffeld, sitting in for Elena Cabatu, said that the Healthy Teen Relationship videos, funded by the Commission, are popular and will replay next month

IV. Financial Updates and Funding Requests

- A. Kauai YWCA Na Wahine Leadership Awards requested \$2000. Approved
- B. Maui Committee requested funding for Women of Excellence Award. \$4000 approved
- C. Hawaii County Committee requested funding for PSAs addressing the prevention and treatment of substance abuse during pregnancy. \$1000 approved
- D. Honolulu Committee requested funding. \$1000 approved, pending Honolulu City Council's passage of their budget allocation.

V. Upcoming Projects

- A. Dan Purcell thanked the Commission for allowing him to observe meetings over the past year. He is leaving to pursue public advocacy in Washington DC and observe at the UN.

VI. Next Quarterly Meeting

- A. The Commission went into Executive Session

VII. Meeting Adjourned at 3:25

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