

Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women  
Quarterly Commission Meeting Minutes  
August 26, 2015 12 noon  
Leiopapa a Kamehameha Building  
15<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room

**Members Present:** Leslie Wilkins, Amy Monk, Lisa Ellen Smith, Judy Kern, Cyd Hoffeld,  
Sherry Campagna

**Ex-Officio:** Stella Kam, AG's office; Malia Taum-Deenik, DHS; Cindy Inouye, DHRD Deputy  
Director

**Visitors:** Chet Adessa, Commission on Fatherhood

**Staff:** Cathy Betts, Nana Kawasaki-Jones

- I. Chairperson Wilkins called the meeting to order at 12:12 pm
- II. Minutes from the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting reviewed and approved
- III. Reports
  - A. Chairperson welcomed the two new members, Cyd Hoffeld and Sherry Campagna. She attended recent Maui County Committee on the Status of Women meetings. They will be sponsoring a showing of The Hunting Ground in December.
  - B. Executive Director
    - i. CSW updates: Cathy is co-chair of the new City & County Domestic Violence Response task force which is compiling recommendations regarding the city and county response to domestic violence victims for the Honolulu City Council. She is also on the Affirmative Consent task force at UH to promote a uniform response policy for gender based violence on all campuses. The Office of Civil Rights will issue a voluntary resolution soon. The Women in Construction task force is looking at ways to engage women and girls in construction and the trades. Cathy asked that Commissioners help publicize the Honolulu Community College Construction Academy which is aimed at high school students—only 10% of the students that go through the program are female. Leslie noted that some states have used Federal Highway funds to encourage females into construction trades. Cathy's Committee on Equal Access to the Courts is also working on transgender access to justice.
    - ii. Honolulu was chosen to host the 2016 NACW conference, July 16 - 21
    - iii. CSW and Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies applied for the Department of Labor grant which would be used for a feasibility study and economic analysis of Paid Family Leave. Grantees will be notified at end of September.
    - iv. Cathy and Amy Monk met with the DOE Deputy Superintendent Stephen Schatz to offer assistance with the new Title IX coordinator. The U.S. DOE Office of Civil Rights is currently investigating our DOE for violations of all

protected classes. Cathy will meet with the new Title IX coordinator, Nicole Isa-Ijima in September.

- v. The Women's Coalition will submit a request to HPD for information about the rape kit backlog.
- vi. Legislative Update: She is working with various community stakeholders on a bill to allow dispensing authority for APRNs, who can prescribe but not dispense medications. The Coalition will also work on paid family leave, HPV Vaccine education and several other bills.

#### C. Ex Officios

- i. Malia Taum-Deenik for DHS reported their department is preparing the transition from Hawaii Health Connector to Federal ACA. In March, all able bodied 18-64 year olds transitioned to Navigator medical care. Hawaii is the only state that provides medical coverage for their vulnerable indigent population. One third of this state's population is receiving Medicaid.
- ii. Cindy Inouye from DHRD reported that the department is beginning to use electronic signature software.
- iii. Chet Adessa from the Commission on Fatherhood announced the release of the study on the State of Fathers in Hawaii coming up on September 2. Produced with the UH Center for the Family as the first of a 3 part series, it states that 40% of the homeless population is fatherless.

#### D. State Commissioners

- i. Judy Kern (O'ahu) said the CDC is working on reproductive health needs during emergencies. Hawaii uses data from Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System to determine emergency preparedness. She is staying in contact with EOA Long Term Support Services as there may be activities that HSCSW will support.
- ii. Lisa Ellen Smith (Kauai) reported the Kauai Committee is organizing into subcommittees and planning events for October Health Awareness month, Career Day and Women's History Month. They also plan to attend Lobby Day at the next legislative session.
- iii. Amy Monk (O'ahu) reported the Honolulu Committee has a \$25,000 budget thanks to Councilmember Ann Kobayashi. They are funding three PSAs, voted to support HPV vaccine in public schools and are promoting women in farming. They are working on Pay Equity, using statistics from a new booklet on the gender gap from AAUW. Cities for CEDAW is a priority to be passed before 2016. She and Cathy will ask the Mayor for his support.

- iv. Cyd Hoffeld (Hawaii) reported the Teen Violence Dating Summit with Dr. Jill Murray was sold out, with participation from youth organizations, counselors, therapists and police. The Healthy Relationships DVD they created will be distributed through the DOE. This year is the 12<sup>th</sup> year for Ladies Night Out from Hui Malama Na Oihi during Women's Health Month. The event is focused on pampering and taking care of women, as well as providing health information and resources. September 19 is the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Pride Parade, adding a film festival this year. They are also working on public education for voter registration and an Urgent Care services pamphlet.
- v. Marilyn Lee (O'ahu) is Soroptomist president this year and has invited Cathy to speak to them on Paid Family Leave next week. She has worked on a CEDAW-like legislation as a former legislator.

IV. Hosting the first NACW will require recruiting sponsors and volunteers. The following committees were formed:

Marketing – Judy & Sherry

Fundraising/Sponsorships – Amy & Lisa Ellen

Speakers – Marilyn & Cyd

Logistics/Site – Leslie & Lisa Ellen. First assignment is to recruit other members.

V. Advocacy – Marsy's Law by Marci Lopes, HSCADV, is a bill to educate the community on Crime Victims Bill of Rights. Hawaii is one of 18 states that doesn't have one.

VI. Financial Updates and Funding Requests

A. Hui Malama Ola Na Oihi Sept 25 – approved \$600

B. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hawaii Island Pride Parade and Festival – approved \$600

C. HSCADV conference 9/25 15 – approved \$600.

D. – F. deferred to next meeting due to impending flight departures.

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