

Hawai`i State Commission on the Status of Women
Public Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 26, 2019; 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Leiopapa A. Kamehameha Building
235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813
4th Floor Conference Room 405

Members Present: Judy Kern (Kern), Cyd Hoffeld (Hoffeld), Terri Ann Motosue (Motosue), Deja Ostrowski (Ostrowski), Sierra Hampton-Eng (Hampton-Eng)

Excused: Marilyn Lee (Lee)

Staff: Khara Jabola-Carolus (Jabola-Carolus), Laney Trinh (Trinh)

I. Public Notice, Call to Order

A. 12:08 p.m. Quorum Declared – All in attendance, except Lee excused, and vacant Maui seat

II. Review and approval of minutes

A. **MOTION to accept minutes from April 18, 2019 by Motosue, seconded Hoffeld – ALL IN FAVOR, ADOPTED**

III. Public Comment

A. No public comment

IV. Chair's Report

A. Kern: Introduction of members of CSW

B. Proposal to schedule all FY2020 meetings the first Friday of subsequent months per quarter

1. December, March June or November, February, May

a) Trinh requested latter is better per fiscal/vacations.

b) All in agreement. Time: 11a-1pm

c) If Lee not in agreement, can address again at a later meeting.

C. OIP Training

1. DCCA invitation to CSW to Sunshine law meeting October 11, 2019.

2. OIP advised that CSW review the online training first before requesting trainer

3. CSW members not able to attend the Friday, October 11th meeting due to conflicts in schedule.

4. Will train online, if follow up questions, then can request an in-person training.

5. Hoffeld to train HI CSW via corporation counsel

D. Status of Maui and Kauai Vacant Seats

1. Kauai: Hampton-Eng has now joined as Interim-Commissioner

2. Maui: ED will seek update. Applicants still being reviewed.

V. Executive Directors' Report

A. Jabola-Carolus: Welcome & Intro to the Commission

1. Reviewed history and statutory mandates

B. Legislation

1. Atypical year due to maternity leave of ED

2. Introduction to Women's Legislative Caucus and Hawai'i Women's Coalition
 3. CSW had two bills pass in 2019 legislation:
 - a) Transgender/LGBTQ advocates, ability to mark "x" for gender on state licenses
 - b) All people bought and sold in prostitution, not just those able to prove sex trafficking victimization, able to file a motion to vacate records and expungement
 4. Newsletter to County/UH Committees and CSW with review
 5. August 22, 2019 draft of Hawai'i Women's Coalition (HWC) 2020 Wish List provided
 - a) Equal Pay/Paid Family Leave, held up due to delayed studies
 - b) LRB due to submit report in October/November, which is why legislation has not been crafted yet
 6. CSW/ED is permitted to introduce bills each session
 - a) As DHS/AG review and approvals are needed prior to submission of CSW bills
 7. NACW conference prompted sustainability plan to restore full 4-person staff to Commission:
 - a) Add Program Specialist & Community Outreach Assistant
 - b) ED has undergone process through DHS for governor's budget. If rejected, will consult DHS Director's Office on alternative routes.
 8. Maui County Council and Budget chairs would like to create a corollary Executive Director position because they have no paid staff. ED will provide supporting Maui County-specific evidence of need for Women's Coordinator for Maui.
- C. Budget updates
1. Review of budget, part of budget goes to operating and other expenses, remaining to projects and grants per commissioner's request.
 2. NACW reimbursements have not been completed.
 3. Motosue suggested CSW organizing its budget annually versus quarterly. Hoffeld mentioned this may be difficult as counties only have approvals at certain times throughout the year.
- D. Women's Conference
1. Proposal to launch annual Hawaii Women's Conference FY2020 limited to state, county and UH commissions on the status of women
 - a) Plan for first quarter next year, late January or early February on a Saturday.
 - b) Discussed time, place, budget, topics, facilitators and logistics, attendees: Hawai'i/UH Committee and Commissions for 2020
 - c) Food unable to cover, need sponsorship for food
 - d) Jabola-Carolus to provide projection for attendees and travel costs
 2. Ostrowski introduced creation of "permitted interaction group" (PIGs) to conduct conference planning
- E. Community Outreach and Research
1. NACW Voices of American Women project on Molokai
 - a) Summer Intern Jordyn Saito assisted on first Molokai town hall and listening tour
 - b) Co-hosted with county councilmember Keani Fernandez-Rawlins

- c) Outcome was request to CSW conduct training, legislative advocacy and creation of Maui County Women’s Director to work directly with Moloka`i
 - 2. Current Intern Nichole conducting Survivor Problem Solving Project and research
 - 3. Last Midwives Taskforce next meeting is October 14, 2019
 - a) CSW must complete and submit Taskforce report 20 days prior to start of Legislative Session
 - b) Taskforce coordination, meetings and report drafting with 12-member taskforce is taxing on CSW. Minimum 1-2 days a week just working on the Task Force, on top of volunteer Melvia hours
 - 4. ASU & Sex Trafficking Research
 - a) Update on partner for four-part report; survey complete and forthcoming as part III; intern-led project on illicit massage brothels ongoing
 - b) CSEC Steering Committee reported ethnic/racial data from Child Welfare Services child sex trafficking hotline: 33% Native Hawaiian children, supports overrepresentation of Hawaiians reported by CSW
 - c) FBI with ASU partner visited HI, assisting with federal case against Backpage
 - 5. As recommended in our Jan. 2019 report, legislators are proposing statewide coordinator for sex trafficking
 - a) Top issue is lack of coordination; HI is one of just ten states does not have Sex Trafficking Coordinator
 - b) Ostrowski suggests CSW should focus on solutions for lack of systemic support
- F. Annual Women’s Conference
 - 1. Ostrowski checked OIP website, CSW will verify with AG: Permitted Interaction Group -- Groups less than number of members that would constitute a quorum. Can start now investigate a matter and present to the board at next meeting
 - a) Scope of investigation and each members’ authority defined at board meeting
 - b) All results/recommendations must be presented at board meeting
 - c) Deliberation/Decision making occurs only at the board meeting.
 - d) Less than quorum 4, for CSW 3 people or less per PIG
 - 2. **MOTION FOR PIGs for ANNUAL WOMEN’S CONFERENCE for the purpose of conference planning, with decisions presented at the November meeting, with caveat if approved by AG: BY OSTROWSKI, SECONDED BY HAMPTON-ENG --- ALL IN FAVOR, ADOPTED**
 - a) Substantive:
 - 1. Cyd Hoffeld
 - 2. Deja Ostrowski
 - 3. Sierra Hampton-Eng
 - Logistics:
 - 1. Judy Kern
 - 2. Terri Ann Motosue
 - 3. Jabola-Carolus will clear with AG and clarify process. AG may sit in CSW meetings by request.

VI. State Commissioners’ Reports and Updates

- A. Cyd Hoffeld, Hawai`i
 - 1. Report of County of Hawai`i Island Committee on the Status of Women
 - 2. Active in dating teen dating violence prevention safety card, planning annual Real Women’s Essay contest, Bi/Annually Hawaii Island Women’s leadership Forum, HI CSW

brochure, working on annual Family services urgent servicers directory, Human Trafficking sub-committee or awareness campaign, Equal Pay annual issue with candy bars each year along with radio advertisements

- a) Hoffeld/Trinh confirmed Resonate, not compliant vendor so can't pay radio ad
 3. Last meeting, project proposal, from NACW, about "Women's Voices," Hoffeld presented and HI CSW gave counter proposal to do a Hawai'i Report through Women's Fund Hawai'i, explore factors economic security, personal safety, and different topics that affect women.
 - a) Looking to compile data estimated completion on October 1st 2020.
 - b) Hoffeld offered to ask CSW if they need support.
 - c) **Jabola-Carlous will reach out to with Leela at UH to ensure not duplicative and get updates on biennial Status of Women reports**
 - d) OHA's women's report, Haumea, was great resource from last year.
 - e) Thanks to CSW to support the HI CSW. Will keep in touch how can be supported whether financial or information.
 4. Explained the HI CSW Forum, annual or bi-annual, leadership conference in detail
- B. Deja Ostrowski O`ahu
1. Proposes legislative ideas, but understand timing challenge. Was a former bill drafter and advocate at OHA.
 2. Three bills want to suggest CSW focus on (one is in HWC "wish list", TANF)
 - a) Reversion of child support funds to TANF
 - b) Protected class in Eviction when going through Domestic Violence situation – "Top Pick"
 - c) Section 8 Voucher Discrimination Ban
 3. Jabola-Carlous will meet with domestic violence advocates to propose idea B and would be able to assist on these bills due to capacity/timing. Will update at November meeting.

VII. Announcements

- A. New Sponsorship Guidelines, requirements of DHS: Need summary of program results and number of individuals served - Will review again at conference and when asking if need grants.

VIII. Adjournment – 204 p.m.