



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 6:00-8:00pm

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

2. Roll Call

- a. **Commissioners Present:** Julissa Acosta, Anya Drabkin, Cheryl Fama, Ann Girard, LaSaundra Gutter, Jess Hudson, Susan Kokores, Aysha Pamukcu, Ellen Tafeen, Susan Takalo, Maya Tussing, Cate Warden
- b. **Commissioners who were Members of Public due to Virtual Participation**
Nirmala Bandrapalli, Melissa Lukin
Staff: Tanya Beat, Jacki Rigoni
Absent: Aileen Cassinetto, Sue Datta, Candra Williams, Anisha Weber, Natalie Handel

3. Public Comment – Members of the public who attended include Dayna Chung, Patricia Dalao

4. Action to Set Agenda and Approve Consent Agenda Items

Motion to approve by Susan Kokores. Seconded by Julissa Acosta. Approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approval of February Minutes

6. Approval of Retreat Minutes

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Commissioner Connection – Project Team Building Exercise led by Tanya Beat

- Commissioners were to have completed handout and share in their small groups
- Two large groups were formed and it was challenging with people on Zoom with in-person. Time was limited.

8. RISE 2024 – Report out & How It Impacts Goals

- RISE 2024, March 28, 2024 at College of San Mateo Bayview Room.
- Event is a platform for three committees to present their information and receive proposed solutions and feedback from the community with roundtables, surveys and speakers.
- Theme will focus on women's economic power and the CSW has opportunity to form recommendations for financial gap, childcare, and women-owned businesses while also offering opportunity for women in SMC to connect, network and learn about services, resources. There will be a Marketplace and resources tables organized by Renaissance Center.
- Planning Committee: Anisha Weber, Aileen Cassinetto, Jacki Rigoni, Dayna Chung, Amanda Anthony, Kalimah Salahuddin

9. Review of Retreat Debrief

- Not enough commissioners completed the survey. Will send out and include compiled feedback in next meeting materials.

10. Sub-Committees

- Report Outs – 10 minutes per group
- **Financial Gap:** Shared by LaSaundra Gutter and Presentation by Jacki Rigoni
 - i. Committee members: Susan Kokores, Ellen Tafeen, Anya Drabkin, Anisha Weber, Candra Williams, LaSaundra Gutter, Jacki Rigoni
 - ii. Goal: Identify the top TWO drivers of the financial wealth and asset gap
 1. Identify & collaborate with stakeholders to pinpoint two drivers
 2. Present at the RISE 2024 conference – develop recommendations and provide to BOS
 - iii. Key Success Indicators:
 1. 3-4 strategic partners
 2. Report with findings
 3. Completed surveys and interviews
 4. Adoption of recommendations by BOS
 - iv. Plan and Timeline: April 2023 – March 2024
- **Child-Care:** Shared by Julissa Acosta
 - i. Committee members: Julissa Acosta, Jess Hudson, Aysha Pamkcu, Ann Girard, Melissa Lukin, Dayna Chung and Rosie Tejada
 1. Child Care is a Right (not a commodity)
 2. Increase wages for workers; increase access to affordable training
 3. Great suggestions for looking at solutions: tax breaks, government subsidized funding, universal child care
- **Women-owned Small Business:** Shared by Maya Tussing
 - i. Committee members: Susan Takalo, Aileen Cassinetto, Nirmala Bandrapalli
 - ii. Goal: Understand the economic landscape facing women owned businesses (and trans, gender nonconforming women)
 1. Half of private workforce is from small business and women owned is fast growing.
 2. Connect with Small Business Development Center. They provide free business training for businesses between 3-5 years. RenCen helps launch businesses. Help support this program and partner with them.
- SMARTIE Goals in Small Groups – ran out of time; for next meeting have each group provide considered questions that commissioners outside of their group can help with answers or feedback for.

11. Commissioner Announcements – see flyers in packet

Adjournment

The **Commission on the Status of Women Group** agree to arrive on time/start on time; take turns speaking; speak loud enough for everyone to hear; be courteous of other opinions; listen to hear a different perspective than your own; mute phones; allow the chair to guide the process; Chair will check in about remaining time at 7:45PM.

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