



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 23, 2020, 6:30-8:30pm

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call & Introductions

- a. **Commissioners Present:** Becky Abens, Nirmala Bandrapalli, Aeneas Bufiy, Sue Datta, Anya Drabkin, Cheryl Fama, Ann Girard, Susan Kokores, Melissa Lukin, Christine Padilla, Ellen Tafeen, Maya Tussing, Anisha Weber
Staff: Tanya Beat, Juda Tolmasoff
- b. **Absent:** Stella Kaval, Dana Linda, Marguerite Machen, Karen Pyles

3. Public Comment/Guests

Vanessa Smith, Tony Samara, Sari McConnell, Nadia Bick, Georgia Farooq, Evelyn Fung, Caroline Nugent, Bob Allen, Deodor, Renee, Juthaporin

4. Approval and Adoption of Agenda (Action)

Motion to approve Anisha Weber, seconded Becky Abens. Approved by majority.

5. Approval of February Meeting Minutes (Action)

Motion to approve Susan Kokores, seconded Cheryl Fama. Approved by majority.

6. SMC Veteran's Needs Assessment & Outreach Study (Quantesa Roberts, Civix)

- a. Veteran's Online Needs Assessment in March. Closing March 31.
- b. Conducting Focus groups specific to women veterans, LGBTQ veterans, veterans who are post 9/11.
- c. Hope to better connect resources, services to veterans.
- d. Ask for CSW to share with their networks.

7. San Mateo County Leadership Council (Margi Power, Kaarin Hardy)

- a. History and how this Council came about. Providing opportunity to all County residents
- b. Community Events, Leadership CORPS Flagship program, Leadership Council Connect Online Community, Emerging Leaders Program
- c. Audience: Public sector senior leaders, Nonprofit sector, Private sector
- d. Nirmala Bandrapalli is the CSW contact with the Leadership Council

8. Updates CSW Sub-Committees (discussion)

Economic Empowerment: Maya Tussing, Susan Kokores, Ann Girard and community volunteers Bharathi Chinnakotla and Carolina Nugent

- Early Learning and Care – Ann Girard

- Financial Wellness and Resilience – Susan Kokores
- Government Procurement Contracts – Maya Tussing
- All three groups are studying information in CA. Also building relationships with experts in those fields.

Mental Health: Cheryl Fama, Sue Datta, Aeneas Bufiy, Ei Ei Samai, Ellen Tafeen, Anya Drabkin

- Three sub-areas: Advocacy of local programs; Expert Forums; Mental Health Resources and Communications

Women’s Leadership: Anisha Weber, Becky Abens, Susan Kokores, Nirmala Bandrapalli, Juda Tolmasoff

- This group is focusing on: Women Community Leadership Network (Becky and Juda); Resources (Anisha); Economic Empowerment (Susan K.); Conference 2022 (Anisha); Partners (Nirmala); Women in the Workplace (Sue D.)

2022 Conference: Tanya Beat, Christine Padilla, Anisha Weber, Juda Tolmasoff

- Exploring online platform
- Funding: please share your experience with “Friends” group who can help with funding

9. Announcements

- President’s report** – Nirmala is the formal connection between CSW & Leadership Council
- Director report** – Tanya Beat (survey of commissioners’ outreach power)
 - Karen Pyles returning in March; Nirmala is CSW Spotlight; Noelia Corzo recognized as Women of Courage – nominated by Susan Kokores.
 - Vaccine Rollout Information: <https://www.smchealth.org/covidvaccine>
 - Women’s History Month
 - March 9 BOS Women’s History Month Proclamation
 - Art of the Ask: Maya Tussing providing 2 workshops via RCPL
 - The Future of Women’s History – CSW event, March 24
- Youth Commission report** – Aeneas Bufiy
 - Overview of report – Youth Commission is doing committee presentations
 - Workplan presentations: Environmental Justice; Education & Economic Dev; Civic Engagement; Immigrant Youth; Mental Health; Social Media
- Human Trafficking report** – Becky Abens
 - Overview of report – monthly meetings that are open to the public;
 - Presentation from Dr. Angie Holser – how collaborations with services work

10. 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 8:15 PM.

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