The November 21, 2019, meeting of the Solano Commission for Women and Girls (SCWG) was held in the Multipurpose Room (1600) on the first floor of Solano County Administration Center located at 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Solano Commission for Women and Girls was called to order at 6:04pm.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present (12)**

Ana Petero Solano County, District 2

Gayle Vaughan City of Benicia

Mary Lou Batchelor City of Dixon

Kay Kelley City of Rio Vista

Tiffani Thomas City of Suisun

Elease Cheek City of Vallejo

Akon Walker SCWG Appointment

Sakina Ali SCWG Appointment

Judi Ruggiero-Ferrara City of Vacaville

Sabine Goerke-Shrode Solano County, District 3

Rochelle Sherlock Solano County Office of Education

Doriss Panduro SCWG Appointment

**Members Absent (5)**

Laura Petty Solano County, District 5

Olivia Ruiz Solano County, District 1

Jennifer Hamilton Solano County, District 4

Cornelia Gibson City of Fairfield

**Staff, Speakers, and Guests Present/Announcements**

Commissioner Walker passed around a sign-up sheet for the December function.

Chair Sherlock announced the Benicia/Lawrence Douglass Center,

Senior Center – evacuation plan

Jack Batchelor President, Habitat for Humanity

Kathleen Wilde Business Owner

Erin Foy Logo contestant winner

Jennifer Barton Founder and Friends of the Commission

Stacey Martinez Vallejo

Sophia Vallejo

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC/BOARD MEMBER**

*This is your opportunity to address the Commission on a matter not listed on the Agenda, but within the subject matter jurisdiction of the SCWG. Please limit your comments to three minutes.*

No comments from the public.

1. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the amended agenda by Commissioner Cheek and seconded by Commissioner Batchelor. Vote: Unanimous

1. Approval of the October 17, 2019 SCWG Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes by Commissioner Vaughan and seconded by Commissioner Cheek. Vote: 7 Yes, Abstention: 3

**REGULAR CALENDAR**

1. Logo Contest Awards Presentation

Commissioners Vaughan and Ali presented the first-place logo contest award to the winner of the contest, Erin Foy. Ms. Foy gave an acceptance speech.

1. SCWG Financial Structure

Commissioner Petero updated the Commission on the pass-through account. Music for Our Children (MFOC) has agreed to be the pass-through account. Quarterly reports will be provided, and a Memorandum of Understanding will be created. The SCWG treasurer will have access to the MFOC treasurer and may contact her for reports.

Commissioner Kelley reported that other Commissioners who were willing to be fiscal agents, and she thanked Music for Our Children for accepting. Commissions form Northern and Southern California have separate 501c3s and would like to consider it in the future.

Ms. Barton has drafted a Memorandum of Understanding and Commissioner Kelley and Commissioner Petty are reviewing a MOU.

Commissioner Vaughan inquired about the process of handling funds. Chair Sherlock asked that Treasurer, Thomas set a policy for recording and reporting finances. Ms. Barton added that if the status report is not done then the finances will be returned to the groups that donated the funds.

In January 2020, there will be an additional charge against the current balance, which is $11,570.07. The yearly fee is currently $375.00. Ms. Barton, personally, paid $100 for the first four months.

A question was posed regarding when the consultant will be paid. The response was that an MOU must be completed before hand.

Motion to move into an arrangement with Music for our Children and include that $10,000 will be set aside for a consultant toward the status report made by Commissioner Thomas and seconded by Commissioner Ali. Vote: Unanimous

1. Status Report Update

Chair Sherlock provided an update on a possible consultant from Applied Research and provided an example of the consultant’s prior completed report. A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of considering other possibilities, as the report is due by March, 2020.

Applied Research would be asked to produce the report based on the data collected by the Commission. However, by the December meeting, Applied Research will be asked provide a proposal to be voted on by the Commission.

A discussion ensued as to the possible consideration of an additional consultant for purposes of comparing cost, however, due to time constraints, the dilemma posed was that opening up the possibility of other consultants would necessitate collecting bids from multiple consultants, which will delay the report that the Board of Supervisors is expecting by March, 2020: the Commission’s deadline.

Commissioner Walker was asked to inquire after consultants utilized by other County departments. Commissioner Kelley suggested that the Commission listen to the initial proposal, and Commissioner Ferrara asked that other departments are researched as to the consultants they have utilized in the past. Friends of the Commission, according to Ms. Barton, could raise additional funds if needed.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Chair Sherlock summarized that Applied Researched will be asked to provide a proposal with the understanding that $10,000 is what the Commission can afford to pay, and if that is not satisfactory, then the Commission will consider its options.

Commissioner Ferrara gave a presentation on the 2018, Violent Crimes Against Women & Girls from the City of Vallejo. Handouts were provided to the Commission.

Ms. Martinez, who works with developmentally delayed individuals in Vallejo, stated that the statistics are higher than that which is in the report, for several reasons, one being that a developmentally disabled individual may not know that/if they are/have been sexually assaulted. Martinez cited statistics from the US Department of Justice, which was reported on NPR on January 18, 2019, regarding violence against developmentally delayed women. The statistics revealed that developmentally delayed women are 12 times more likely than the average woman to be sexually assaulted.

Areas addressed included, murder, attempted murder, attempted carjacking, forced robbery, simple battery, battery by force, victims of assault by a firearm, rape, corporal injury to spouse/cohabitant (domestic violence), violation of a restraining order, sexual assault without consent, lewd acts with a child and developmental delayed, sexual penetration under 14 years and developmental delayed, suspicious missing person.

Commissioners Batchelor, Goerke-Shrode, and Ms. Barton volunteered to help organize and prepare the data, and Chair Sherlock volunteered Mr. Sherlock.

A question was posed regarding additional data from some of the cities within Solano County and it was determined that statistics are needed from Suisun City.

Commissioner Goerke-Shrode provided handouts and presented data on senior women in Solano County who will require resources. The data are from 2000 to 2018.

Of the 115,000 in Solano County 73,000 are 65 years and older. The County must be prepared with resources. Life expectancy for men in Solano County is 75 years for men and 80 years for women. Women over the age of 65 must prepare to be single, as the numbers increase as women reach their 80s. Most are not prepared to retire and will rely on Social Security.

Diversity was addressed, by City, and the resources or lack thereof that are available for minority groups within those cities. Cultural and regional differences with regard to senior care was also addressed. Women sandwiched between children and parents was also a topic of discussion. The lack of response in Dixon and ways in which to approach different groups was also discussed.

1. Committee Updates
2. Executive Committee

No report. Commissioner Petero inquired about the Secretary’s report and the completion of the Ethics Certificates. Chair Sherlock stated that it has been turned into the Board of Supervisors.

1. Communications Committee

No report.

1. Membership Committee

Chair Kelley handed out applications for possible youth commissioners, as well as a booklet.

1. Status Report Committee

Report covered under agenda item 3.

1. Future Agenda Items

Consultant information

Status Report update

Holiday celebration

January, 2020

Events committee

Women’s suffrage 2020

League of Women Voters – 100 years of celebration

Advocacy in which SCWG can participate, recommend, and affect.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 19, 2019, from 6-8pm.

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