

Solano Commission for Women and Girls
Summary Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 16, 2020, at 6:00pm

The January 16, 2020, 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 (11)

Olivia Ruiz	Solano County, District 1
Ana Petero	Solano County, District 2
Mary Lou Batchelor	City of Dixon
Tiffani Thomas	City of Suisun
Eleese Cheek	City of Vallejo
Judi Ruggiero-Ferrara	City of Vacaville
Jennifer Hamilton	Solano County, District 4
Laura Petty	Solano County, District 5
Rochelle Sherlock	Solano County Office of Education
Doriss Panduro	SCWG Appointment
Cornelia Gibson	City of Fairfield

Members Absent (5)

Gayle Vaughan	City of Benicia
Kay Kelley	City of Rio Vista
Akon Walker	SCWG Appointment
Sakina Ali	SCWG Appointment
Sabine Goerke-Shrode	Solano County, District 3

Staff, Speakers, and Guests Present/Announcements

Dr. McCollough	
Susan Engle	
Stacey Martinez	Vallejo
Sophia Gomez	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.

Dr. McCollough announced that the 13th annual Women's History luncheon will be on March 27, from 11-1:30, at the Hilton Garden Inn. The theme is celebrating the 100th year of women's suffrage. More information to follow. Amy Tamm will be presenting at the Solano Library function on March 15th, at 2pm at the Vacaville

Community Center. Tickets are free; more information to follow. Beginning on February 1, tickets will be available at libraries.

Ms. Martinez announced a non-profit group run by Lisa Blanchard, known as the "Grateful Garment Project" which provides clothes for victims of sexual assault, whose clothes are kept as evidence as part of the victim's rape kit. Toiletries, clothing are donated as well as gift cards.

Commissioner Ferrara noted that some information is reflected in the data which may be under separate reports. Data received is not from incident reports. There may be more data available, but not from incident reports.

Ms. Engle noted that no information on trafficking is available in the libraries, and needs to be in the libraries. Chair Sherlock noted that upon completion of the status report, ideas may be implemented related to this issue. Commissioner Gibson noted that her organization, AGAPE also has a "clothing closet". Commissioner Gibson will reach out to Lisa. Chair Sherlock added that a sex trafficking awareness march will be held on Saturday, January 18, in Vallejo to bring attention to this idea.

I. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Motion to approve agenda made by Commissioner Cheek seconded by Commissioner Batchelor Vote: Unanimous

II. Approval of the December 19th, 2019 SCWG Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve December minutes made by Commissioner Cheek, seconded by Commissioner Gibson Vote: Unanimous

REGULAR CALENDAR

1. Status Report Update

Commissioner Hamilton reported on a phone conference with the consultant. Categories and data need to be collected so as to vet data. Review will entail filling in gaps and helping them utilize their time efficiently. Commissioner Sherlock added that there is flexibility as to the length of the report. The goal is to complete the report by March 31. Chair Sherlock asked for the contact information. Status Report committee will communicate with the consultant.

Commissioner Ferrara added more data that has been collected from Dixon, however, the data was not categorized. The City will be providing data by the week of the 21st, ideally on an excel spreadsheet and more complete. District Attorney Abrams will also be providing data. Ms. Abrams mentioned an annual conference in Dallas, TX regarding crime victims and crime data. Perhaps the Commission would be interested in the future. Vallejo data is comprehensive; Commissioner Ferrara will be inquiring about how to acquire data and will be receiving data from Suisun.

2. League of Women Voters Presentation

Table for February meeting.

3. 2020 Planning Session

Chair Sherlock reviewed the notes from the 2019 planning session.

Areas reintroduced and reviewed include the following:

a. Celebrating the diversity of women and girls based on “Strong Is The New Pretty”.

b. Recognizing women; partnering with other organizations in recognition of women. Dr. McCullough mentioned that Contra Costa County is holding their fundraising on March 15. She also encourages the Commission to attend. Phyllis Gordon is instrumental in organizing the fundraiser. Dr. McCullough will provide additional information.

This is in line with item two in terms of highlighting and recognizing women who are breaking stereotypes such as Commissioner Cheek who is a business owner in the field of construction that is dominated by men.

c. Guest speakers

Chair Sherlock asked for suggestions from the floor in celebrating women. What can SCWG do to partner with other organizations around a theme of celebrating women and girls. August may be a good time. Dr. McCullough noted that August 8, is International Women’s Day. Further discussion ensued regarding celebrations including partnering with first annual women’s leadership conference; work on “Strong is the new Pretty”, back to school. Further discussion ensued regarding partnering with Tina, Membership Director of the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce to organize events in conjunction with SCWG. Dates varied between August and November. Commissioner Ruiz added unsung heroes to be identified and celebrated in addition to photo exhibits among other ideas. To that end, the Events committee needs to be reactivated.

Commissioner Hamilton inquired about the logistics regarding fundraising. Chair Sherlock provided clarification using an example where the non-profit will be the fiscal agent for fundraising. Dr. McCullough agreed that the fundraising arm needs to be different. Clarification is required as to how fundraising can occur and as to whether the Commission itself can raise funds. Commissioners Petty and Cheek suggested that Ms. Gordon be invited back to provide an overview and clarify fundraising logistics.

Chair Sherlock suggested that Treasurer Thomas and a committee be formed to research the logistics regarding fundraising and present to SCWG.

Commissioner Hamilton will contact Ms. Barton as well as Ms. Gordon for

clarification. Commissioner Cheek suggested that fundraising logistics be added as an agenda item. Chair Sherlock will provide examples from previous projects. Commissioners Ruiz suggested addressing questions to Treasurer Thomas. Chair Sherlock will add this issue to the agenda.

The Events Committee was re-formed including Chair Sherlock, Dr. McCullough, Commissioners Ali, Ferrara, Gibson, and Ruiz.

Event: Diversity of women and girls in August.

Events Committee will meet and return with recommendations for the February meeting.

A discussion ensued regarding when and how to roll out the final report after it has been presented to the Board of Supervisors. Discussion items included, when to present to groups, timeline, presentation to BOS in April, and presentations to community groups.

- I. Prioritize issues.....December, 2020
- II. Gap analysis/needs assessment.....Post prioritization (12/20)
- III. Recommendations/Action itemsJanuary, 2021
- IV. Recommendations to BOS, regarding policy.....February/Later
- V. Celebrating the diversity/100th anniversary.....August, 2020
- VI. Partnering w/other women's groups.....October/November, 2020
(for women's conference)

4. Committee Updates

A. Executive Committee

B. Communications Committee

Commission Ruiz: Dark-No report

Suggestion was made to discuss the roll out of the final report via communications committee to disseminate report.

Speakers' Bureau: presentations regarding the data.

C. Membership Committee

Commissioner Cheek: Applications sent out, still looking for youth commissioners

D. Status Report Committee

Commissioner Petty posed a question regarding printing the report. Solicit donations for printing. Executive committee to address what sponsorships and where their logos will be on the report.

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Question from Dr. McCullough: Will BOS review the report? Answer: No.
The BOS will be presented with the final report.

5. Future Agenda Items

Presentation on fiscal agent/financing and best practices (Sherlock/Gordon)

Fundraising for printing of report/parameters for sponsorship

Events Committee Report

Stakeholder's spreadsheet for meeting presentations

League of Women Voters

Status Report

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 2020, from 6-8pm.

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