**Solano Commission for Women and Girls**

**June 16, 2022 6:00 PM**

The June 16, 2022 meeting of the Solano Commission for Women and Girls (SCWG) was held at the Solano County Event Center, address 601 Texas Street - Fairfield, CA 94533.

**Call to Order and Roll Call:**

Commissioner Nicodemus called the meeting to order at 6:11PM.

**Members Present:                         Executive Committee**

Mary Henderson Solano County, District 1

Sullina Sanchez Solano County, District 3

Jennifer Hamilton  Solano County, District 4

Jacqui Nguyen Solano County, District 5                           Secretary

Miki Paul City of Benicia

Pat Nicodemus City of Dixon                                              Treasurer

Patricia Kohn City of Rio Vista Dr.

Sofia Cruz City of Vallejo

Andrea Lemos Solano County Office of Education Membership

Akon Walker Member at Large

Juliana Biggs Youth Member at Large

**Absent**:

Ana Petero                          Solano County, District 2

Dr. Rechelle Nettles  City of Fairfield

Tiffani Thomas City of Suisun                                            Co-Chair

Edith Thomas City of Vacaville                                         Chair

Wendy Loomas Member at Large

Guests: Jada Haley (orator); Stephanie Haley (mom)

**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. Comments limited to three minutes.*

1. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda, Approval of the Agenda: Commissioner Hamilton motioned, and Commissioner Walker seconded to approve the agenda.
2. Approval of the May 19th, 2022, SCWG Meeting Minutes: Commissioner Kohn motioned to approve, and Commissioner Nguyen seconded. Unanimous vote.

**REGULAR CALENDAR**

1. Treasurers Report- Commissioner Nicodemus: $1,739.48, an increase of $0.08.
2. Introduction of new Benicia Commissioner Dr. Miki Paul, who is a traveling psychologist. During COVID her sessions were conducted over the phone and via Zoom. A fun fact: Her entire collection of Psychology books made their debut in the movie “Tin Cup” and she was paid $1500 for their use on display! Commissioners gave her a warm welcomed.
3. Juneteenth Presentation-
   1. Student Jada Haley read a poem by Maya Angelou titled “Phenomenal Woman.” Jada shared that she began as an orator at a young age through her church during competitions. She finished 1st place in several competitions since and maintains her honor roll student status. Jada proudly shared that she has persevered and despite a disability, she is overcoming it and pursuing her passion as an orator.
   2. Commissioner Lemos encouraged Jada to consider the opening on the SCWG for a Youth Commissioner.
   3. Juneteenth Federal Holiday – Commissioner Nguyen briefly shared that the California State Legislature has commemorated Juneteenth with the passage of an annual Senate Resolution, which is authored by Senator Steven Bradford over the past several years.
   4. Commissioner Sanchez will attend Fairfield’s first Juneteenth event this Saturday.
4. International Rescue Committee, Anti-Trafficking Outreach Presentation - Roger Freeman. Resources are available for victims and for those who want to offer help. The non-profit, IRC has been around since 1933. Albert Einstein took program to Europe to create the non-profit globally with a focus to help those to offer hope. Services are provided in Europe, with offices in KS, NY, CA (SD, Turlock, Sacramento). In 1986, IRC began providing refugee settlement support, but for the past 7 years, they have also focused on human trafficking. Freeman has been in the social services field for 27 years, working at WEAVE, and with UC Davis as an educator and advocate. He’s celebrating 5 years with IRC as a public speaker.

Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 defines trafficking with the A-M-P Model.

* 1. A: Action – Induce, Recruit, Harbor, Transport, Provide, or Obtain.
  2. M: Means through force, fraud, or coercion
  3. P: Purpose of Commercial Sex or Labor Services.

Exploiter picks the most vulnerable of the society.

American statistics: Human trafficking has been identified in all 50 states. More than 40,000 calls were made to the National Human Trafficking Hotline from 2007-2017. Homeless youth – 7.4% exploited for labor trafficking and 15% for sex trafficking. Both sex and labor trafficked is 3%. The issue has spread to intergenerational exploitation (emotional or biological connection.)

ICR’s HOPE Program provides comprehensive and wrap-around services (case management, safe housing, food & clothing, and education and job readiness) to survivors. IRC Sacramento covers 31 counties from San Joaquin to the Oregon border. Wrap around services include help to provide long-term housing assistance. IRC has (2) PT case workers and has helped 400 survivors over the past 7 years. IRC is not considered a crisis intervention organization.

1. Angel Shot Project Update - Commissioner Biggs suggested that Commissioners in the same city plan to divide the list equally. She encourages Commissioners to speak with Bar Managers/ owners in person to make the personal request. Commissioner Nicodemus suggested talking to Police Chief’s before approaching venues.
2. House-less and Poverty: Commissioner Sanchez will start a Doodle for a meeting.
3. Agenda Items for August 18th, 2022, Meeting: SCWG is dark in July. Solano County Event Center will be the meeting venue for in person SCWG meetings.
   1. Touro University Period Drive will launch in August starting with collecting items, requesting funding, and distributing products. Commissioner Cruz will reach out for clarity and updates.
   2. Commissioner Henderson suggested a discussion of concepts for Women’s History Month and Birth Justice for 2023.
   3. Commissioner Nicodemus and Commissioner Hamilton are interested in starting a work group to track legislation.
   4. Commissioner Lemos/Nguyen suggested public safety topics including the fentanyl crisis, opioid settlement from big pharma. Funding or advocacy with the settlement.
4. **Meeting Adjournment -** 7:57PM.

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