



Santa Cruz County Women's Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, October 10, 2019
TIME: 6:00 to 7:00 PM
LOCATION: Board Chambers, 5th Floor, Santa Cruz County Building
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
PRESENT: Theresa Cariño (Co-Chair, 1st District), Carrie Beaton (2nd District), Laurel Schonfield (2nd District), M. Miller (3rd District), Jenny Sarmiento (4th District), Sheila De Lany (5th District)
EXCUSED: Jillian Ritter (Co-Chair, 1st District), Carole McPherson (3rd District), Luci Basor (4th District), Margaret Barr (5th District)
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Coordinator*), Mitsuno Baurmeister (*EEO Officer*), Sarah Husin (*Data Analysis Intern*)
GUESTS: 6 Community Members

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions
Meeting convened at 6:00 PM.
2. Review and Approve Agenda
Motion/Second: De Lany/Sarmiento
Motion passed unanimously.
3. Review and Approve August 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes
Motion/Second: De Lany/Beaton
Motion passed unanimously.
4. Correspondence
Commissioners reviewed current new County position descriptions.
5. Public Comment: None
6. Reports of Officers and Subcommittees
 - 6.1. Co-Chairs Report: No Report
 - 6.2. Status of Women and Girls (SOWAG) Report: Health Care Update
Sarah Husin (*Data Analysis Intern*) reported on Phase 2/Phase 3 progress and outlined the format of the updated report. A first draft of the report will be ready for review in November.
 - 6.3. Women and Homelessness Speaker Series
The schedule of speakers through May 2020 is posted on the website. Immediately following this meeting, Rayne Perez (*County Homeless Services Coordinator*) and Eryn Simpson (*Executive Director, Housing Matters*) will present an overview of issues that women experiencing homelessness face in Santa Cruz County.
 - 6.4. Trailblazer Awards Planning Update:
The Subcommittee will meet to discuss 2020 Trailblazers, establish criteria and a timeline.

6.5. Justice and Gender Task Force Update:

Cariño reported that the September meeting featured a panel of speakers on the issue of healthcare for women in and out of jail.

6.6. Public Awareness Update

Beaton reported that the most popular posts are those with local events and information. Commissioners are encouraged to share, like and comment on posts.

7. Staff Report

Commissioners welcomed new County EEO officer, Mitsuno Baurmeister.

8. New Business

8.1. 2020 Art Wall Proposal

Commission discussed a proposal to develop an art wall exhibit commemorating the 100-year anniversary of women's suffrage in the United States and honoring the ongoing struggle of underrepresented groups today.

Authorize Staff and Subcommittee to Proceed with Proposed Plan

Motion/Second: Beaton/De Lany

Motion passed unanimously.

9. Announcements

9.1. Cariño announced that the 5th Annual Salud y Cariño Retreat was very successful, raising a total of \$15k for the afterschool program.

9.2. Sarmiento attended the recent *Santa Cruz City Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women Transforming Together Conference* and expressed concerns about several statements made by the keynote speaker.

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*