



# Santa Cruz County Women's Commission

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## Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, August 15, 2019  
TIME: 6:30 to 8:00 PM  
LOCATION: Coastlines Conference Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Santa Cruz County Building  
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
PRESENT: Theresa Cariño (Co-Chair, 1<sup>st</sup> District), Jillian Ritter (Co-Chair, 1<sup>st</sup> District), Carrie Beaton (2<sup>nd</sup> District), Carole McPherson (3<sup>rd</sup> District), M. Miller (3<sup>rd</sup> District), Luci Basor (4<sup>th</sup> District), Jenny Sarmiento (4<sup>th</sup> District), Sheila De Lany (5<sup>th</sup> District), Margaret Barr (5<sup>th</sup> District)  
EXCUSED: Laurel Schonfield (2<sup>nd</sup> District)  
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Coordinator*)  
GUESTS: Sarah Husin (*Data Analysis Intern*), Ingrid Trejo (*CAO's Office – Asst. Administrative Analyst*), Tina To

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions  
Meeting convened at 6:32 PM.
2. Review and Approve Agenda  
Motion/Second: Ritter/Barr  
**Motion passed unanimously.**
3. Review and Approve June 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes  
Motion/Second: De Lany/Beaton  
**Motion passed unanimously.**
4. Correspondence  
Commissioners reviewed current new County position descriptions and a letter from Conscience and Action.org regarding a Santa Cruz woman recently made homeless.
5. Public Comment: None
6. Reports of Officers and Subcommittees
  - 6.1. Co-Chairs Report: Commission discussed preparations for a proposed retreat. Details to be determined. Ritter has a banner printing resource for the Trailblazer banner.
  - 6.2. Status of Women and Girls (SOWAG) Report: Health Care Update  
Staff reported on Phase 1 progress: Intern has been unavailable due to a family crisis. Of the 69 identified interviews, 25% have been completed, 7% have declined to participate, and 68% are still in process. Anonymous online patient survey drafts in County approval process, and an outreach campaign has been drafted. Primary data sources will be the 39 community reports collected. Husin reported that data extraction process has been implemented and is 50% complete.
  - 6.3. Women and Homelessness Speaker Series  
Commission reviewed a proposal to invite a series of speakers to educate the Commission and community on homelessness services and programs as viewed through a gender lens. Meetings would be held in the Board Chambers and expanded to 2 hours featuring speakers from 7-8 PM. Commission hopes to include women who utilize

homeless services. Minutes would include information about available services/programs and take-aways would be collected and available on-line after the series. Subcommittee will meet to discuss measurable outcomes. Series would begin at the October regular meeting. Trejo suggested including women who are veterans.

**Authorize County Staff to proceed with the Speaker Series as proposed.**

Motion/Second: McPherson/Ritter

**Motion passed unanimously.**

6.4. Justice and Gender Task Force Update:

Cariño reported that funding for the Task Force will be ending this year when they will make their remaining recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. However, there is a possibility that it will transition into a County Commission (a restructured Domestic Violence Commission).

6.5. Public Awareness Update

Beaton reported an increase in Facebook followers and post views (+200%) and engagement. Instagram followers increased (+16). Commissioners are encouraged to engage with posts. Trejo suggested creating a Commission Linked In account.

7. Strategic Action Plan Updates

Commissioners reported on Commissioner activities for Q3, including 2 new interns, progress, meetings with additional

8. Staff Report

Staff reported that Britt Harmssen, County EEO officer, will be leaving the County this month. The Commission reviewed the recently updated County Lactation Accommodation Policy and the Board agenda item in which the Breastfeeding Coalition acknowledged the Board for supporting working women with a model lactation accommodation policy and declaring August 2019 as Breastfeeding Awareness Month. Commission discussed the availability of changing stations and toddler seats in County building restrooms.

9. Unfinished Business - None

10. New Business - None

11. Announcements

11.1. McPherson proposed consideration of a future project to assess the availability of reproductive health education in the County.

11.2. Cariño announced the upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Salud y Cariño Retreat on 10/5/2019.

11.3. Cariño announced that the National Women's History Alliance will be celebrating the centennial of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment all year. The anniversary date is 10/26/2020.

Commissioners are encouraged to apply to be the Santa Cruz County representative.

12. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*