



Santa Cruz County Women's Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, August 18, 2022
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Remote meeting
PRESENT: Amanda Crowder (1st District), Samantha Hart Farren (2nd District), Jennifer Smith (3rd District), Conra Frazier (3rd District), Vanessa Quiroz-Carter (Co-Chair, 4th District), Karina Moreno (4th District), Sheila De Lany (5th District),
EXCUSED: Theresa Cariño (1st District), Rachel Bickert (5th District)
ABSENT: Jennifer Murray (2nd District)
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (Commissions Manager)
GUESTS: 2 members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 6:03 PM.

Commission welcomed new District 1 Commissioner Amanda Crowder.

2. Approve May 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve May 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion/Second: Hart Farren/Moreno

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Correspondence:

Commission reviewed correspondence from the public and position descriptions from Monterey County.

4. Public Comment

5. New Business/Action Items:

5.1. Consider Access to Reproductive Health Care Advocacy Opportunities

Commission will invite subject matter experts from community health care partners to speak on the local impact of the recent overturning of Roe v. Wade.

5.2. Consider Assembly Bill 361 Statement of Findings

Motion to approve statement of findings authorizing the Commission to hold their next meeting remotely under the provisions of Assembly Bill 361

Motion/Second: Hart Farren/Smith

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Reports of Officers and Ad Hoc Subcommittees

6.1. Co-Chairs Report: No Report

6.2. Policy/Legislation Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report

Staff reported that advocacy letters in support of both California Legislative Women's Caucus funding requests were sent to both the State Senate Budget Committee and the State Assembly Budget Committee. Updates on other legislative priorities are as follows:

- **AB-1287** ("Pink Tax" legislation) passed the State Assembly and is active on the Senate floor awaiting a third reading.
- **AB-925** (availability of sexual assault forensic exams) passed the Assembly and is in the Senate Appropriations Committee but the hearing has been postponed.
- **SB-914** (related to homeless equity for survivors of domestic violence) passed the Senate and is on the third reading in the Assembly.
- **HR-6781** (bill to permit video or telephone certification for WIC benefits) is stalled in the House Committee on Education and Labor since February.
- **HR-6764** (bill to secure the safety of incarcerated women) is stalled in the House Committee on Judiciary since February.

6.3. Political Participation and Civic Engagement Subcommittee Update:

6.3.1. WILDR Partnership Update

Staff reported that WILDR May Forum video and materials will be posted on the Commission website when available.

6.4. Social Media Subcommittee Update: No Report

7. Staff Report

Staff Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Survey presentation is almost ready. The EEO/CC Plan is almost complete except for two department plans. Smith reported that a member of the public expressed concerns about crimes against women in the benchlands encampment. Members of the public are encouraged to report crimes to law enforcement.

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*