



## Santa Cruz County Women's Commission

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### Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

Date: Thursday, June 15, 2023  
Time: 6:00 to 8:00 PM  
Location: County Govt Building, 701 Ocean Street, Fifth Floor Redwood Conference Room  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

*As a courtesy to those affected, kindly attend the meeting **scent-free** and **smoke-free**.*

### AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review
2. Approve *March 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes*
3. Correspondence
4. Public Comment:  
*Any person may address the Commission for a period not to exceed five minutes on matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission.*
5. New/Continuing Business/Action Items:
  - 5.1. Commission Officer Elections
  - 5.2. Consider Strategic Action Plan
6. Officer and Ad Hoc Subcommittee Reports
  - 6.1. Co-Chairs Report
  - 6.2. Legislation/Policy Ad Hoc Subcommittee
  - 6.3. Public Participation/Civic Engagement Ad Hoc Subcommittee
  - 6.4. Community Recognition Ad Hoc Subcommittee
  - 6.5. Community Resources Ad Hoc Subcommittee
  - 6.6. Social Media Ad Hoc Subcommittee
  - 6.7. Economic Justice and Empowerment Ad Hoc Subcommittee
  - 6.8. Healthcare Ad Hoc Subcommittee
7. Staff Report
8. Emerging Matters
9. Adjournment

The next scheduled regular meeting will be on Thursday August 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM

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### Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, March 16, 2023  
TIME: 6:00 PM  
LOCATION: County Government Building, 701 Ocean Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Redwood Conference Room  
PRESENT: Amanda Crowder (1<sup>st</sup> District), Jennifer Martin (1<sup>st</sup> District), Samantha Hart Farren (2<sup>nd</sup> District) Jennifer Smith (3<sup>rd</sup> District), Karina Moreno (4<sup>th</sup> District), Sheila De Lany (5<sup>th</sup> District), Rachel Wells (5<sup>th</sup> District)  
EXCUSED: Jennifer Murray (2<sup>nd</sup> District), Vanessa Quiroz-Carter (Co-Chair, 4<sup>th</sup> District)  
ABSENT: Conra Frazier (3<sup>rd</sup> District)  
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (Commissions Manager)  
GUESTS: No members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 6:07 PM.

Commission welcomed District One Commissioner, Jennifer Martin.

2. Approve February 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes

**Motion to approve February 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Motion/Second: Crowder/De Lany

**Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Correspondence:

Commission reviewed position descriptions from both Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties. Staff confirmed that County Personnel has already revised administrative support staff positions to include non-gendered images only.

4. Public Comment: None

5. New Business/Action Items:

5.1. Consider 2023 Commission Priorities

Commission considered the following priorities: guest speakers in the health care field to speak on barriers to for young women in Santa Cruz County (mental health, trans women, reproductive health care, pediatric health care for girls), making recommendations on legislative priorities, job retraining and economic empowerment, Status of Women and Girls Report update, mental health and substance use disorders for women and youth (access, resources, amplifying the impact of existing programs), broadening Commission reach and impact particularly in underserved communities, programs that empower young women with the arts, skills and self-discipline, particularly after school programs (not affiliated with the school districts), attending Justice and Gender meetings to liaise,

5.2. Consider 2023 Ad Hoc Subcommittee Membership<sup>144</sup>

Commission revised their ad hoc subcommittee structure to reflect the following appointments:

Ad Hoc Community Outreach Subcommittees

- Social Media – Murray, Wells
- Community Recognition – Smith, Wells, Hart Farren, Crowder
- Community Resource and Partner Database – Martin, Smith

Ad Hoc Advocacy Subcommittees

- Legislation/Policy: Wells, De Lany, Moreno, Hart Farren, Martin
- Racial Justice: Moreno
- Disaster Response: Wells, Hart Farren

Ad Hoc Status of Women and Girls (SOWAG) Subcommittees

- Political Participation/Civic Engagement: Wells, De Lany, Moreno, Martin
- Economic Justice and Empowerment: Martin
- HealthCare: Hart Farren, Crowder

5.3. Consider Reducing Meeting Frequency

Commission pended the decision to determine whether meeting in person will impact attendance. The Executive Committee will review/revise bylaws as needed. Meeting confirmations or cancelations will happen at least 24 hours before the meeting start time. Commission meetings will occasionally be held at alternate meeting sites.

6. Reports of Officers and Ad Hoc Subcommittees

6.1. Co-Chairs Report:

Wells encouraged Commissioners to attend upcoming WILDR event and added an “Announcements and Emerging Matters” standing agenda item to future agendas.

6.2. Social Media Subcommittee

Commissioners are encouraged to submit headshots for the membership page of the website and to send ideas for social media posts. Commissioners will plan for a group photo.

7. Staff Report

Staff reported that all the County has been very active in storm damage recovery and response. Resources and recovery information can be found at [www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/OR3/MarchStormInformation.aspx](http://www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/OR3/MarchStormInformation.aspx). Commissioners are reminded that they will be asked to swear an oath at an upcoming meeting.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ  
Mental Health Advisory Board  
PO Box 962 • Santa Cruz, CA 95061 • (831) 454-4767

Thursday, March 16, 2023

Dear Board of Supervisors,

The Mental Health Advisory Board recommends that the Board of Supervisors does all in its power to ensure safety and dignity in all shelter services contracted with, and/or sited in, the County, and institute safeguards to address incidents which occur.

On the night of Wednesday, March 1, 2023, the County contracted to provide a Warming Shelter to ensure the safety of our people experiencing homelessness. An agreement was also made with the Santa Cruz Veterans Memorial Building at 846 Front Street for the building's use. On Thursday, March 2, just after 10 am, a member of the Mental Health Advisory Board, while walking past the building's parking lot, witnessed Dave Pedley, assistant building manager of the Santa Cruz Veterans Memorial Building violently and repeatedly attack a client of the shelter. At approximately 6'3", Mr. Pedley towered over the female client who was approximately 5'5". He repeatedly shoved her while cursing and telling her she was trespassing. The MHAB member shouted for the attack to stop and was threatened by Mr. Pedley. The client reported that she had been told that she could use the Porta Potties but had found them locked and was forced to urinate behind them. The attack was captured on the building cameras. The MHAB member assisted the client in calling 9-1-1. Santa Cruz Police arrived, but as often happens, a complaint was not filed. The Mental Health Advisory Board asks the Board of Supervisors to:

1. Affirm the following for all providers of shelter services in the County: Violence against women shall not be accepted. Violence against those who are experiencing homelessness shall not be accepted. Violence against those who have mental health or substance use issues shall not be accepted.
2. Direct all County departments to not place future permanent shelter programs, or temporary, emergency, or Winter Shelters at the Santa Cruz Veterans Memorial Building at 846 Front Street while Dave Pedley is an employee.
3. Direct Housing for Health staff to not renew any contracts or partnerships with the Veterans Village program in Ben Lomond while Dave Pedley is a part of the program and allowed on site, and to immediately seek to ways to limit his access to clients while he is an employee of the partnership. If necessary, permit the H4H staff to seek new partnerships to manage the program.
4. Direct H4H staff to create a Grievance System so that any contracted shelter, shelter site, shelter receiving HUD funding, or shelter operating in Santa Cruz County, has a posted policy and procedure so that any client with a complaint can have it sent to H4H for review rather than staying with the agency where the complaint issue occurred. Further, direct staff from H4H to apply for funding to create a new Homeless Advocate staff position, or contract for such a service, to speak with clients and service providers and solve issues that arise through this process. If State and Federal grant funding is not available, the Board of Supervisors is asked to prioritize funding such a position with staff recommendation of where the funding can come from.

We, at the Mental Health Advisory Board, believe, as do you, that the health and wellness of all members of our community are important. Shelter services for those who are experiencing homelessness, of any race, any gender identity, LGBTQIA+, or for those with any mental health issue or substance use issue, or who have any other disability or for any vulnerable population whatsoever should not be "separate but equal". Whether the shelter is set up in response to an emergency weather event, a disaster or some other reason, and whether the shelter services are provided by the County itself or another entity, all people deserve safety and dignity. Shelter services should be individualized, well-designed, well-run, and receive proper oversight from the County. We make this recommendation from both a place of compassion as well as a case for better outcomes from our programs and better engagement with some people who choose not to receive services due to these kinds of incidents.

With Best Appreciation,

Serg Kagno  
Co-Chair  
Mental Health Advisory Board

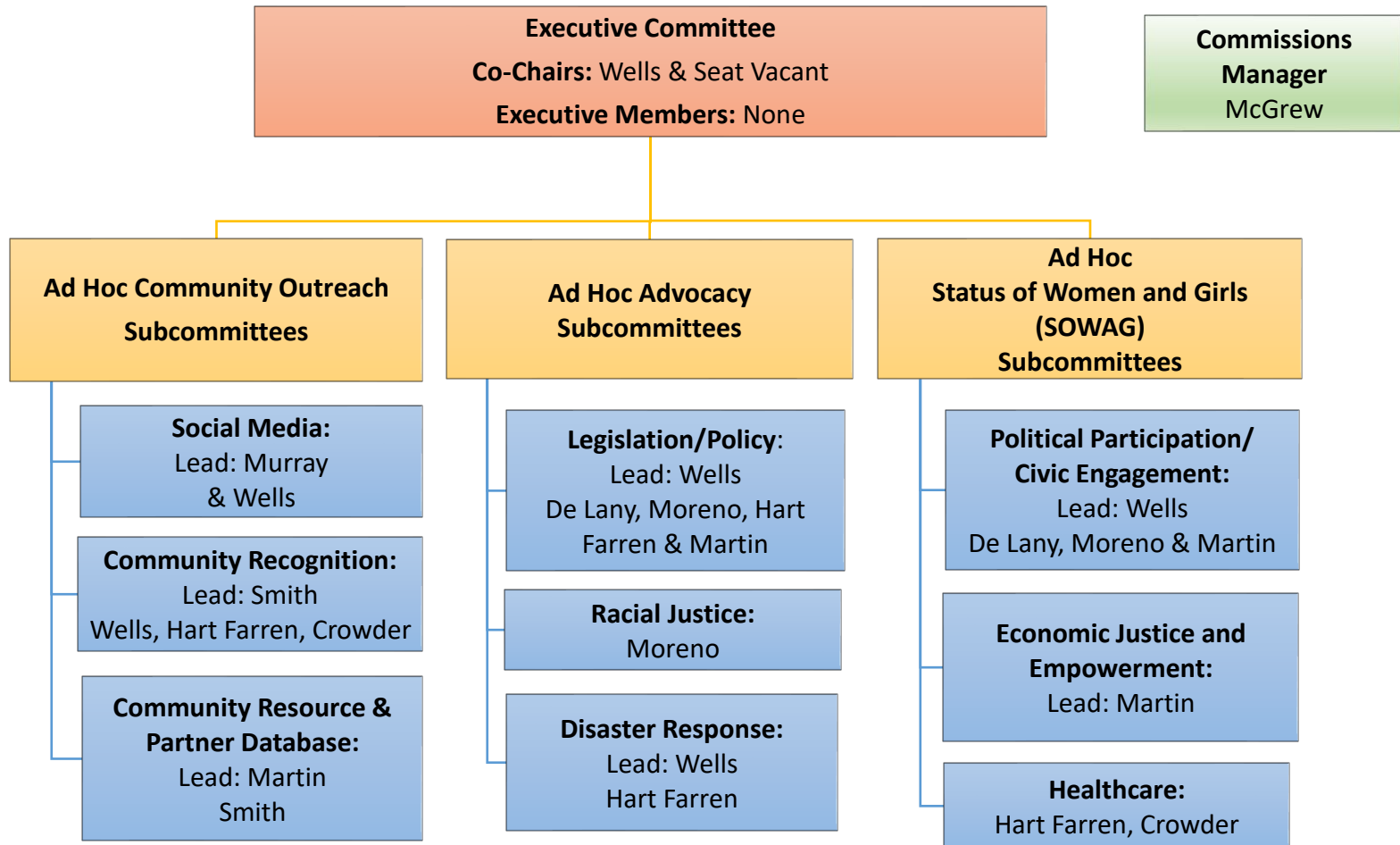
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Julie Macecevic  
Executive Director  
Walnut Avenue Family and Women's Center

# SANTA CRUZ COUNTY WOMEN'S COMMISSION

## ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

March 16, 2023



Santa Cruz County Women's Commission	
2023 Strategic Action Plan	
<b>Objective #1:</b> <b>Monitor and Assess Issues Impacting Santa Cruz County Women and Girls and Advocate for the Eradication of Barriers and Inequities.</b>	<b>Ad Hoc Subcommittees</b>
<b>ACTION 1A:</b> Update and publish the Status of Women and Girls in Santa Cruz County Report (SOWAG).	
<b>ACTION 1B:</b> Receive and review communications from the community on matters of interest to women and girls in Santa Cruz County and make recommendations as needed.	
<b>ACTION 1C:</b> Research and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on issues that impact women and girls in Santa Cruz County.	
<b>ACTION 1D:</b>	
<b>Objective #2:</b> <b>Promote the Interests of Santa Cruz County Women and Girls through Community Outreach and the Provision of Resources.</b>	<b>Ad Hoc Subcommittees</b>
<b>ACTION 2A:</b> Provide resources and referrals to services that support women and girls in Santa Cruz County.	
<b>ACTION 2B:</b> Invite community partner reports and presentations on matters of interest to Santa Cruz County women and girls.	
<b>ACTION 2C:</b> Host, sponsor and/or participate in community events that promote the interests of women and girls in Santa Cruz County	
<b>ACTION 2D:</b> Maintain an online and social media presence to promote Commission activities and community events of interest to women and girls in Santa Cruz County.	
<b>Objective #3:</b> <b>Monitor and Promote Equal Opportunity Employment for Women in Santa Cruz County.</b>	<b>Ad Hoc Subcommittees</b>
<b>ACTION 3A:</b> Review the County EEO Plan and make recommendations as needed.	
<b>ACTION 3B:</b> Review County rules and job descriptions and make recommendations as needed.	
<b>Action 3C:</b>	
<b>Action 3D:</b>	

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2023 Strategic Action Plan	
Objective #4: Increase Awareness and Advance the Interests of Women and Girls in Santa Cruz County.	Ad Hoc Subcommittees
<b>ACTION 4A:</b> Host the Trailblazers Awards to honor individuals who have advanced the interests of women and girls in Santa Cruz County.	
<b>ACTION 4B:</b> Promote civic engagement and the advancement of women in public service, (e.g. voter participation, census participation, and women in government and leadership roles, etc.)	
<b>ACTION 4C:</b>	
<b>ACTION 4D:</b>	



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### Scheduled Meetings

Unless otherwise specified below, regularly scheduled Women's Commission meetings are generally held as follows:

DAY: Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Thursday\*  
MONTH: Every month except July and December  
TIME: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
LOCATION: **Santa Cruz County Government Building \***  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor Redwood Conference Room  
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**\*Unless noted otherwise below**

Locations may vary for outreach, town hall meetings, special meetings, changes of location, or meeting cancellations. Changes to the schedule will be listed on the website at [www.sccwc.org](http://www.sccwc.org) as soon as information becomes available.

2023 MEETING DATES		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
January 19, 2023	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Remote
February 16, 2023	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Remote
March 16, 2023	6:00 – 7:30 PM	County Bldg – Redwood Rm
April 20, 2023	6:00 – 7:30 PM	County Bldg – Redwood Rm
May 18, 2023	6:00 – 7:30 PM	County Bldg – Redwood Rm
June 15, 2023	6:00 – 7:30 PM	County Bldg – Redwood Rm
August 17, 2023	6:00 – 7:30 PM	County Bldg – Redwood Rm
September 21, 2023	6:00 – 7:30 PM	County Bldg – Redwood Rm
October 19, 2023	6:00 – 7:30 PM	County Bldg – Redwood Rm
November 16, 2023	6:00 – 7:30 PM	County Bldg – Redwood Rm

### Public Participation

- Please check the meeting agenda to learn details about how to participate in the commission meeting.
- If you need special accommodations, please call 454-2935 or TDD: 711 (California Relay Service) at least 48 hours before the meeting.