The May 16, 2019 meeting of the Solano Commission for Women and Girls (SCWG) was held in the Multipurpose Room (1600) on the first floor of Solano County Administration Center located at 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Solano Commission for Women and Girls was called to order at

6:14pm. Meeting was delayed due to lack of quorum.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present (9)**

Ana Petero Solano County, District 2

Laura Petty Solano County, District 5

Rochelle Sherlock Solano County Office of Education

Elease Cheek City of Vallejo

Sakina Ali SCWG Appointment

Kay Kelley City of Rio Vista

Mary Lou Batchelor City of Dixon

Tiffani Thomas City of Suisun

Akon Walker SCWG Appointment

**Members Absent (7)**

Olivia Ruiz Solano County, District 1

Gayle Vaughan City of Benicia

Jennifer Hamilton Solano County, District 4

Cornelia Gibson City of Fairfield

Judi Ruggiero-Ferrara City of Vacaville

Doriss Panduro SCWG Appointment

Kaitlyn Dutton SCWG Appointment

**VACANT** Solano County, District 3

**Staff, Speakers, and Guests Present**

Michelle Heppner Solano County

Edith Thomas

Kathleen Wilde

**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. Please limit your comments to three minutes.*

1. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Commissioner Petty proposed that the agenda be modified in order to end the meeting on time. Commissioner Ali suggested that the commission table discussion regarding financial structure until Commissioner Ruiz(Treasurer) is present. Motion to table Item #1 on the Regular calendar by Commissioner Ali, and seconded Commissioner Petty – Vote: Unanimous

Motion to approve the agenda by Commissioner Petty and seconded by Commissioner Cheek – Vote: Unanimous

1. Approval of the April, 2019 SCWG Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes by Commissioner Cheek and seconded by Commissioner Kelley – Vote: Unanimous

**REGULAR CALENDAR** *(6:10p.m. – 8:00pm)*

1. Financial Structure to Support the Commission. This item was to review the current financial structure and practices of the Solano Commission for Women and Girls Fund, and discuss forming a committee to research alternative structures.

Tabled to June Meeting

1. Status Report: Health, Disabilities, and Well-Being Data

Commissioner Sherlock shared preliminary health data gathered in preparation for the Status Report. Edie Thomas also shared data on people with disabilities in the form of a PowerPoint presentation. Handouts were distributed to the Commission The data is from 2014-2017.

PowerPoint Presentation by Commissioner Sherlock and Ms. Thomas

The data is from 2014-2017. A caveat to the data is that it is statistically unstable due to limited sample, however, years of collection renders the data statistically significant. Focus was on areas that are pertinent to women’s health. There are areas where Solano County scored worse than the State.

Survey from the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) UCLA

Method of gathering data is paid for by counties. One of the questions was to rate the overall health status. A review and explanation were presented by Commissioner Sherlock. Data can be narrowed to specific need. Areas addressed included the following:

\* Heart disease.

\* High blood pressure.

\* Bone density statistics were presented from 2001. Commissioner Walker suggested that data could be collected from hospitals. Careful attention must be paid to interpretation of the data.

\* Mortality rates of women of color. Dr. Shandy Fuller, an expert will be invited to address this issue.

\* Breast cancer rates are from the California Health Assessment, 2016

Solano County has higher rates of breast cancer than the State (2010-2012)

Discussion as to the interpretation of the data included the possibility of accessibility to healthcare as well as the concentration of chemicals in cities within Solano County to which breast cancer may be attributed.

\* Emergency Visits by ethnicity. Data needs to be studied and interpreted based on several factors.

\*Rates of smokers in comparison to other counties and the state were addressed.

\* Physical activity (2009)

\* Eating habits

\* Mental/Behavioral Health

\* Alcohol Consumption

\* On suicide: data was on adults only but not broken down by age, and collected from hospital discharge data. Commissioner Petty suggested comparing data with HealthyKids website for breakdown by age. Women exceeded men in suicide attempts. Commissioner Walker suggested that there needs to be more data. Data can be collected from the suicide prevention committee in order to obtain more current data. Further discussion ensued as to how to breakdown data into specific categories for more in-depth analysis. Areas included health behaviors, anxiety, and depression.

Commissioner Petty will present her report in August which includes an invitation to Pat Nickodimus to speak.

Vice Chair Petty directed the remainder of the meeting.

There was a presentation by Edith Thomas on rehabilitation using 2018, numbers from the Department of Rehabilitation. Thomas is also pursuing data from the Department of Mental Health. Areas included:

\*Women with disabilities, by city

\* Age

\* People receiving service from the department of rehabilitation for vocational training/services.

\* Ethnicity within cities

\* Type of disabilities

\* Children in Special Education by grade, in Solano County

\* Breakdown of mental health via county services versus private insurance.

\* New commission advocating for women with disabilities…

1. Social Media Training

Presentation by Commissioner Ali on using social media. The Commission’s policy is to follow groups and organizations, not individuals. Social media is managed by Katherine, Rochelle, Olivia, Sakina. Commissioner Ali asked that each committee take pictures to promote the commission. The report included obtaining more followers on social media. A tutorial was provided on Instagram and Facebook. Add #SCWG to posts for increased circulation.

Commissioner Petty was invited to speak at a graduation and was invited as a member of SCWG.

1. Committee Reports
2. Executive Committee

Commissioner Petty: Challenging to find time, room and agenda in order to comply with Brown Act. No report.

Commissioner Ali added that there is a need to update financial information. Commissioner Petty suggested that the entire commission discuss funds and how to utilize and account for funds, as there are financial resources but no 501C-3. Liability is an issue. A question was posed as to the best way to address finances. Is it better for the commission to establish a 501C-3 or be attached to one? Commissioner Kelley addressed “pass through funds” and what it entails. More discussion ensued as to different ways of accounting for and distributing funds, and how other 501C-3’s manage and account for funds. Michelle Heppner stated that county would support the commission for first year, before SCWG branches out on its own and suggested that Jennifer Barton be contacted. Another suggestion was to consider how other commissions function regarding finances. Dr. Heppner suggested that questions are collected and presented to Clarissa in writing. Commissioner Cheek suggested that the commission establish a committee to formulate a 501C-3. Questions to ask Clarissa include: Should we be 501C-3? And What are the criteria?

1. Membership Committee

No report

1. Events Committee

No report

1. Status Report Committee

Refer to presentation (#2 on the regular calendar)

1. Communications Committee

Commissioner Walker: The Communications Committee met on May 7

The logo contest has been extended to September 8, 2019, for more entries

There are three entries so far

Can commission help publicize the contest and invite more entries

Website: Bios are in. Commission needs a webmaster/intern

Issues to be addressed with the commission at large are, communication priorities, reimbursement

In addition to the Speaker’s Bureau, commissioners need to promote the commission. Contact at least two organizations to discuss/promote commission. Use Commissioner Sherlock’s PowerPoint Presentation for consistent message. Consider attending different meetings in order to build relationships.

1. Future Agenda Items

Financial Structure (including 501C-3, BOS)

Financial Priorities

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2019, from 6-8pm.

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