



Commission for the Prevention of Violence
Against Women (CPVAW)

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 1, 2013 6:45 p.m.

COURTYARD CONFERENCE ROOM

NOTE: Location Change

809 Center Street

Approved as submitted at the September 4, 2013 meeting

Call to Order: **The meeting was called to order at 6:58 by Chair Tobisch.**

Roll Call: **Present: Chair Tobisch, Commissioners Christie, Johnson, Ruiz, Young-Hinck, Watkins; Police Liaison Escalante; Teen Rep Dice; Coordinator Agnone**

Absent with notification: Teen Rep Trujillo

Absent without notification: Commissioner Domingues

The Chair may announce and set time limits at the beginning of each agenda item.

Presentation: **None**

Statements of Disqualification **None**

Oral Communications – A time for members of the public to speak to Commissioners about items not on the agenda. No action may be taken.

Chris Madson, a nursing instructor from Cabrillo College, spoke to the members regarding a project at her church. She distributed cards, which are placed in the bathrooms, that provide information regarding domestic violence issues.

Announcements - No action may be taken

Announcements by Chair: **None**

Other Commission Member Announcements:

Commissioner Watkins informed members of a mentoring workshop at the Community Foundation on May 22 from 9 – 11 am.

Commissioner Ruiz informed members that the first meeting of the SC City Youth Council met and they will be developing a public safety survey to be distributed at local schools.

Commissioner Christie expressed her enjoyment at participating at the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event.

Commissioner Ruiz announced that the first Public Safety Task Force meeting will be on May 9.

Teen Representative: Justine Dice and Sierra Trujillo, Teen Representatives from Soquel High **Teen Rep Dice announced that she and other students attending the Denim Day booth at the SC Farmers' Market to provide information about sexual assault awareness month with staff from Women's Crisis Support-Defensa de Mujeres.**

She also reported that there have been some focus group meetings to review the brochure "Is It Really Love?" to provide feedback on the content and material. There was a teacher as well as female and male students involved. The new bookmarks were also shared and were well received.

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Staff Announcements: Verbal report by CPVAW Coordinator: **Coordinator reported on the various April events including Dominican's Women's Health Expo – Leonie Sherman was invited to present a workshop on self-defense.**

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of February 6, and April 3, 2013 Meetings

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, the minutes from the regular monthly meeting of February 6, 2013 as submitted.

ACTION: Commissioner Ruiz made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Young-Hinck, to approve the February 6 minutes with the correction in the call to order time. Motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Domingues absent.).

Recommendation--- Approve, by motion, the minutes from the regular monthly meeting of April 3, 2013 as submitted.

ACTION: Commissioner Christie made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Watkins, to approve the April 3 minutes as submitted. Motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Young-Hinck abstained to her absence at that meeting. Commissioner Domingues absent.)

General Business

1. Status of Secure Communities Act

Recommendation – Review information regarding the status of the Secure Communities Act, schedule ad hoc committee meeting, select members, and, by motion, take action as necessary.

Commissioners Young-Hinck, Johnson, and Watkins volunteered to be on the ad hoc committee. Meeting schedule will be determined.

2. Report on Homeless Women's Support Group

Recommendation – Review information regarding the status of the support group and, by motion, take action as necessary.

This issue will be placed on a future agenda

3. Resignation from County Domestic Violence Commission

Recommendation - Review draft letter to County Board of Supervisors regarding resigning CPVAW's seat on County Domestic Violence Commission and, by motion, take action as necessary.

ACTION: Commissioner Watkins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve sending the resignation letter to the County Board of Supervisors. Motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Domingues absent.).

4. OP-ED Piece regarding Letters of Appreciation and Sexual Assault in the Military

Recommendation – Review draft version of opinion piece for the Sentinel that includes excerpts from the letters of appreciation as well as information regarding sexual assault in the military and, by motion, take action as necessary.

ACTION: Commissioner Watkins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Christie, to approve sending the op-ed piece to the Sentinel. Motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Domingues absent.).

ACTION: Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Young-Hinck, to approve sending the op-ed piece to the newspapers in SJ, Salinas, and Monterey. Motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Domingues absent.).

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5. Funding requests from Teen Mom Program and Invisible War Screening
Recommendation – Review requests for funding and, by motion, take action as necessary.
Nga and Dela Rosa presented information regarding Positive Discipline Community Resources and their Teen Mom program and Gemma's classes.

Deanna Guzman presented information regarding CA Center of Excellence for Trauma Informed Care and their plans to present a local screening of the "Invisible War" documentary.

ACTION: Commissioner Watkins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Christie, to approve funding of \$100 to each of these programs. Motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Domingues absent.).

Information Items (no action shall be taken on these items)

CPVAW Meeting Schedule and Bylaws Revision

The bylaw revision changing meeting dates to six meetings a year was approved at CPVAW's April 3 meeting. The revisions will be sent to the City Attorney for review and then to the City Council for approval. This will most likely be on council's agenda in late May or early June.

Committee Reports (no action shall be taken on these items)

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- **Goals:** Commissioners Johnson, Watkins, Young-Hinck This ad hoc committee will schedule a meeting to bring final recommendation regarding timeline, letter to partners, and other issues as identified to establish goals for 2013-2015.
- **Bars in Safe Place Network Program:** on hold
- **Annual Public Hearing/Stakeholders Mtg:** on hold

Standing Committee

- **Police Committee:** Commissioners Christie, Ruiz, Young-Hinck appointed to committee. The meeting schedule for 2013 has been set as follows:
 Wednesdays 5:30 pm Courtyard Conference Room
 May 15 August 21 November 20 Feb 19, 2014

County Domestic Violence Commission.

CPVAW Coordinator Agnone attended the April 10, 2013 meeting. There was not a quorum. There is an item on this agenda regarding resigning CPVAW's seat on this County commission. The next meeting for the Domestic Violence Commission is September 11, 2013.

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

Focus Group Results – Teen Rep Dice

Process for Funding by CPVAW – Coordinator Agnone

Homeless Women's Support Group -

Adjournment The Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women adjourned at 8:30 pm from the regular meeting of Wednesday, May 1, 2013 to next meeting scheduled for AUGUST 7, 2013 at 6:45 pm in the SC City Council Chambers, 809 Center St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. Note: no regular meetings will be scheduled in June or July 2013.

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Appeals - Any person who believes that a final action of this advisory body has been taken in error that decision may or may not be appealable to the City Council. Appeals must be in writing, setting forth the nature of the action and the basis upon which the action is considered to be in error, and addressed to the City Council in care of the City Clerk. Appeals must be received by the City Clerk within ten (10) calendar days following the date of the action from which such appeal is being taken. An appeal must be accompanied by a fifty dollar (\$50) filing fee.

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