

Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women  
Meeting Minutes for January 13, 2021

In attendance: Kim Fogel, SSA Staff, Commissioners Domínguez, Scott, Johnson, Kreeger, Walker, Gilmore, Gonzales, Levine, Tangren, Greenwood, Hernández, Coleman, Welch, Borjón

Members of the public: Nina Senn

Absent: Commissioners Safinya-Davies, Gary

1. Welcome and Introductions

Meeting began at 6:32 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes for 12/9/20

Domínguez makes a motion to table approval of the minutes to give Commissioners more time for review. Scott seconds. All ayes. Motion approved.

3. Treasurer's Report and Budget Update

Borjón states that there is nothing to report because we do not have our current year's budget from the county yet.

Domínguez asked Treasurer to send everyone the last budget information available.

Levine asked if the money rolls over.

Borjón suggested that we wait for Sylvia Soublet to join the meeting and respond to that question.

Domínguez noted that we should have some money that rolls over because we have some that has rolled over for several years.

Director Soublet shared that about two years ago SSA decided to distribute funds to commissions more equitably. SSA allotted an amount that all commissions could access, \$25k total for 4 commissions, and all commissions submit requests on a project by project basis. COSW also has a trust account that is separate from the \$25k.

Domínguez proposed that Borjón and Soublet discuss these issues off line and then Borjón can present the information at the next meeting.

Hernández asked about the agenda item re: purchasing a Zoom account.

Domínguez said we will roll that item forward after we have some additional meetings to see whether purchasing an account is necessary.

Kreeger asked whether we need to record every meeting.

Gilmore noted that we need to submit minutes to the chair within a certain amount of time.

Domínguez will send that information out to all.

#### 4. COSW History and Past Accomplishments

Domínguez gave a presentation about COSW's history and recent accomplishments using a PowerPoint.

Greenwood thinks that it would be helpful to create a calendar of special interest months so we can plan around them. We can put that information in our Google drive.

Levine thinks it would be good to build on Domínguez's PP to add accomplishments going forward.

Domínguez noted that a lot of the information is in the annual presentations we do to the Board of Supervisors. She also shared that COSW's website has been updated to include an agenda tab that links to SSA's new website. Under community, commissions and councils, COSW has a tab.

Scott reviewed our mandate under the AC Administrative Code and language from other commissions' mandates. Asked Director Soublet how we ended up under purview of SSA.

Soublet said that at some point there were so many commissions that the BoS could not provide oversight for all. Commissions were assigned to departments and the Administrative Code was never updated.

Scott asked why our policy advocacy is limited by SSA's policy priorities.

Soublet shared that the advocacy agenda of COSW should be driven by the priorities of the BoS member who appointed you.

Domínguez suggested that we ask County Counsel about these issues when they come to next week's meeting.

Coleman asked what issues other commissions focus on.

Scott responded that commissions tend to focus on one or several issues because they are studying, investigating, and making recommendations so necessary to focus.

Dominguez shared that she created a spreadsheet of Bay Area commissions.

Johnson and Soublet reminded everyone that we are tasked with representing the priorities of our BoS member.

Levine suggested that we all ask our BoS members the same questions.

Tangren noted that our supervisors are looking to us for our expertise. Part of our role is to advise.

Domínguez suggested that everyone list three things we want to do and raise these issues in our committees.

Scott requested that we add this to our retreat agenda.

Domínguez agreed.

## 5. COVID-19 Pandemic's Impact on Women, Girls, and Non-Binary Persons

Domínguez shared a breakdown of COVID cases for PI persons. Suggested that we can ask for this type of breakdown from the county. Her proposal is that she reaches out to ACPHD for some of this data (and ask them to present at one of our meetings )and determine what our requests are from BoS, through our committees.

Kreeger noted that AC doesn't have a report on the status of women and girls. She shared that the county would like to know what data we think would be most important for them to gather re: impact of the pandemic. Tentative policy committee meeting on 1/25.

Domínguez noted that the public can speak after every agenda item.

## 6. Human Relations Commission Report

Johnson shared that the commission will be voting on officers next week and is still considering a name change.

## 7. Committee Assignments and Updates

Domínguez noted that Kreeger already shared information about the Policy Committee meeting and that committee will need a new chair.

Gilmore shared that the most recent bylaws draft will go out to the commissioners so everyone can read through it because we will be discussed over the next few months. Asked whether Domínguez has a recent redlined version of the bylaws.

Domínguez shared that she thinks she has one. She will check in offline with Gilmore.

Domínguez shared that Communications Committee needs to meet and that she is working on getting the Google drive up.

Hernández will send out a Doodle poll for the Education Committee.

Domínguez said that the Events Committee is inactive right now but invites committee members to revive it.

Coleman shared that the Health and Wellness Committee has not met and that she will need to step down as chair.

Johnson said that she will no longer be a member of the committee.

Domínguez noted that the Health and Wellness Committee may fold into the Policy Committee. She asked new commissioners to check in with the committee chairs about which committee they may want to join.

## 8. Open Public Comment

## 9. Agenda Building

- a. Inviting presenters – County Counsel

Fogel is still working on scheduling.

- b. Retreat planning

Domínguez added an item about exploring our role and whether we want to request amendments to the Administrative Code. Also looking at our committees.

- c. Other items

## 10. Adjournment

- a. Announcements – 2021 Women’s Hall of Fame

Domínguez shared that the nomination period has opened. The link is on page 3 of the agenda. Please share with your networks. Pay attention to the eligibility rules.

b. Other announcements

Kreeger asked whether we want a presentation about the county policy priorities.

Domínguez said yes and reminded everyone that Black History Month and Women's History Month are coming up. She has templates for proclamations.

Tangren shared when free flu shots are available.

Domínguez shared that our next meeting is on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Gary is absent because she is attending the Mayors' Conference and will look for someone to fill that slot. She shared that Gary requested whether we can change our meeting time.

Adjourned at 8:13 pm.