



City & County of San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women

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Sonia Melara, Executive Director

MINUTES April 23, 1998

Because there was no quorum, the meeting began with reports.

1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ito reported that Commissioner Treskunoff Bailey will be appointed to the Local Homeless Board (if the Commission is given a seat) to represent the Commission on the City's homeless issues.

The Women's Summit was a huge success with over 3,000 people attending. Commissioner Treskunoff Bailey played an important role in recruiting women from the Housing Authority.

NOTE: Commissioner Marks arrives at 4:45 P.M. Commissioner Saunders arrives at 4:50 P.M. Commissioner Delgado arrives at 5:15 P.M.

2. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 4:50 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT	EXCUSED
President Caryl Ito	Sonia Melara	Vice President Chang
Commissioner Delgado	Melyssa Jo Kelly	Commissioner Phelps
Commissioner Marks	Esther Velonza	
Commissioner Saunders		
Commissioner Treskunoff Bailey		

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

m/s/c (Treskunoff Bailey/Marks) to adopt the agenda.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

m/s/c (Treskunoff Bailey/Marks) to adopt the minutes of March 26, 1998 with two corrections: On Page 4, second paragraph the word stereotypical should be spelled stereotpyal.

4. STAFF REPORT

Sonia Melara gave some highlights of her staff report.

The budget process is continuing. There will be a meeting with the Mayor's Budget Analyst on April 24th.

The COSW organizational brochure was finalized and disseminated at the Women's Summit.

Following the sexual harassment articles in the paper, the Mayor called the City Attorney's office to convene a task force to insure that they are following up on the implementation of the policies developed by the Sexual Harassment Task Force.

On April 23rd, it was "Take Our Daughters to Work Day" and it was a very successful event.

In the commissioner's packets, there are two work plans for the Sexual Assault Task Force and Task Force on the Sexual Assault of Girls and Young Women. Ms. Melara would like the commissioners to review these plans before the next commission meeting.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Board of Supervisors Gender Parity Analysis

Sonia Melara reported that the Board of Supervisors Gender Parity Analysis was reviewed by the commissioners. Charts were provided this time and any recommendations for improvement are welcomed. While the Board of Supervisors has appointed a higher percentage of women across the board, a lot of women are ending up on Maternal and Infant Care Boards. What we are asking is that Board members look at how these board and commissions are made up.

6. NEW BUSINESS

COSW Violence Against Women Grant Program Preliminary Funding Recommendations for 1998-2001

Sonia Melara introduced the selection process and noted that proposals were received for approximately 60 projects. All proposals were reviewed by staff to ensure that they met the basic criteria, then forwarded to an Expert Review Panel for evaluation. Vice President Chang and Commissioners Delgado and Saunders served on the panel. This year, a new step was added to the process, with a Funding Committee (Commissioners and staff) developing the funding recommendations for the Commission.

Commissioner Treskunoff Bailey asked how an agency that does not get funded this year, could qualify in the future. Sonia Melara stated that COSW plans to look at other

departments, such as the Mayor's Office of Community Development, and see if they can provide organizational development and technical assistance to help agencies.

Commissioner Saunders said she was very happy to be a part of the process, and noted her concerns regarding agencies with inadequate technical skills and resources. She believes that the COSW should be committed to helping underprivileged organizations qualify for funding.

Melyssa Jo Kelly outlined the following recommended allocations:

Applicant organization	proposed project	request	allocation
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Domestic Violence Intervention/Advocacy \$163,000

Donaldina Cameron House	Asian Domestic Violence Services	106,198	81,500
W.O.M.A.N., Inc.	Repeat Offenders Prevention Program	100,303	41,500
No. CA Coal for Immigrant Rights	Mujeres Unidas y Activas	45,000	40,000

Domestic Violence Crisis Line Services \$146,500

W.O.M.A.N., Inc.	Domestic Violence Crisis Line	196,000	146,500
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Domestic Violence Legal Assistance \$234,700

Nihonmachi Legal Outreach	Asian/Pacific Domestic Violence Proj	106,378	81,500
SF Neighborhood Legal Assistance	Legal Serv: Battered Women & Child	108,333	51,700
Volunteer Legal Services	Coop Restraining Order Clinic	50,000	50,000
Volunteer Legal Services	Domestic Violence Legal Services	65,281	51,500

Domestic Violence Shelter Services \$489,300

Asian Women's Shelter	AWS Shelter	122,620	105,900
La Casa de las Madres	LCDM Shelter	223,300	223,300
St. Vincent de Paul	Brennan House	170,232	34,500
St. Vincent de Paul	Rosalie House	142,380	125,600

Sexual Assault Intervention/Advocacy \$89,000

SF Women Against Rape	Medical/Legal Advocacy & Accomp	150,000	89,000
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Sexual Assault Crisis Line Services \$65,000

SF Women Against Rape	Sexual Assault Crisis Line	65,000	65,000
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TOTAL ALLOCATION: \$1,187,500

The following representatives addressed the commission regarding the allocation process: Beckie Masaki – Asian Women's Shelter, Lester Olmstead Rose – Community United Against Violence, Dean Ito Taylor – Nihonmachi Legal Outreach, Juana Flores (in Spanish) – Mujeres Unidas y Activas, Ken Thiesen – San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation and Jeannie Morrow of W.O.M.A.N. Inc.

Motion (Saunders/Treskunoff Bailey) to approve COSW Violence Against Women Grant Program Preliminary Funding Allocations for 1998-2001

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: Ayes: Delgado, Marks, Phelps, Ito, Saunders

7. REPORTS

Convention of the Elimination of Discrimination of Women (CEDAW)

Sonia Melara reported that the Mayor has signed the CEDAW Ordinance and the next step is to see if it will be funded.

Adult Sexual Assault Task Force

Trisha Stapleton of the District Attorney's Office and Rebecca Rolfe of San Francisco Women Against Rape expressed appreciation of the leadership and support of COSW and requested more staff support. They asked for Rosario Navarrette to be allowed more time to participate in the development of the Task Force.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

9. CLOSED DOOR SESSION begins at 6:00 P.M.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 P.M.