



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

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Sonia Melara, Executive Director

MINUTES
August 6, 1998

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

President Ito
Vice President Chang
Commissioner Treskunoff Bailey
Commissioner Delgado
Commissioner Saunders

STAFF PRESENT

Sonia Melara
Melyssa Jo Kelly
Leatrice Miyashiro

EXCUSED

Commissioner Phelps
Commissioner Marks

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

m/s/c (Treskunoff Bailey, Chang) to adopt the agenda

3. NEW BUSINESS

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

Vice President Chang spoke as a Funding Committee member and described the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process.

After extensive outreach and promotion, RFQ's were released on 1/15/98. We had an unprecedented response to our RFQ, with over 150 application packets picked-up, and 76 agencies and individuals represented at the Bidder's Conference. On 3/19, for a full and intense day, the Expert Review Panel (10 members, including Funding Committee members) reviewed the 42 applications (for more than 60 projects), completed a group review, and developed ratings and recommendations. Then, the Funding Committee met on 4/9, and developed preliminary funding recommendations, which were adopted by the Commission at its April meeting. The Committee met again on 5/13 to discuss strategies regarding the budget increase request, and how remaining allocations could best support the *Strategic Action Plan*; then met on 7/8 to develop funding recommendations for transitional and prevention programs. At the Commission's direction, the Committee has re-examined its recommendations.

CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS

TRANSITIONAL ADVOCACY \$230,000		
Arriba Juntos	Proyecto Apoyo	71,000
Donaldina Cameron House	Employment Readiness	38,000
Mary Elizabeth Inn	INNroads	51,000
St. Vincent de Paul (Riley)	Brennan House	70,000
PREVENTION EDUCATION \$347,500		
Asian Perinatal Advocates	Preven/Interven Proj	48,000
Bayview Hunters Point Fdn	WAVE, ETC.	49,000
Center for Human Dvl	Viol/Sexl Assault Prev	25,000
Chinatown Youth Center	Young Asian ♀ Ag Viol	40,000
Horizons Unlimited	Females Against Viol	20,000
SF Neighborhood Legal Asst	Middle Schools Proj	27,000
SF Neighborhood Legal Asst	Queer ♀ Prev & Educ	24,600
SF Women Against Rape	STAND	27,000
SF Women Against Rape	Violence Prev Educ	66,900
Women In Dialogue	Prostitute ♀ Safety Proj	10,000
Women's Safety Project	Self-Defense Seed Proj	10,000

The principles and philosophy behind the funding recommendations were as follows:

1. To support a variety of community-based solutions to violence against women, we recommended funding a broad range of organizations in San Francisco, including those that have addressed violence against women but not received COSW funding in the past;
2. Strategically, we support the development of comprehensive programs, however limited resources precluded recommending large blocks of funding for specific projects;
3. The COSW's *Strategic Action Plan* emphasized services to the African American community, in part, a result of a 1996 report on San Francisco domestic homicides which identified African American women at the highest risk of domestic homicide. Although in a 1997 report, Latinas were identified as at the highest risk of domestic homicide, our recommendations do not reflect this shift.

4. Although the COSW's *Strategic Action Plan* identified L/B/T women as a priority population, of the four proposed projects, two were in Intervention/Advocacy (for which there were no additional funds for new programs), and two were in Prevention/Education (CUAV's outdoor media campaign and SFNLAF's community education program);
5. No funds were recommended for projects that seemed eligible for funding from other sources (for example, UCSF Center on Deafness, Goldman Institute, and CUAV – for prevention education programs for disabled, elder, and L/B/T women, respectively).

In the future, the Commission may wish to establish a policy for Request for Qualifications regarding grant amount ranges, and optimal and minimum budgets.

President Ito thanked the Selection Committee for meeting again.

m/s/c (Delgado/Saunders) approved the COSW Violence Against Women Grant Program Funding Recommendations for 1998-2001. All Ayes except Commissioner Treskunoff Bailey opposed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Angelo Butler of Women Against Violence Everywhere (WAVE) thanked the Commission for their second round of deliberations.

Jennifer Grant thanked the Commission for funding but expressed concern that \$34,500 was transferred from shelter services to prevention education.

Kate Lewis thanked the Commission for their funding and commented that their group served African American women as the most needful group of women.

Ken Thiesen of the San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation thanked the Commission for funding for LBT women prevention education.

Sonia Melara stated that the Commission's primary priority was transition. The number of programs that applied were few. After reviewing those submitted, programs were allocated the funding appropriate for the service being proposed. Transition will continue to be the Commission's primary priority next year.

President Ito discussed the challenges of balancing various community needs.

Sonia Melara stated that the needs assessment should be able to provide more information about the needs of the community.

Lester Olmstead Rose thanked the Commission for shifting money to prevention education for Lesbian Bisexual and Transgender Women and expressed disappointment that Community United Against Violence wasn't funded.

Claire Barnes thanked the Commission for funding for Cameron House.

Mai Ho of Asian Perinatal Advocates, a new grantee, thanked the Commission for funding.

Delores Richardson of the Center for Human Development thanked the Commission for funding to help young African American men.

Jamie Lee Evans of San Francisco Women Against Rape thanked the Commission for funding their programs which includes teaching women self defense.

President Ito thanked all for their comments.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.



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NOTICE

QUORUM WAS NOT MET.

THERE WAS NO COMMISSION MEETING ON

JUNE 25, 1998.