



Contra Costa County Health Center 2500 Alhambra Avenue, Martinez, CA 94553

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Minutes

Phyllis Gordon
-Chair
Joey Smith
Vice Chair
Judy Carney
Secretary

Members Present: Phyllis Gordon, Kathi Reed, Deborah Wood-Campbell, Joan Silva, Julianna Hynes, Nancie Zimmerman, Dana Wellington, Judy Carney, Joey Smith, Argentina Davila-Luevano

Call to Order: 6:45 p.m.

Commissioners

Joey Smith

District I

Judy Carney

District II

Dana Wellington

District III

District IV

Argentina Davila-Luevano

District V

AT-LARGE MEMBERS

Phyllis Gordon

Julianna Hynes

Kathi Reed

Joan Silva

Deborah Wood-Campbell

Nancie Zimmerman

Public Comment: No public comments

Chair's Report:

Community Events: Chair Phyllis Gordon and Commissioner Kathi Reed participated in the Soroptimist International District II *Get Real Academy* for girls in their senior year of high school. *The Cookie Project* was presented to approximately 250 girls and chaperones in five sessions. Following discussions on the issue of pay equity, using the examples of Lilly Ledbetter and Betty Dukes, the participants were given a cookie with a portion of the cookie missing. A card inserted in the cookie packet asked and answered the question "Where's the Rest of my Cookie?" using statistics that show women today earning only 77 cents for each dollar earned by a male counterpart.

Chair Gordon also represented the Commission at a fundraiser for the *Network of Care*, the non-profit for which Janet Frazier is being honored at the Women's Commission 2014 Hall of Fame. Commissioner Gordon also attended the Hispanic Chamber's *Women in Business* event and met with the County Health Department regarding a possible change in meeting location and partnership on future events.

Change in Meeting Location: Although we had been told the County Health Center Conference Room had been reserved for Commission meetings throughout the year, it appears another group has also reserved the same location. Additionally, access to the room is restricted by code and therefore not easily accessible to the public. Contacts will be made with JFK University and the County Connection to determine whether a more appropriate, long-term meeting location can be found prior to next month's meeting.

The Contra Costa
Commission for Women
will provide reasonable
accommodations for persons
with disabilities planning to
attend this meeting. Please
contact us at least 48 hours
prior to the meeting, at [www.
womenscommission.com](http://www.womenscommission.com)

Election of Officers: In order to remain in compliance, the Commission must hold election of new officers at this month's meeting.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the February 18, 2014 meeting were approved with the following addition: Commissioner Kathi Reed will put together ten prospective member packets and submit a bill for reimbursement. Commissioner Davila-Luevano moved that the minutes be approved as amended and printed on the Commission letterhead; Commissioner Zimmerman seconded and the motion carried with Commissioner's Wellington and Carney abstaining.

Election of Officers for 2014-2015: Commissioner Kathi Reed expressed an interest in serving as Secretary; Commissioner Joey Smith, expressed an interest in continuing to serve as Vice Chair; and Commissioner Julianna Hynes expressed an interest in serving as Chair. As no other candidates' names were submitted, the above named Commissioners were elected to serve as officers for the 2014-2015 Commission year.

Committee Reports:

Hall of Fame: A committee meeting will be held following this meeting to finalize plans for Thursday's event.

Women in Leadership: Commissioner Hynes would like to have a flyer at the Hall of Fame to announce the next *Women in Leadership* event. It was decided to announce it as a *future event* rather than a specific date since a proposed date has not been finalized. The Commission's contact information will be included on the flyer for further information.

Website/Newsletter: A short newsletter was sent out focusing on the Hall of Fame. A full newsletter will be sent out soon after the Hall of Fame is over.

Membership: Commissioner Smith has a prospective commissioner to invite to our next meeting. She also challenged each Commissioner to recruit at least one new member.

Cookie Project: At the *Get Real Academy* previously reported on by Chair Gordon, we were approached by teachers/counsellors interested in presenting the program at their schools, and possibly modifying it to present to Junior High students. Commissioner Reed is still working with Liberty Union High School District; however it is becoming more and more likely that nothing will happen this school year. Commissioner Smith also reported on an event sponsored by Congressman George Miller on March 31 that will be a panel discussion on increasing the federal minimum wage. She encouraged as many Commissioners to attend as possible.

New Business: Chair Gordon reported on a possible collaborative opportunity with Soroptimist at the Regional Conference in San Ramon in May. She also reported that Elmy Bermejo has become the Region Representative for the Department of Labor and is requesting Commission presence at a White House Summit on Working Families on May 5.

Tuesday, April 8, is Pay Equity Day. Chair Gordon requested all Commissioners to attend the Board of Supervisors' Meeting that day to present a modified version of our *Cookie Project* program to the Board. She will make chocolate chip cookies with a "bite" missing and the card which reads "Who Took a Bite Out of My Cookie?"

Announcements: Assemblymember Susan Bonilla's event *Celebrating Outstanding Women* is on April 25. The honorees from our Hall of Fame event will be recognized. Commissioner Zimmerman will send the honorees' information to Assemblymember Bonilla's office.

On March 21, the San Francisco and Berkeley ERA (Equal Rights Advocates) are screening the movie "Anita Speaking Truth to Power". Information on the film is also available at anitahill-film.com.

Adjournment: (8:05) Commissioner Hynes moved and Commissioner Davila-Luevano seconded that we adjourn to a Hall of Fame Planning Session. Motion carried.

Next Commission Meeting April 15. Location will be announced.

Taken & Submitted by

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Kathi Reed

