

**AGENDA
COUNTY OF SONOMA
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

**Meeting Held Through Publicly Available Link Via Zoom as well as in person at
575 Administration Drive, Ste 116B, Santa Rosa, CA 95403**

THURSDAY

July 14, 2022

6:00PM

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Second District: Katie Gordon , Caitlin Quinn , Julie Schulman

Third District: Ofra Isler, Ana Diaz-Garcia, Amber Lucas (On Leave of Absence)

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**DRAFT-MINUTES
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6.00PM

Virtual

Commissioners Present:

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Fourth District: Marta Cruz-Concepción

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Commissioners Absent:

Third District: Amber Lucas (On Leave of Absence)

Fourth District: Angélica Núñez**

Commissioner Brown* arrived at approx. 6:05 p.m.

Commissioner Núñez ** arrived at approx. 6:04 p.m. and signed off at 6:45 p.m.

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1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at approximately 6:02PM. Roll call was conducted by the Chair.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair Blalock read the land acknowledgement.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

No members of the public addressed the commission.

4. APPROVAL OF May 12, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the May 12, 2022 minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Wood

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Second: Commissioner Quinn

Absent: 2

Abstained: 2

Commissioner Brown was absent during the approval of the minutes. Commissioner Lucas is on leave. Commissioner Cruz-Concepcion abstain, Commissioner Nunez abstain, Chair Blalock abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

5. OFFICER REPORTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

- a. New District 2 Commissioner, Julie Shulman was sworn in by Meira Bowcut.
- b. Potential changes to meeting teleconferencing as of July 1, 2022.

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Governor Newsom is scheduled to announce his decision on whether or not he will extend AB 361, allowing for Public Meetings to be held via Teleconference. If it is not extended, there may be some restrictive guidelines for holding hybrid meetings. Brown Act requirements for hybrid meetings are very specific. It will be decided if the July meeting will be in person, via teleconference, or hybrid once there is more information.

- c. Athena House:
Support-NOW Zoom meeting June 13 at 6pm. There will be a ZOOM “Think Tank” meeting on what can be done to save Athena House.
Potential upcoming fundraiser/dinner July 23rd.
Commissioner Wood will send out more information on this as soon as she has it.
- d. All receipts for reimbursement must be in **before** June 30.
Commissioner Blalock asked for all receipts to be submitted to be counted in this fiscal year.
- e. Report out on Pride:
Commissioners Wood, Isler, and Cruz attended, along with 2 Junior Commissioners and a friend. Very successful event. Lots of resources were handed out. They encourage the group to attend more events.
- f. Chair Blalock talked about another opportunity for outreach- “A Night Out” in Petaluma, Tuesday, August 2, 2022. It has an educational component to it. She invited the commissioners to volunteer. Commissioner Shulman stated that she will be able to attend this event.
- g. Women’s Equality Day, Tuesday, August 26th.
Board Item for August 9, 2022. Deadline June 29th.
Chair Blalock stated that she will submit the Board Resolution to the Board. She stated that each Commissioner should submit it to their city calendar as well. Commissioner Cruz mentioned if you want to have it on your city calendar, they should ask that the item be put on the “forward calendar”.

6. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Commissioner Nunez announced that this is her last meeting.
- b. Commissioner Cruz-Concepcion announced that Supervisor Gore won the election in the 4th District.
- c. Commissioner Gordon announced that she will be receiving an award in Public Sociology for her work with the Commission on the Status of Women.

7. OPENINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

- a. We currently have openings in the 1st District , but it may be filled, there is someone in mind, 3rd District; one opening, , 4th District; one opening , and 5th District; 2 openings.

8. BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. Discussion and possible vote on date for Strategic Planning meeting. Options include Saturday, August 6, 10am-2pm, Sunday, August 7, 10am-2pm or Thursday, August 11 5pm-8pm.

It was decided to send out a doodle poll to decide when to hold the annual meeting.

- b. Discussion and possible vote regarding support of Roe v. Wade and Women’s Reproductive Freedom. Commissioner Brown

Commissioner Brown asked that this item moved to the next agenda she is waiting for some decisions that are in the works.

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Commissioners to provide reports and/or updates about the work being done by their ad hoc committee(s) and/or project committee(s).

- a. CSW Monthly Radio Project reported that they boosted a video on childcare that was created last year. Commissioner Nunez reported that she did not receive any feedback. She suggested that the advertising be re-done before it is sent out again.
- b. Impact of Covid-19 and Women in the Workforce Ad Hoc suggested to follow a bill that relates to food insecurity-SB744. In addition, there is a kick off event for “Our Kids, Our Future” coming up. The event is on June 23rd at Bacchus Landing. Chair Blalock will send a link to all regarding the event. Commissioner Wood encouraged the Commissioners to attend the event or to help with signature gathering.
- c. The Junior Commission on the Status of Women had their graduation. Commissioner Isler reported that some of the Supervisors attended and were very impressed with the projects. Next cohort will have 20 participants. Orientation is August 8, 2022. Commissioner Isler thanked all of the Commissioners who helped, and Meira Bowcut for all of their help with this project. Commissioners Quinn and Brown have offered to be mentors.
- d. Spirit Award Ad Hoc Commissioner Quinn reported that she has secured judges. They will be meeting Friday, June 17th. First District judge will be Larkin O’Leary, Second District judge will be Dennis Pocekay, Third District judge will be Elizabeth Quiroz, Fourth District judge will be Alma Bowen, Fifth district judge will be Councilwoman Neysa Hinton. They will be meeting regarding the theme for this year and plans for this year’s award recipients.
- e. Voices of Sonoma County Women– Commissioner Gordon reported that they met this week about a grant and social media campaign. They will be meeting in July. Also, they will be meeting with the Center for the Advancement of Women, there is a professor

who is willing to analyze the data for the CSW. Meira reported that we are waiting for tax forms to complete the grant, but everything is on track.

- f. CEDAW Commissioner Gordon reached out to CAO's office regarding CEDAW. She is still waiting to hear back. She will report out next month.

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- a. Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW) did not have anything to report.
- b. Human Trafficking Task Force Chair Blalock reported that she is looking into signage on bus backs. She is waiting for cost quotes. Signage inside will be free with Petaluma Transit, but still waiting on pricing on Sonoma County Transit. There is permanent signage inside the busses regarding Human Trafficking.
- c. The Legislative Advisory Group reported under Impact of Covid-19 on Women in the Workforce updates. No further updates.
- d. National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW) Information about the conference was sent today. If you want to attend please let Chair Blalock know by the beginning of July.
- e. YWCA had nothing to report.

11. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT COMMISSION MEETING

- a. Commissioner Cruz wanted to suggest a Guest Speaker for the next meeting. The speaker has agreed to present.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM

Vicki Groninga bio

I grew up in New Hampshire and moved to California to complete my BA and MA. After receiving my MA in Counseling, I worked at Santa Rosa Junior College as the Director of the Reentry Program. I later moved into the business world and worked at Hewlett-Packard and Agilent Technologies in various positions in HR for almost 30 years. I am married to Curt Groninga and have two grown stepdaughters, two great son-in-laws, and five wonderful grandchildren. My hobbies are reading, cooking, and traveling. Since I retired in 2013, I have spent time volunteering, most recently for the Roseland School District, Impact 100 Redwood Circle (founding member), and Elisha's Pantry. I have been a member of Forum since 2007.

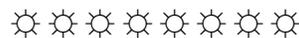




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REPORT DATE: July 1st, 2022
MEETING DATE: July 14th, 2022

TO: Fellow Commissioners of the Commission on the Status of Women
FROM: Commissioner/Vice-Chair Wood
SUBJECT: Sponsor the Athena House Fundraiser called “Keeping Hope Alive”



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

I recommend that the Commission on the Status of Women sponsor this event for \$500. They will add our logo to Marketing and we will be able to get 5 tickets to the plated dinner.

BACKGROUND:

Athena House is scheduled to close. The Nonprofit that owns Athena house is California Human Development. They let all the women in Athena House and children know that they had until the end of June to vacate the property. Athena House is one of the only two residential treatment centers for women and children in Sonoma County. They have decided to fundraise and find a fiscal sponsor. They need to raise 2.5 million dollars. Part of spreading the news and fundraising for a new fiscal sponsor is why they are having this event.

DISCUSSION:

Jasmine has asked us to be a sponsor for the event. The event has had lots of press coverage, this is exactly what our Commission supports. There are only two residential rehabs that house women and children and we have an opportunity to be able to push this forward and be part of very important work to help save this important house. This is what our mission is about. It supports mental health and helps women recover. It also aligns with our Women’s Voices surveys when we talked to women in the Main Adult Detention Facility. They stated they had trouble when they were released.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This will have a fiscal impact of \$500 on our annual budget but we will be the main sponsor behind this event. This will send a message to the community about what we deem helpful and important to our community. This is very important.

OPTIONS:

Options are to approve the ask to sponsor this event and attend with 5 tickets. We will gain lots of marketing and have our logo on all marketing materials and social media.

1. Approve the sponsorship of \$500 to support the saving of Athena House
2. Approve the purchase of less tickets and no sponsorship
3. Do not approve the sponsorship

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Attachment 1: Sponsorship request from Jasmine Palmer for the Athena House event.

Projected attendance: We can seat 100. I'm not sure how many people will join us, I'm hoping 100.

Demographics of Attendees (optional): local politicians, county staff, criminal justice, nonprofit service providers, our recovery community, community

How will this effort/event/program relate to the mission of CSW: _____

Athena House was started in the 70's because of how things were not created equally for male and female inmates. An entire facility was built for the men with minimum security. Recognizing the discrimination, Athena House found it's name and began the journey of saving lives for 44 years.

Women regain strength and their voice amongst so much more. We can't lose this treatment facility.

Please provide additional information about the event/program, such as its objectives (optional):

We have found a service provider to take over, Buckelew, but still need the location to continue services. We have a goal of \$2.5M to obtain through fundraising and private donors. We're hoping to bring awareness of the seriousness for services and find more donors, as well as fundraise.

How will CSW benefit from sponsoring this event/effort (radio/newspaper exposure, onsite opportunities, signage, public relations, print ad, program ad, etc)? _____

You'll be included in all media and marketing material as well as mentioned in any radio or press communications. Also in the program at the event. You will have 5 tickets to the event.

Exactly what sponsorship amount are you requesting from SoCo CSW? \$500

Anything possible will help us a lot and I truly appreciate.

How will proceeds from this event be used? _____

This will be used to purchase Hope Village properties from CHD and renovate one house to gain licensing for treatment and continue the sober living homes.

If we don't succeed, the money raised will go to helping the 30+ women and kids living at Hope Village with finding housing to transition to when the property sells.

Please submit your form to CSW at least 45 day in advance of the event via one of the following:

- (1) Email a copy of form as an attachment to: CSWChair@gmail.com
- (2) Mail to: SoCo CSW, 575 Administrative Dr., #116B, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

CSW Mission:

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