



BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SACRAMENTO COUNTY WOMEN'S COMMISSION

BRC MEETING

June 17, 2020

Notes

Upcoming BRC Meeting Dates

July 8, 2020, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

August 11, 2020, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm (new date, please add to your calendar)

In Attendance

Commissioners

Haley Ausserer

Bernice Bass de Martinez

Lee Battershell

Donna Begay

Emily Bender

Alexis Blount

Lisa Culp

Carol Enns

Linda Farley

Charmen Goehring

Kendra Harris

Dina Howard

Maya Howard

Marian Johnston

Eulonda Lea

Leslie Levitas

Ali Lichtenstein

Tonya Lindsay

Marty McKnew

PJ Missman

Molly Nugent

Erin Saberi

Susan Stone

Nilda Valmores

Special Assistant to the Commission: Jasmine Partida

Guest Speakers: Jan Scully, Faith Whitmore of the Sacramento Regional Family Justice Center

Members of the Public: Susan Adams, Nolice Edwards, Christine Tien, Melissa Washington



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Meeting Notes

- I. **WELCOME:** Ms. Saberi gave a special welcome to guests, Jan Scully and Faith Whitmore from the Sacramento Regional Family Justice Center (FJC) and invited them to share with the group about the work of the FJC.

- II. **GUEST SPEAKERS:** Ms. Scully described the Center, established in July 2016, as a unique model offering one-stop collaborative services to victims of domestic violence, elder abuse, human-trafficking, sexual assault and child abuse. The staff assesses needs and then works in collaboration with other local organizations to bring services to the client. Their motto: A family free of violence is a community free of violence.

Ms. Whitmore described the mobile legal clinic, mental health coordination, the FJC's Camp Hope for kids and the FJC's funding sources. During a question period, several members mentioned other organizations doing similar work in the community: Donna Begay talked about the Inter-tribal Council of California, Nolice Edwards gave information about the Office of Victim & Survivor Rights and Services at the CA Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Services as well as the Sacramento Women and Girls Advancement Coalition. Nolice said that her office could be helpful in the judicial process. Dina Howard mentioned the services of the Sacramento Mediation Center.

- III. **REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MAY MEETING NOTES:** Marian Johnston presented the minutes from the last meeting for approval. Lee Battershell made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Bernice Bass de Martinez gave a second. There were no comments and the motion was approved.

- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no public comments.

- V. **UPDATES:** Ms. Saberi gave some updates regarding the BRC work. The Social Media committee has been working on the website and she gave the group a sneak peek. The Sacramento For Women and Girls Facebook page will merge with the BRC page. On



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Twitter and Instagram, the handle “SacWomenGirls” is used. Erin also had a check in with Supervisor Serna and discussed postponing the BRC presentation to the Board, originally scheduled for July 2020. He is okay with postponing but doesn’t want the group to lose momentum. Ms. Saberi recommended having the Ad-Hoc Advisory committee recommendations to the BRC by July in anticipation of the Board presentation in September. Serna also liked the idea of a county forum at the end of August to honor the 100th anniversary of women’s right to vote. She also reminded the group that the next two meetings of the BRC would be July 8 and August 11. Ms. Saberi reminded the group about the community survey and encouraged everyone to send it out, along with the cover letter, to all members’ associations. She mentioned appreciation to Rachel Rios and the team at La Familia for helping to translate the survey and to Jessie Tientcheu and Opening Doors for helping identify other potential languages. Lastly, Ms. Saberi asked for any community support announcements. There is a need for children sized face masks which Linda Farley said Girl Scouts could help make and La Familia needs volunteers for their Wednesday afternoon food share program.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES:

DATA AND INFORMATION

Dr. Tonya Lindsay reported that the Data and Information committee was able to translate the survey into Spanish and is working on data surrounding women and the Covid-19 pandemic. They will be reaching out to the EDD to get data about women, work and industries in Sacramento County.

YOUTH

Ms. Howard shared for the Youth committee as Co-Chairs Maya Howard and Alana Ramsey had to leave the meeting early. The youth have created social media accounts (sacwomxnnyouth) and a Gmail account (sacwomxnnyouth@gmail.com). They are finishing up their mandate statement and Ms. Ramsey will be presenting with IQ Squad to the County Board of Supervisors Mental Health committee regarding their recent listening circles.

ASSESSING NEEDS

The Assessing Needs committee is working on getting their community survey out as far into the community as possible with a June 30 deadline.



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RESOURCES

The Resources committee is regrouping after losing a co-chair to personal obligations and will be completing the spreadsheet of organizations in the coming weeks.

WOMEN'S COMMISSION MODELS

Ms. Stone reported that the Commission Models committee has decided to be more flexible with their recommendations for now and taking a landscape view. They plan to compile the research into a narrative in June, add the survey results to their report in July and report to the BRC in August.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments from the public.
There were no additional announcements.

VIII. NEXT STEPS: The organizational outreach chart and survey will be sent to all BRC members. A youth mask pattern will be sought for those wanting to sew masks. Any corrections to the BRC list of commissioners should be sent to Erin Saberi and Jasmine Partida. The next meeting of the BRC will be on July 8, 2020 and held on Zoom from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

IX. ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Submitted by: Charmen Goehring and Molly Nugent