



December 2021 Minutes
Tuesday, December 21, 2021
7:00 – 8:30 pm
Met via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Present: Hannah Brown, Kelly Clancy, Shailaja Dixit, Catherine Jones, Faye Maloney, Lanita Mims, Shauna Polk, Ariana Rickard, Jennifer Rizzo, Joey Smith, and Kirsten Upshaw

Absent: Michelle Hernandez and Dayanna Macias-Carlos

Guests: none

1. Meeting called to order at 7:09 pm

a. Hannah motioned to approve the agenda and Kirsten seconded. Meeting agenda approved.

2. Public Comment - none

3. Approval of Minutes

a. Action: Kirsten motioned to approve the October 19, 2021 minutes and Hannah Brown seconded. Minutes approved.

4. Old Business

a. Discuss and Approve Bylaw Amendments

i. Three sections were left out of recent version of bylaws. We reviewed these three items:

1. Commissioners who also have membership in an organization that provides funding to the Commission must recuse themselves from any discussion and/or vote pertaining to the use of those funds.

Hannah made a motion, Shauna and Kelly seconded. Vote taken, motion passes.

2. At-Large-Members of the Commission will endeavor to attend one (1) Board of Supervisor's meeting at year on behalf of the Commission, resulting in an additional commitment of approximately two (2) hours throughout the entire year.

Hannah made a motion to approve, Kirsten seconded. Vote taken, motion passes.

3. Be an ambassador and proponent of the Commission and engage people from all cultural and ethnic groups in women's and girls' issues and in the work of the Commission.

Hannah made a motion to approve, Kirsten seconded. Vote taken, motion passes.

b. January 11 – bylaws go to board of supervisors for approval

5. New Business

a. Discuss upcoming vacant positions – three open positions. Eight at-large members. The Commission can have 10 at large seats plus an alternate. Ariana shared that she will be leaving the Commission at the end of her term, February 28, 2022.

i. Action: Invite applicants to January meeting. Try to appoint new members to start serving in March.

6. Committee Reports

a. Legislative Committee – Faye Maloney is chair. Committee will resume meeting in January. The Committee will continue to support AB 988, the Miles Hall lifeline act. This bill supports funding a mental health crisis hotline. California provided \$20 million in funding for the hotline. The Legislative Committee will work with Laura Delaney on any legislative asks on behalf of County. Link to AB 988 text - https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB988

b. Annual planning retreat in January, create a plan for the year. By February or March, ask County potentially for money to fund any projects or event.

c. Grant opportunity - Women’s Recovery Act. “The California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls announced that the state budget includes additional funding of 7.9 million dollars which will be utilized to facilitate a statewide Women’s Recovery Response in the wake of COVID-19.” Applications opening in January 2022. <https://women.ca.gov/womens-recovery-response/>

7. Announcements and upcoming community events –

a. Homekey – Contra Costa bought a motel that will be one of first buildings to house residents experiencing homelessness. Opening in January 2022.

b. Social media – send updates on what is happening in your community to Commission Facebook and Instagram page to share on social media.

8. Adjourn

a. Action: Adjourn meeting – 8:02 pm