

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2004

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on January 12, 2003 in Room 830 of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Jernigan called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m., followed by introductions. The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

President Jernigan
Treasurer Lesser
Commissioner Carpenter-McMillan
Commissioner Cooperman
Commissioner Creary
Commissioner Duba
Commissioner Morgan
Commissioner Mummey
Commissioner Perkins

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- She thanked Commissioner Carpenter-McMillan for graciously accepting the appointment as Chair of the 19th Annual Women of the Year Awards Luncheon in light of the ongoing supermarket strikes that prevented Commissioner Lewis, a manager with Albertson's Market, to serve as chair of the Committee.
- She discussed a letter she sent to Commissioners regarding protocol when meeting with international visitors.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2003

On motion of Commissioner Creary, seconded by Commissioner Cooperman, and unanimously carried, the minutes of December 8, 2003, were approved, with Treasurer Lesser and Commissioner Creary abstaining.

REIMBURSE THE PRESIDENT'S FUND \$60 FOR FOUR TICKETS TO ATTEND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH CERVICAL CANCER PREVENTION AND EDUCATION INITIATIVE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST ON JANUARY 15, 2004

On motion of Commissioner Creary, seconded by Commissioner Cooperman, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to reimburse the President's Fund \$60 for four tickets to attend the Los Angeles County Office of Women's Health Community Breakfast on January 15, 2004.

UPDATE ON THE SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION AND ORIENTATION FOR THE 2003 GIRLS-AT-RISK SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 13, 2004

Commissioner Duba discussed the details of the activities planned for the 2003 Girls-at-Risk Scholarship Reception and Orientation Program, and provided the Commission with an agenda for their reference.

APPROVAL OF AWARDEES FOR THE 19TH ANNUAL WOMEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS LUNCHEON

On motion of Commissioner Carpenter-McMillan, seconded by Commissioner Perkins, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the following awardees for the 19th Annual Women of the Year Awards Luncheon:

District Awardees:

- 1st District – Antonia Hernández, President and General Counsel, MALDEF
- 2nd District – Mary Agnes Erlandson, Director, St. Margaret's Center
- 3rd District – Carol Oughton Biondi, Vice President and Commissioner, Commission for Children and Families and Jo Kaplan, Esq., Commissioner, Probation Commission
- 4th District – Malinda Waddell-Wheeler, RN, MN, FNP, Forensic Nurse Specialist
- 5th District – Berisha Black, Emancipation Ombudsman, Department of Children and Family Services

Community Awardees:

- Kelly Hayes-Raitt, President, Coast-to-Coast Community Campaigns
- Honorable Mary Thorton House, Judge, Superior Court of Los Angeles
- Synthia Saint James, Author, Artist, and Educator
- Tracy R. Tate, Engineer, Southern California Edison
- Gail Wyatt, Ph.D., Professor of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Science, UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PARTICIPATION IN THE HARVARD UNIVERSITY GENERATIONS POLICY PROJECT, A FORUM ON THE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, AND MEDIA IMPACTS OF THE FEMALE BABY-BOOMER GENERATION, SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 2004 IN LOS ANGELES

The Commission discussed participation in the Harvard University Generations Policy Project scheduled for June 2004 in Los Angeles. The Commission will discuss this issue at later date when more information is received from the event planners. Jim Corbett, staff, will write a letter of acceptance to Harvard University.

CONSIDER SUPPORT OF THE CEDARS-SINAI MEDICAL CENTER'S THIRD ANNUAL WOMEN'S HEALTH CONFERENCE IN MARCH BY DISTRIBUTING THE "SAVE THE DATE" CARD TO THE COMMISSION'S CONTACT LIST

On motion of Commissioner Cooperman, seconded by Commissioner Creary, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved distribution of the Cedars Sinai Medical Center's Third Annual Women's Health Conference "Save the Date" card to the Commission's contacts of more than 200 women's organizations.

(Commissioner Becerra-Jones arrived.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health Committee

Commissioner Creary informed the Commission of the ongoing issues at King/Drew Medical Center. The next Health Committee meeting will take place on January 26, 2004 at 9 a.m. in Room 830.

Legislative Committee

President Jernigan informed the Commission of the drastic state budget cuts that will adversely affect essential public social services utilized mostly by low-income women, children and senior citizens.

5K Run/Walk Subcommittee

Commissioner Duba informed the Commission that planning meetings will soon begin for the 6th Annual 5K Run/Walk for Girls-at-Risk. The date and location for the event is September 18, 2004 at the Pasadena Rose Bowl. The subcommittee membership is comprised of President Jernigan, Vice President Mariajimenez, Treasurer Lesser, and Commissioners Perkins and Morgan.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Commissioner Perkins encouraged Commissioners to promote the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday on Monday, January 19, 2004. She asked them to take time to participate in the celebratory festivities that honor the memory of the civil rights leader who led the struggle to end the institutionalized racial segregation, discrimination, and injustice of African-Americans.

She further informed Commissioners that due to severe state budget cuts the City of Los Angeles has proposed to consolidate the Los Angeles City Commission on the Status of Women with four to five other City departments.

Commissioner Creary informed Commissioners of the breast cancer awareness and fundraising event she attended at the Regent Beverly Wilshire Hotel. Lorraine Jackson, a breast cancer survivor and health care advocate, organized this fund-raising dinner through her new organization, the Lorraine Jackson Foundation. Proceeds from this event were donated to the American Cancer Society.

Commissioner Duba reported on her visit to the Antelope Valley Oasis Domestic Violence Shelter, where she toured the center and living quarters before presenting the Shelter's staff with a \$500 check donated on behalf of the Commission.

President Jernigan reported on her visit to the Jenesse Center, where she, along with Commissioners Becerra-Jones and Creary, and Second District Deputy Renita Bowlin, toured the facilities and presented a \$500 check to Director Karen Earl on behalf of the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA

Commissioner Becerra-Jones requested that an honorarium be given to the young girl who will sing at the 2003 Girls-at-Risk Scholarship Reception scheduled for tomorrow, January 13, 2004 in Room 140. President Jernigan recommended referring this request to the Chair of the 5K Run/Walk Sub-committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSIONERS

Ruth Jernigan, President
Charlotte Lesser, Treasurer
Yolanda Becerra-Jones
Susan Carpenter-McMillan
Roslyn Cooperman
Ruth Creary, Ph.D.
Reiko Duba
Lila Morgan
Janet Mummey
Barbara Perkins

EXCUSED

Yvonne Mariajimenez
Karin Davalos
Bonnie J. Lewis
Olivia Rodriguez

UNEXCUSED

Sophia Esparza

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

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