MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2009

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on Monday, January 12, 2009 in Room, 372 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Duba called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

2009 AWARDS LUNCHEON AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORT

Staff member Twila Kerr reported that the Committee met this morning and discussed the following:

- Michaela Pereira, Co-Anchor, KTLA Morning Show is confirmed as Mistress of Ceremonies.
- Instrumental Women "Lady Jazz" Ensemble of Pasadena will provide musical entertainment.
- The next press release will announce the awardees and participants for the luncheon.
- The souvenir journal will include a page in memoriam of Former Third District Commissioner Roslyn Cooperman, Past Fourth District Awardee Mary Ann Villegas and Former Los Angeles City First Lady Ethel Bradley. Also a page representing the luncheon theme "Standing Together Against Domestic Violence" will be included. Commissioners who would like to use a new photo in the souvenir journal must submit their photo by Monday, February 9, 2009.
- The Committee agreed to have an opportunity drawing for the three donated items instead of a silent auction. Suggested donation is $5.00 each ticket.

Commissioner Gravely asked all commissioners to purchase or sell one table for the luncheon. She also asked commissioners to solicit sponsorships for the event.

The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

President Duba
Vice President Tanberg
Treasurer Freeman
Commissioner Creary
Commissioner Gravely
Commissioner Jernigan
Commissioner Lesser
Commissioner Rodriguez

Introduction of audience followed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2008

On motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Vice President Tanberg, and unanimously carried, the minutes of December 8, 2009 were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Duba reported the following:

- On December 8, 2008, she attended the joint Education and Domestic Violence committee meeting. She also attended the Commission's Domestic Violence Donation presentation.
- On December 11, 2008, President Duba and Treasurer Freeman participated in the Antelope Valley's Holiday luncheon for foster children. There were 150 children and parents in attendance at the Little Rock Recreation Center. With the assistance of Past Women of the Year Awardee, Peg Ann Lee, the event was a huge success.
- The Girls At-Risk Scholarship reception will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon in Room 140 of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration. This year, the Commission will issue a record number of 35 scholarships, of which 5 are Nursing Scholarships in the amount of $2,000.00 each, totaling $40,000 in scholarship donations.
- The Fifth District Community meeting is scheduled for May 2009 and in April 2009 a Domestic Violence program is being planned.
- At the June 2009, CW Committees and its members will be presenting an annual report of activity.
- The Commission will meet on March 9, 2009 at 10:00 am in Room 372. The Women of the Year Awards luncheon is March 16, 2009, 11:00 a.m. at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel.

President Duba asked staff to send a letter to Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, Second District inviting him and the women liaison Deputy to attend a future meeting.

STAFF REPORT

Staff reported the following:

- Daily Breeze news articles regarding the Los Angeles County Commission Study were presented to each Commissioner. Staff distributed the section of the Commission Study pertaining to the Commission for Women.
- Reminded Commissioners of online Ethics Training.
- Commissioner Michelle Pinedo was re-appointed to the Commission for a term ending on August 29, 2010.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Freeman reported there is no Treasurer's Report this meeting.

PRESENTATION FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY COLLEGE OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH

Maria Caballero, Dean of Administration and Student Services, Los Angeles County College of Nursing and Allied Health, gave an overview of the programs and eligibility

requirements. Established in 1895, the School of Nursing is funded by the County of Los Angeles, with over 7,000 graduates. All students must be residents of Los Angeles County for a minimum of one year prior to admission. The college offers a two-year hospital based Associate Degree and a one-year LVN (Licensed Vocational Nurse) program. Graduates are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) to become a registered nurse.

The college is located on the premises of the Los Angeles County + University of Southern California Medical Center. Clinical experiences are also offered at other Los Angeles County facilities including Olive View-UCLA, Harbor-UCLA and Rancho Los Amigos Medical Centers. Nursing Students study and receive clinical experience in selected areas, such as, medical, surgical, pediatric, obstetrical, and psychiatric nursing.

There are 300 students in the program ranging from 19 to 51 years of age. The program is ethically diverse with 35% Latino, 15% Pilipino, 10% African American, 7% Asian Pacific and 1% Native American and currently 12 to15% of the students are men. Approximately 80% of students receive some type of financial aid and 95% of students are participating in the tuition agreement contract. Currently, tuition is $2,400.00 per semester. Students under contract, pay $700.00 per semester, deferring $1,700.00 each semester until the end of the program. Thereafter, if graduates are employed at a County hospital for three years, their debt is forgiven by the County.

Ms. Caballero and her facility look forward to collaborating with the Commission and its Education Committee on a mentoring program for recipients of the CW's nursing scholarship.

Following discussion, President Duba thanked Ms. Caballero for an informative presentation.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO SUPPORT THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION'S GO RED CAMPAIGN FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2009

On motion of Commissioner Lesser, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to support the American Heart Association's "Go Red" Campaign for the Month of February 2009.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO SUPPORT THE ACCW GOALS CREATED AT THE ANNUAL RETREAT HELD IN NOVEMBER 2008

On motion of Commissioner Lesser, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to support the ACCW goals created at the Annual Retreat held in November 2008.

COMMISSION FOR WOMEN WEBSITE RENOVATION UPDATE

In November 2008, President Duba reported the Commission's website will be placed on the Los Angeles County's portal and should be up and running by February 2009.

Vice President Tanberg reported that she and staff member Nyla Jefferson reviewed the old website and organized it to be more user-friendly. Ms. Jefferson explained that the new website will be created using web-sphere and walk the Commission through draft template for the new website. Following discussion, staff received good feedback from Commissioners to improve the new website. President Duba thanked Vice President Tanberg and Ms. Jefferson for their work.

UPDATE ON THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

Commissioner Becerra-Jones reported that the scholarship reception will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 140 at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration. Since the new date, two speakers were added to the program. Dr. Susie Baldwin, LAC Department of Public Health, Health Assessment Unit will be replacing Dr. Rita Singhal, Office of Women Health. Sharon Wei, Interval House, will be premiering a film on "Preventing Dating Domestic Violence". Commissioner Becerra-Jones asked Treasurer Freeman to prepare a press release on the film. There will be as a full program filled with beneficial information for the young women.

Ms. Caballero, Dean of Administration and Student Services, Los Angeles County College of Nursing and Allied Health will participate as a panelist at the reception. She will also identify five nurses to mentor the nursing scholarship recipients. Commissioner Becerra-Jones suggested that Ms. Caballero be invited to participate in the Town Hall meeting in May 2009. Commissioner Jernigan suggested that commissioners assist in calling the scholarship recipients from there district.

Commissioner Becerra-Jones asked staff to send an e-mail to Commissioners of the date, timeline and location of the scholarship reception.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications Committee: Vice President Tanberg reported that she and Commissioner Lesser met with Deputy Gail Tierney, Fourth District to share the goals and work of the Commission. Supervisor Knabe is excited to participate in the upcoming Awards luncheon as Chair of the Run for Health. Commissioners from each district should meet with their Supervisor and Deputy twice a year. Vice President Tanberg requested a report from each district meeting by June 2009.

Action plans have been received by the Education, Health, and Communication Committees and outstanding are Domestic Violence, Gender Equity, Legislative and Older Women's Issues Committee. The action plans are designed to keep all commissioners informed with specific activities from each committee. It can also be a useful tool to keep the website and commission publications current.

Older Women's Issues: Vice Chair Pat Wilson was asked to complete the action plan for the Older Women's Issues committee. The Committee will meet later this afternoon.

Gender Equity: There will be no action plan for this committee.

President Duba will ask Vice President Tanberg to Chair the Retreat Committee in July or early August 2009.

Legislative Committee: Commissioner Jernigan reported that HR 2831 Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, along with companion bills HR11 and HR12 passed the House of Representative last week. The United States Senate will vote on the bills after the Presidential Inauguration.

Commissioner Jernigan asked staff to send a congratulatory letter to former Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis for her recent confirmation as Secretary, United States Department of Labor. She also asked staff to send a letter to the Domestic Violence Shelter for a participant for the Legislative Committee.

On motion of Commissioner Lesser, seconded by Vice President Tanberg, and unanimously carried, the Commission agreed to extend the Commission meeting for 20 minutes.

Health Committee: Commissioner Lesser reported that the next Health Committee meeting will be held on January 29, 2009 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. by teleconference. Committee action plans are due by January 23, 2009. Commissioner Lesser will attend two meetings of the Office of Women's Health. One is based on teaching physicians cultural competency and the other is a regular board meeting.

Domestic Violence Committee: Commissioner Rodriguez reported that the Committee met and will work with the shelter directors to plan a meeting with the Board of Supervisors in April 2009 to brief them on Domestic Violence Shelters projects. Commissioner Rodriguez will work with staff to schedule the breakfast meeting sponsored by Commission. A draft of the policy for child abuse protocol will be presented this afternoon at ICAN. Commissioner Rodriguez will schedule a presentation later in the year.

President Duba asked staff to place on the February 2009 Commission agenda for approval, the cost of the Domestic Violence Shelter breakfast meeting with the Board of Supervisors.

Commissioner Jernigan requested staff to schedule a meeting with the Sheriff and District Attorney regarding early release of repeat offenders of domestic violence. Domestic Violence Shelter directors should be invited.

Commissioner Lesser is currently working with intern Tiffany Smith on the Commission's Status Report. Please submit any information you would like to see in the report as soon as possible.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Geneviève Clavreul reported that the County hired a company to recruit a new director for Health Services. Supervisor Ridley-Thomas requested a report on King Drew

Hospital that should be available next month. She also expressed concern of nurses not being able to pass the State test.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS

On January 10, 2009, Commissioner Creary attended a meeting regarding the nursing shortage.

On December 11, 2008, Treasurer Freeman participated as the Mistress of Ceremony for the Antelope Valley's Holiday luncheon for foster children.

MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA (to be presented and placed on a future agenda):

None presented.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSIONERS

Reiko Duba, President
Bobbi Jean Tanberg, Vice President
Peggy Freeman, Treasurer
Yolanda Becerra-Jones
Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D.
Wadie Gravely
Ruth Jernigan
Charlotte Lesser
Olivia Rodríguez

EXCUSED

Karin Davalos
Janet Mummey, Esq.
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COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Rhonda Rangel, Twila Kerr and Nyla Jefferson Executive Office
Elaine Rodriguez, OAAC

GUESTS

Maria Caballero
Geneviève Clavreul
Pat Wilson