



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR  
WOMEN  
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 372  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
<http://LACCW.info>**

**Monday, July 8, 2013**

**10:00 AM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (13-3331)

**Attachments:** [AUDIO](#)

Call to Order. (13-3073)

**In the absence of President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D., Vice President Becky A. Shevlin called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and noted the lack of a quorum. Commissioners Ruth V. Creary Ph.D. and Alice Petrossian joined the meeting at 10:10 a.m.**

Present: Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt, Commissioner Ruth V. Creary Ph.D., Commissioner Reiko Duba, Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos, Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D., Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

Excused: President Veda E. Ward Ph.D. and Commissioner Dora de la Rosa,

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER**

1. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of June 10, 2013. (13-3077)

**On motion of Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Reiko Duba, this item was approved with the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 8 - Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt, Commissioner Ruth V. Creary Ph.D., Commissioner Reiko Duba, Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos, Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D., Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

**Abstentions:** 1 - Commissioner Charlotte Lesser

**Excused:** 2 - President Veda E. Ward Ph.D. and Commissioner Dora de la Rosa,

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## **II. PRESENTATIONS**

2. Status report on various projects involving BreastfeedLA, by Genevieve Thomas Colvin, Program Manager, BreastfeedLA and Helen O'Connor, Breastfeed Policy Analyst, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. (13-3093)

**Genevieve Thomas Colvin, Program Manager, Breastfeed LA and Helen O'Connor, Breastfeed Policy Analyst, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health provided a status report on Breastfeed LA's efforts to improving the health and well-being of infants and families through advocacy; and their continued activities in collaborating with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.**

**Ms. Colvin added that Breastfeed LA has impacted the lives of women in the County of Los Angeles, and they are delighted to report that the Commission for Women's support of Breastfeed LA's efforts was instrumental in their success.**

**She also noted, Breastfeed LA has collaborated with LA Babies Network at the Breastfeeding Policy Roundtable 2013, which helped to organize and direct a comprehensive policy agenda meeting and brought stakeholders together to address the barriers public breastfeeding is facing in Los Angeles County. She concluded by stating, the US Surgeon Generals' Call to Action To Support Breastfeeding was the framework for the policy, which identified six core areas of concerns: Mothers and Families, Communities, Healthcare, Employment, Research, Surveillance and Public Health.**

**Ms. Helen O'Connor, Breastfeed Policy Analyst, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, reported that she is working with local hospitals breastfeeding support staff in order to increase best practices. She stated the East, North and South Regional Hospital Breastfeeding Consortiums in Los Angeles County have been fully implemented. The West Regional Hospital Breastfeeding Consortium will be implemented in the fall of 2013. Meetings are held monthly and include the 10 Steps of Baby Friendly with each group.**

**Commissioners commented on this item.**

**Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission regarding mothers who do not want to breastfeed their infant children.**

**Vice President Becky A. Shevlin thanked Ms. Genevieve Colvin and Ms. Helen O'Connor for their impressive, insightful and informative presentation.**

**Staff was instructed to coordinate with Ms. Colvin to receive the "Six Key Laws of Families" campaign posters, to be distributed by Commissioners in their respective Districts.**

**After discussion, there being no objection, and by common consent, this item was received and filed.**

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- 3. Presentation on services provided to women and girls by Valley Care Community Consortium by Joni Novosel, Executive Director, as requested by Commissioner Norma Gallegos. (13-2909)**

**Joni Novosel, Executive Director of Valley Care Community Consortium gave a brief presentation on various services provided to families in Service Plan Area 2 (SPA 2) by Valley Care Community Consortium.**

**Ms. Novosel responded to questions posed by the Commission.**

**After discussion, there being no objection, and by common consent, this item was received and filed.**

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**III. DISCUSSIONS**

4. Request for donation to the Valley Care Community Consortium be included in the 2013-14 Fiscal Year Budget for their Back-to-School Health Fair event to be held on Saturday, August 10, 2013; and assist students with necessary supplies needed for school, as submitted by Commissioner Norma Gallegos. (13-2860)

**On motion of Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos, seconded by Commissioner Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D., this item was opened for discussion.**

**Joni Novosel, Executive Director of Valley Care Community Consortium noted the request for donation was to help impoverished families including single mothers raising children. Ms. Novosel responded to questions posed by the Commission.**

**During discussion the Commissioners provided suggestions regarding alternative sources for funding to the applicant.**

**After discussion, the motion failed by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 1 - Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos

**Noes:** 7 - Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt, Commissioner Ruth V. Creary Ph.D., Commissioner Reiko Duba, Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D., Commissioner Charlotte Lesser and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

**Abstentions:** 1 - Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian

**Excused:** 2 - President Veda E. Ward Ph.D. and Commissioner Dora de la Rosa,

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5. Discussion and planning of the Commission for Women's annual Retreat scheduled for August 2013. (13-3189)

**Emma De Jesus, Staff, announced that the Commission's Annual Retreat will be held immediately following the August 12, 2013 Regular meeting, and include the following items.**

- **Women of the Year Awards Luncheon;**
- **Scholarship Awards Program Funding;**
- **Evaluation of viability of Ad-Hoc and Standing Committees;**
- **Guidelines and criteria for funding outside agencies and revision**

- of funds request application; and
- Fiscal Year 2013-14 Budget;

During discussion, and by common consent, there being no objection, the Commissioners agreed to commit to until 2:30 p.m. for the Retreat.

After further discussion, this item was filed.

6. Discussion and approval of Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-14. (13-3076)

Treasurer Charlotte Lesser provided an overview of the history of the Commission's Budget and the proposed 2013-14 Fiscal Year Budget.

During discussion, Commissioner amended the proposed 2013-14 Budget as follows:

- Deletion of End of Year CW Reception Allocation
- Deletion of District Projects Allocation
- Addition of \$1,500 to Committee Projects Allocation
- Addition of \$25,000 for Women of the Year Budget Allocation

In addition, the following allocations will be considered in the 2013-14 Fiscal Year Budget at the August 12, 2013 Retreat meeting after the "Criteria" for funding to outside agencies has been determined:

- 2013 Women Veterans Leadership Conference
- LA County Public Works Women's Conference
- Consumer Affairs Health Care Summit

Commissioners commented on this item.

After discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, the aforementioned amendments were approved.

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**IV. REPORTS**

7. President's Report for June 2013. (13-3078)

**Vice President Becky A. Shevlin provided an overview of the president's report. She also noted the report was included on the agenda as a supporting document.**

**After discussion, there being no objection, and by common consent, this item was received and filed.**

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8. Staff report as submitted by Emma De Jesus. (13-3091)

**Emma De Jesus, Staff, announced that Commissioner Michelle Pinedo submitted her letter of resignation to the First Supervisorial District. The First District is currently addressing the vacancy. Commissioner Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D also submitted her letter of resignation to the Second Supervisorial District. Her resignation will be effective July 31, 2013.**

**Commissioners provided comments and well wishes to Commissioner Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D.**

**After discussion, there being no objection, and by common consent, this item was filed.**

9. Report on the Ad-Hoc and Standing Committee meetings as submitted by Committee members:

Public Relations/Social Media/Economic Development Committee  
Health Committee (13-3079)

**Public Relations:**

**Commissioner Gerda Govine reported that the Committee continues to work with two artists who will be submitting proposed logos for the Commission's consideration at the Retreat in August.**

**Health Committee:**

**Commissioner Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D reported that she followed up with Second District's Chief Deputy Nedra Jenkins, who confirmed that Martin Luther King Jr. Hospital will re-open as an Acute Care Hospital and not**

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as a Trauma Center at the end of 2014.

After discussion, there being no objection, and by common consent, this item was received and filed.

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#### V. MISCELLANEOUS

10. Commissioners' Announcements for July. (13-3234)

Commissioner Charlotte Lesser announced that she will be attending the Office of Women's Health on July 9, 2013 meeting. She will also meet with the City of Pasadena and City of Los Angeles regarding data pertaining to the status of women and will report back to the Commission at a future meeting.

After discussion, there being no objection, and by common consent, this item was filed.

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#### Matters Not Posted

11. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Commission, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (13-3080)

**No matters were posted.**

#### Public Comment

12. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-3081)

**Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission regarding Assembly Bills 154 and 980 (AB154 and AB980).**

**Vice President Becky A. Shevlin requested Dr. Genevieve Clavreul forward to staff any information pertaining to amendments to Obamacare as it relates to Covered California Healthcare, for distribution to Commissioners. Dr. Clavreul also shared several articles with the Commission.**

After discussion, there being no objection, and by common consent, this item was filed.

**Adjournment**

13. Adjournment for the meeting of Monday, July 8, 2013. (13-3082)

**The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.**

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