

Pima County/Tucson Women's Commission

Full Commission Meeting
Wednesday, March 19, 2008

Adopted Minutes

Commissioners present: Barbara Clarihew (chair), Wendy Cevallos, Barbara Epperson, Gypsy Lyle, Michael Mandel, Kaitlin Meadows, Renee Palting, Samantha Paz, Michele Roland-Schwartz, Isabella Soto, Mary Lee Wright

Commissioners absent: Linda Azuelo, Cathleen Becskehazy, Lucinda Hughes-Juan, Moniqua Lane, Dinah McGlory, Yolanda Broyles-Gonzales

Staff present: Monica Mueller

Public: none

- 1) **Meeting called to order at 5:50**
- 2) **Call to Public** – none present
- 3) **Agenda Review** – no changes
- 4) **Review/Approve Draft Minutes of Last Meeting (2/20/08)** – One change, on attendance: Commissioner Isabella Soto was absent at the 2/20/08 meeting. Motion to adopt amended minutes by G. Lyle seconded by B. Epperson, passed unanimously.
- 5) **Announcements**
 - a. **New commissioner(s)** – Yolanda Broyles-Gonzales has been appointed by City Council member Regina Romero. B. Clarihew is in the process of contacting her to set up an initial meeting.
 - b. **Native Images letter of support** – The organization Native Images has requested a letter of support for a grant application: SAMSHA Targeted Capacity Expansion for HIV. The grant will enhance substance abuse counseling, provide job training, HIV testing, counseling and referrals, crisis intervention and life coaching services to youth age 18-24 in various underserved populations, particularly American Indians/Alaska Natives who are abusing alcohol and other drug (AOD) and/or partners of AOD users, men who have sex with men, HIV positive individuals and partners of HIV positive individuals and military families and personnel returning from operation Iraqi freedom (OIF) and operation enduring freedom (Afghanistan/OEF).

Commissioners discussed a need to clarify the role and activities that PCTWC would have under the grant before submitting the letter. R. Palting will address concerns to Shay at Native Images and report back to M. Mueller to discuss follow-up.
- 6) **Discuss & take action on:**
 - a. **Treasurer report** – Treasurer absent due to illness; no report given.
 - b. **Executive Director Report** – Written report distributed and reviewed. No legal actions taken or required.
 - c. **Committee reports with questions to committee chairs**
 - a) **Youth Issues** – Planning for the 4/26 Speak Out conference is in full swing. Registration forms are available in hard copy and soon to be uploaded to the Web site; commissioners are asked to aid in distribution and recruitment.

- b) **Women's Issues** – Members of GLBT Commission visited the last Women's Issues meeting and brainstormed about ways to work with the Tucson Fire Dept as they set up a diversity program. Discussion of establishing a citizens review board similar to the Tucson Police Dept. Is that OK? Fine
- c) **Development** – M. Mandel and M. Roland Schwartz will host a house party on 4/19 at Roland Schwartz' house to introduce new people to the Commission's work. C. Becskehazy will host a house party in early June.
- d) **Education & Outreach** – R. Palting has evaluated the proposal by Npower for Web site design; the quote is \$13,000, way above Commission budget. Monica and Renee will coordinate the response to Npower. Palting will create the Web site. At the last E&O meeting she presented several design options to the group and received feedback she will use to develop the new site. Commissioners are asked to send her bios and photos by the end of April.

The Running and Winning planning team has the Commission's support in designing a Web site and a brochure. Palting has agreed to assist with both.

7) **Policies & decision making:**

- a. **Domestic partner coverage update** - The city resolution extending medical and dental benefits to domestic partners is on the consent agenda for March 25. Regina Romero's office has requested that the Commission attend the meeting and speak at the call to the audience in support of it, as well as to contact Rodney Glassman's office in support. No one expressed availability to attend the meeting. However M. Mueller, M. Mandel and M. Roland Schwartz will each contact Glassman's office, and M. Mueller will advise the requesting parties of the Commission's actions.
- b. **Women's Foundation Luncheon** – To attend: M. Mueller, Cheri Horvacz (of Don't Borrow Trouble, project partner in the grant application currently under consideration), M. Mandel and B. Clarihew. K. Meadows is designing a tri-fold display piece for the grantee exhibition.
- c. **Annual retreat** – Margaret Dykinga, who also facilitated last year's retreat, is willing to facilitate a four hour June meeting for a \$200 stipend. Possible dates: June 21 and June 28; commissioners please mark your calendars. Discussion re an appropriate and feasible duration for the retreat, and of retreat goals. M. Mueller will draft some goals and bring them to the exec meeting, and encourages commissioners to do same.
- d. **Attendance at community meetings** – Commissioners indicated various community meetings they attend in the course of their regular jobs, at which they would be willing to "wear two hats", i.e. represent the Commission as part of outreach and information sharing. Commissioners are asked to keep M. Mueller informed of these

8) **Adjourn:** 7:05 p.m.