

**Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women
Regular Meeting**

May 27, 2010

Commission Members Present: Fern Bowling, Bob Darcy, Patty Bryant, Rep Lee Dennehy, Deena Fisher, Catherine Haynes, Rebecca Kennedy, Lou Kohlman, Joyce Martin, Chriss Morris, Bernice Mitchell, Jennifer Paustenbaugh, Joyce Horton- Sanders, Carol McLarty, Nancy Smith, Mary Walker, and Adeline Yerkes

Commissioner Members Excused: Rita Aragon, Lyn Hester, Valaska Littlefield, Katherine Jones, Debbe Leftwich, Pam Peterson, Patricia Presley, Nancy Rothman

Commissioner Members Absent: Marilyn Harmon, Ashley Kehl, Peggy Thompson and Valerie Thompson

Advisory Committee Members present: Kitty Asberry, Heather Simon, Debbie Boyer, Erin Taylor, Correna Wilson

Guests: Sharon Neumann, Deputy Director, Community Sentencing Division, DOC

Staff: Tya Smith

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Minutes of April 22 Meeting	Roll call conducted with a quorum present. Call to review and approve the minutes of the April 22, 2010 Commission General Meeting.	Bob Darcy moved approval of minutes. Motion seconded by Patty Bryant. Minutes approved by Commission Members.
Presentation of the Guardian Award	Representative Ron Peters was presented with the Guardian Award. He was presented with this award due to his legislative efforts to protect children from neglect and abuse and to assist victims of domestic violence.	
Financial Report	Marilyn Capps not present to present financial report, but a financial report dated April 30 was attached to agenda. Current balance is \$31,752. Not all invoices have been submitted for summit as of this date.	
History Moment	The History Moment presented by Adeline Yerkes, co-chair of the topical committee on health. The US Office on Women’s Health was established in 1991. The first office of women’s health, established in the National Institute of Health, was defined and implemented by Ed Bryant’ , MD, former US under-secretary of health and past medical dean of the University of Oklahoma, College of Medicine. Handout given on the 2010-2015 Strategic Plan for the US Office on Women’s Health.	

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<p>Presentation on County Profile</p>	<p>Katie Kautz and Leah Roper, OSU students presented the Oklahoma Women’s County Status: Baseline Statistical Report, 2010. A hard copy was presented to each attendee and other will be stored at the OCSW office. The information is currently available on line with Oklahoma State University Library, has been linked to the Oklahoma SIS website and requested to be placed on the OCSW website. A thank you to the students, Bob and Jennifer for their efforts. We also thanked Chriss Morris for her vision in developing the report. There are 200 copies available to distribution.</p> <p>The group determined that a dissemination plan be discussed at the retreat. Discussion was held on immediate distribution to the legislative leaders and others.</p> <p>The OSU students were given the opportunity to present the profile on OETA and a press release has been developed and disseminated.</p>	<p>Lou Kohlman moved that the three legislative authorities and their staff receive the hardcopy and disc with an accompanying letter from Commission Chair before June 30. Bob Darcy seconded the motion. Motion approved by the Commission.</p>
<p>Reports</p>	<p>Mary Walker, Chair discussed the planned retreat. Retreat is scheduled for June 24th at the R&R Restaurant and Event Center, Guthrie. A light continental breakfast will be served at 8:30 and meeting begins at 9 with adjournment by 3 PM.</p> <p>Vice-Chair, Retreat Chair: No report</p> <p>Secretary: No present</p> <p>Advisory Council: Chair Joyce Martin reported that Lou Kerr has a new book call “A Cup of Cappuccino.” She will have two book signings: Oklahoma City June 10 at Full Circle Bookstore and June 26 at Barnes and Noble in Tulsa.</p> <p>NACW Representative: Bernice Mitchell reported that a memorandum of understanding has been developed with the New Mexico Commission for relocation of the National Office. The move will be made around August 1. Bernice thanked the group for approving travel costs. She reported on the nation NACW forth coming annual conference, July 22-25 in Rockville, MD.</p> <p>Nominating Committee: Bernice Mitchell presented the slate of officers. President – Mary Walker, Vice- Chair – Joyce Martin, Secretary – Adeline Yerkes, Advisory Board Chair – Fern Bowling, Nominating Committee – Patty Bryant and Deena Fisher. Mary Walker called for additional nominations. No additional nominations. The slate of officers will be elected at the June meeting.</p>	

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Committee Reports	<p>Policies and Procedures Committee: The Commission members discussed, made recommendations and came to consensus on chairperson responsibilities. There was also discussion on active and inactive advisory committee members, recommendations made and consensus reached. Diversity is important in committee and advisory council development. Lou Kohlman will made revisions and final product will be distributed at retreat meeting. Lou and the Committee were commended for job well done.</p> <p>Website and Communications Committee: No report.</p> <p>Legislative Committee: Patty Bryant reported that the committee is tracking a total of 33 bills. Listing of bills distributed to members.</p> <p>Health Committee -Bernice Mitchell reported that Bone Health Seminar was held in Stillwater at the Meriden Career Tech May 18th with attendees from Career Tech, Commission and the community.</p> <p>Leadership Committee: Joyce Martin – Confirmed that Advisory Council will be invited to attend the retreat.</p> <p>Women Incarcerated Committee: Rebecca Kennedy reported a successful summit was held with 195 attendees, a statewide action plan adopted and the forward movement of developing a coalition to continue the workload of implementation. A leadership council will be developed representing the three partnering organization to determine the next steps.</p>	<p>Lou Kohlman moved that the Policies and Procedures be approved based on changes. Bob Darcy seconded the motion. Policies approved by the Commission.</p>
Announcements	<p>Mary Walker announced that Susan Savage and Adeline Yerkes have been appointed to represent Oklahoma in developing Vision 2020 the Women’s Agenda sponsored by Drexel University.</p>	
Next Meeting		June 24th Retreat
Adjournment		<p>Patricia Presley moved to adjourn meeting. Lou Kohlman seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM</p>