The March 17th, 2022 meeting of the Solano Commission for Women and Girls (SCWG) was held in the Multipurpose Room (1600) on the first floor of Solano County Administration Center located at 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533

**Call to Order and Roll Call:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05PM.

**Members Present:                         Executive Committee**

Mary Henderson Solano County, District 1

Sullina Sanchez Solano County, District 3

Jennifer Hamilton  Solano County, District 4

Jacqui Nguyen Solano County, District 5                           Secretary

Gayle Vaughan City of Benicia

Pat Nicodemus City of Dixon                                              Treasurer

Rechelle Nettles  City of Fairfield

Patricia Kohn City of Rio Vista

Dr. Tiffani Thomas City of Suisun                                            Co-Chair

Edith Thomas City of Vacaville                                         Chair

Sofia Cruz City of Vallejo
Akon Walker Member at Large

Wendy Loomas Member at Large

Sidonie Seltzer                     Youth Member at Large

Juliana Biggs Youth Member at Large

**Absent**:

Ana Petero                          Solano County, District 2

Andrea Lemos Solano County Office of Education Membership

Pat Nicodemus City of Dixon

**Guests:**

Dr. Francis McCollough A founder of SCWG

Aditi Chodri American Medical Women’s Assoc. at Touro University

Kimberlee Staking Fairfield resident

**Comments from the Public/Board Member:**

Chair Thomas welcomed guests.

1. **Approval of Agenda -** Commissioner Dr. Thomas moved to accept the agenda and Commissioner Hamilton seconded. Motion passed.
2. **Approval of Previous Minutes -** Commissioner Loomas moved to accept the minutes with a correction. Commissioner Nettles seconded and all Commissioners present passed except for Commissioners Walker and Kohn who abstained, due to being absent.

**Regular Calendar**

3. **Treasurer’s Report**: Chair Thomas provided a Treasurer’s Report update: $1,739.32 with an increase of $0.08.

1. **Period Project:** Student Doctor Aditi Chodri from Touro University was as special guest to discuss the AMWA Period Product Drive and is requesting support and collaboration with SCWG. This will be the 2nd year of continued collaboration. Commissioner Cruz will be SCWG contact for this collaboration. Together we will collect donations to support houseless women and girls. There was extensive discussion regarding community agencies to partner with. A fundraiser will be coordinated through Touro in May and the dissemination will be in August.

5. **Updates on the Work Groups:**

a.  **Birth Justice Event**: (Commissioner Dr. Thomas) – 2nd Annual Event is being planned with a full agenda. Dr. Fuller with Solano County Public Health will discuss along with various other guests and doulas. Commissioner Walker has invited a Maternal Lactation Consultation

Two mothers will share their birthing experiences. Dula, Davon Crawford will host and discuss Senate Bill 65 (Momnibus Bill). Our Visual Scribe will perform in real time. The virtual event is scheduled for May 7th from 10:00AM-1:00PM to honor Mother’s Day. Next planning meeting is April 27th at 6:00PM. Commissioner Sanchez suggested marketing strategies for a strong attendance. Press releases were written and distributed and shared with Fairfield Chamber, City Councils, Black Chamber of Commerce, places of worship and to Representative Garamendi and Assemblymember Lori Wilson.

**b. Violence Against Women Group** (Commissioner Biggs) The Angel Shot project is being expected to be launched during Memorial Weekend. Posters and a web page are being developed and with financial assistance they’ll be professionally printed and laminated. Commissioner Kohn will create a cover letter for the mailings to be sent to the 515 venues that have alcohol licenses throughout Solano County. Posters with a QR code directing people to our web page with more details, will outline the three ways a woman can request for assistance using the following: Angel Shot Neat, Angel Shot on the Rocks, and Angel Shot with Lime. Each type of shot will correlate with a level of assistance requested. Commissioners will spread posters among various drinking establishments. Going forward establishments will be followed up with every 6 months. Guest Frances McCullough suggested reaching out to law enforcement agencies. Various Commissioners volunteered to follow up with their respective law enforcement agencies.

c. **Poverty and Homeless Working Group** (Commissioner Sanchez): Met on March 22nd. Commissioner Sanchez will send a doodle poll to receive more participation. Many factors that contribute to homeless and poverty were discussed. Commissioner Hamilton discussed the reorganize the JPA (Joint Powers Authority) funding so that they are comprised of 2 elected officials and 2 from the county placing the emphasis on policymakers. Additional emphasis is on the accountability and more involvement from elected officials.

1. **Funding opportunity** (Chair Thomas): A letter of request was written to Valero for funding assistance for the Birth Justice Event, the Angel Shot Project and the Period Project. Chair Thomas is dedicated to only pursuing funds through ethical processes for SCWG projects. Until The Friends of the Commission have their full non-profit status, SCWG will be ethically creative to fund various projects.
2. **SCWG Retreat update** (Commissioner Vaughan): Retreat is schedule for Saturday, June 4th tentatively 10AM-1PM. Theme: Orienting to Yourself and Others; Proposed schedule: Chair Yoga; Welcome and Introductions; Orientation and History of SCWG. Trivia questions regarding bylaws. Lunch. Commissioner Vaughan will verify Pietro’s #2 Restaurant on Merchant Street, Vacaville. Commissioners will purchase own lunch.
3. **Review of Women’s History Month** (Chair Thomas): Congratulations to the Commission for a wonderful event, especially Commissioner Walker for hosting the event! Thanks to Commissioners Hamilton and Cruz for organizing the event and working so hard behind the scenes to make everything go so smooth. Chair Thomas suggested beginning to organize 2023’s event soon. Commission Henderson suggested hosting a Gala in 2023 with a possible venue at Yin Ranch.
4. **Discussion of Agenda Items for May 19th, 2022 Meeting** (Chair Thomas): Discussion regarding dues for the Association of California Commissions for Women in June. CEDAW discussion regarding proclamation/ ordinance regarding the elimination of discrimination of women and girls. Safe and Sane called to collaborate with SCWG. Program in Sacramento is offering a training regarding human trafficking.
5. **Closing Space:** To honor the strength of our women, Chair Thomas read the poem “Soul of a Storm.”

ADJOURNED: 8:12PM.