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MINUTES

Oregon Commission for Women
Friday, November 19, 2010
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
PSU, School of Social Work
1800 SW 6th Ave., Rm 622, Portland

ATTENDEES

Chairwoman: Sue Castner
Vice Chair: Sunny Petit
Commissioners: Jenny Greenleaf, Cynthia Homan (*phone*), Megan Jacquot (*phone*),
Rep. Betty Komp (*phone*), Mee Seon Kwon, Erika Nebel, Darlene
Taylor (*phone*)
Staff: Lucy Baker, Joy Howard

I. Call to Order, Welcome, and Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Chair Castner at 11:40 a.m. A quorum was established.

II. Adoption of agenda and approval of September minutes

Motion: Petit/Greenleaf: to approve the agenda – **Carried**

Motion: Greenleaf/Petit: to approve the minutes – **Carried**

III. National/local election recap

Commissioners reported on the success of women in the elections. Vice Chair Petit provided an overview of the elections for women: Nancy Pelosi was lost as Speaker of the House; on the Senate side, women still hold 17 seats; in Congress women lost seats; and in the State women won 4 Senate seats which include women of color. There are also 2 new lieutenant Governors in the nation. Chair Castner discussed the importance of framing OCFW as Women's "economic security" instead of "women's issues." She also noted that OCFW Commissioner Senator Schrader lost her seat.

IV. Chair's Report

1) Power Point presentations for outreach

Chair Castner reviewed the PowerPoint she has prepared as a tool for Commissioners in fighting for funding for the Commissions. It includes preparing a talking points paper, a FAQ sheet, and reasons to fund. Organizing an information and letter campaign and other strategies are important.

Action: At the request of Commissioner Greenleaf, Chair Castner will prepare a draft of the list of OCFW accomplishments.

Action: Commissioner Greenleaf will work with OACO to get an overview of the budget so she can speak knowledgeably about it.

- 2) WOA brunch summary
Still waiting for information from Department of Administrative Services on how much money was raised during the brunch. Will report back to commissioners. However, it is clear that more was raised this year than last year. There may be enough money in Friends of OCFW to cover cost of status of women in Oregon study.
- 3) Proposed legislation for parity on boards and commissions
Chair Castner is proposing that gender parity on Boards and Commissions be a legislative priority for the OCFW this session. Only 39% of Board representation are women. The OCFW would be asking the Governor to consider appointing more women. There is no negative fiscal impact and the OCFW would submit it to Rep. Komp to submit. After discussion, the commission approved gender parity as a legislative priority. The wording for the bill could include the requirement for a diligent search.
Motion: Petit/Greenleaf: Approve legislation to assure gender parity as an OCFW priority – Carried
- 4) Netbook purchase
Chair Castner asked commissioners to approve using Friends of OCFW funds to purchase a Netbook through the state for \$79. The Netbook would be used for OCFW purposes only.
Motion: Jacquot/Petit: To approve purchase Netbook for OCFW – Carried
- 5) National update - Vision 2020 and NACW report
Chair Castner reported on her attendance of the National Vision 2020 with Barbara Roberts, Gail Castillo and others. At the national level, women's commissions are being de-funded
- 6) Annual Report
Vice Chair Petit is working on the template for the OCFW annual report. Commissioner Greenleaf and others will assist

V. Governor's Office update by Danny Santos, Senior Policy Advisor

Mr. Santos joined the meeting by phone. He noted that state revenue is up in the short term. There is a larger budget shortfall ahead. The new administration begins on January 10th and the legislature will convene for a few days in January, then reconvene in February. The transition team has not yet announced their policy leads. Tom Imeson is the transition lead. The Department of Administrative Services Budget and Management (BAM) recommendation was to defund the Commissions, and there was an excellent presentation at the BAM appeal. Discussions are beginning with the transition team. Mr. Santos will be promoting that the Commissions have funding at a reduced level, not defunded. Hopefully, by early December the policy lead for our area in the Transition Team will be announced. Mr. Santos briefly discussed the idea that Oregon take a loan to cover parts of the deficit. Discussion followed.

- VI.** The Commission thanked Mr. Santos for his report. He encouraged all Commissioners to use the transition website and snail mail to register their interests and once the transition team is announced, and then engage them directly about funding for the OACO in the Governor's budget.

VII. OACO Report

- 1) State Library listserv – Listservs have now been set for each commission. They can be used for media, business, government, and general distributions.
- 2) OACO Personnel Policies – The policies are nearly finished. The OACO Joint Policy Committee has been working closely with DAS Human Resources to be sure information is accurate.
- 3) Internships – We are currently drafting the intern overview and topics for the commissions. Have been consulting with several local area organizations and higher education institutions regarding internship opportunities.
- 4) Legislative Tracking – OACO staff will soon be attending training on how to track legislative bills using the LINUS system.
- 5) OACO Information and Outreach Committee – We are currently working the Commissioner Harris-John on Black Affairs to create a committee that will better utilize technology to provide information and outreach for all the commissions.

VIII. Commissioner Updates and Areas of Interest

- 1) Jenny Greenleaf
 - a. Areas of interest: content management system
- 2) Cynthia Homan
 - a. Updates: Will be working with Chair Castner to set a commission meeting in central/eastern Oregon. Have already spoken with the Central Oregon Community College and they agreed to host OCFW.
 - b. Areas of Interest: Would like to conduct a survey on the status of women in central Oregon. Will work with Commissioner Taylor.
- 3) Megan Jacquot
 - a. Updates: 16% unemployment rate in her areas and the DHS cases have doubled. She'd like to work collaboratively with the other outstate commissioners. Interns may be of assistance.
 - b. Areas of Interest: Working with Vice Chair Petit on updating Oregon Women and the Law would be very helpful. There may be students through New Leadership Oregon that can be of help.
- 4) Mee Seon Kwon and Erika Nebel
 - a. Updates: Attended a good training on conducting auctions.
 - b. Areas of Interest: Both will be serving as the Auction Chairs for the WOA fundraiser in 2011. They will have a work plan by the end of December. The date for the next WOA brunch is September 18th
- 5) Sunny Petit
 - a. Updates: Reported on her work on trafficking. There are 6 legislative concepts. All trafficking victims are under aged individuals engaged in prostitution.
- 6) Darlene Taylor
 - a. Reported on her local meetings with women's and business groups. Her focus is on discussing what the OCFW does, recruit local women to participate, and launch the survey. She noted that she'll be conducting her survey again in 2011. She will share her study with the OCFW. She works with graduate students from SOU.

IX. Adjournment at 1:40 p.m.