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MINUTES

Oregon Commission for Women
Friday, March 11, 2011
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
PSU, School of Social Work
1800 SW 6th Ave., Rm 672, Portland

ATTENDEES

Acting Chair: Sunny Petit
Commissioners: Jenny Greenleaf, Erika Nebel, Mee Seon Kwon, Darlene Taylor
Speaker: Frank Garcia, Director, Governor's Office of Diversity and Inclusion
Staff: Lucy Baker, Joy Howard

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 11:30 a.m. A quorum was established.

II. Adoption of agenda and approval of January 2011 minutes

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

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

III. Introductions and Welcome to Frank Garcia

The Commission welcomed Frank Garcia to the meeting. Mr. Garcia discussed the focus of his office on expanding the conversation to be inclusive for employment and engagement of communities of color and with women. He invited the Commission to continue to dialogue with his office on advancing women in Oregon. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Garcia for his presentation and noted that they will contact him soon to continue the conversation.

IV. OACO Administrator's Report

Chair Petit, Lucy Baker, and Jenny Greenleaf reviewed the legislative update and a spreadsheet that Commissioner Greenleaf had prepared. See attached. The next steps on supporting the BPA bill and other testimony was discussed.

Lucy Baker reviewed the OCFW Other Funds, and the projections for General Fund expenditures for OACO.

The Commission thanked Lucy for her report.

V. OCFW Business

Discussion on structural issues over the next 6 months

Chair Petit provided an update on HB2613 allowing the OCFW to elect its Chair. The hearing in the House has not yet been scheduled but will be soon.

She also discussed recruiting strategies and the Commission agreed to help Chair Petit in providing potential recruits.

The Commission considered setting a time to for a future strategy session where the mission and vision will be updated. No decision was made on when the session will be scheduled.

Commissioner Taylor discussed a special Women's event in Medford. She is expecting to attend it.

Commissioner Greenleaf noted that she is scheduled to meet with Joy Howard for a tutorial on using Teamsite, the OAC web software. Also, Jenny has been provided with a log in permission to work on Teamsite.

Mee Seon Kwon and Darlene Taylor discussed their mutual interest in updating the resource directory on the OCFW website and implanting a change in how users access the information. Commissioner Taylor has suggested that a map of the state with counties indicated would be helpful whereby a user click on a county and have the information on resources accessed that way. Mee Seon agreed to take the lead in working with Commissioner Taylor on updating the resources.

Chair Petit discussed other legislative priorities (OWHWA bills, etc) and process for submitting testimony via email: ideal is to have testimony to all commissioners for review and submit 3 days before. Chair Petit also raised the issue of a newsletter and utilizing social media by posting resources/events on Facebook. Chair Petit discussed a new opportunity- the upcoming Legislative Action Day on March 30 in Salem, in partnership with AAUW and League of Women Voters.

VI. Women of Achievement Awards

The Commission reviewed the nomination form posted on website. The applications are due April 30.

Commissioner Greenleaf asked if the WOA must be an event or whether it can just be the recognition of the winners, like a press release. Chair Petit noted that it does not need to be an event per se, but asked the Commission what type of event the OCFW might do in 2011? She noted that events can be time consuming and inviting the Commissioners to consider alternatives. Ideas included hosting a cocktail event on a weekday evening, or hosting a weekend event to accommodate any necessary travel on the part of the winners. An auction has been part of past WOA events. Mee Seon and Erika reported on the auction training that they participated in. They noted how time consuming auctions can be. At end of discussion the Commission agreed that they wish to do a less time consuming more modest scale event to honor the WOA in 2011.

The application for WOA will be reviewed at the May OCFW meeting.

VI. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by common consent at 1:20.