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Oregon Commission for Women (OCFW)
Friday, May 18, 2012
3:00 - 6:00 pm
State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon St., Room 1A, Portland, OR 97232

ATTENDEES
Chair: Sunny Petit
Vice Chair: Jenny Greenleaf
Commissioners: Jeanne Burch, Megan Jacquot (phone), Mee Seon Kwon, Mariahm Stephenson (phone) Stephanie Vardavas, Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson, Representative Betty Komp
Staff: Lucy Baker, Nancy Kramer
Guests: Jodi Ballard, Friends of the OCFW

I. Call to Order
Sunny Petit called the meeting to order at 3:11 pm. Quorum was established.

II. Approval of the agenda
MOTION (Jacquot/Burch): To adopt agenda as amended. CARRIED

Approval of the March minutes
MOTION (Jacquot/Kwon): To adopt the Minutes as written. CARRIED

III. OCFW Old Business
a. Review of work plan (from last August's goal setting):
The Commissioners reviewed the workplan. The area of a communication plan is not yet accomplished but most other areas are complete through Summer 2012. Commissioners wishing to develop the communications section, please contact Vice Chair Greenleaf.

b. Century of Action: At the request of the OCFW, the Friends of the OCFW have approved the OCFW supporting the Century of Action with a sponsorship. The Commissioners have reviewed the action plan of the Century of Action and consider it to be well considered and documented.
MOTION (Vardavas/Kwon): to support the COA educational roadshow for $5K to be paid out of Friends fund. Yea: 8, Abstentions: 1 (Chair Petit). CARRIED

c. Rural Development Initiative: After discussion, it was decided to table consideration of sponsorship for the RDI until they provide additional information.
MOTION (Burch/Jacquot): To table a decision on sponsorship for the RDI until the OCFW has better information. CARRIED

d. Outreach Toolkit Update: Vice Chair Greenleaf created a statistical presentation on Oregon women and presented it in a PowerPoint at the AAUW Conference in Pendleton. The Commission helped Jenny prepare it and is excited by how comprehensive it is. There is also a hand out of those statistics. The OCFW wishes to share it this summer with Ken Rocco in the LFO. He is the OACO’s LFO analyst and in a good position to forward it to legislators.

e. Status of Oregon Women Report progress: The Commission agreed that the interns are doing great work on generating data for this report. It was noted that women in prison is an area that still needs to be researched. Commissioner Kwon is researching the foster care system with regards to disparity on gender and welfare and will reach out specifically to Rep. Tomei and Rep. Doyle. Senator Monnes Anderson, who is on the Veterans’ Committee, will forward some relevant women Veterans information to the Commissioners. It was suggested that other agencies, such as the Oregon Health Authority, may have a wish list of data and/or statistics they would like researched.

f. Legislative concept submission: Commissioner Jacquot is working on a legislative concept amending revised statutes for confidential name changes for women who have been victims of domestic violence who are being pursued by their abusers. A draft will be sent out to all commissioners for their review. Commissioner Jacquot was thanked for her ongoing efforts.

g. Other business: Serena Wesley of SEI, Inc., is interested in meeting with the Commission regarding domestic violence issues. She will be invited to an upcoming OCFW meeting to discuss possible collaborations.

h. Gender Parity: Commissioner Vardavas has been working on the Executive Order for Gender Parity and will circulate her progress so far.

i. Parade: The $5K entrance fee was raised. If you are interested in walking in the parade send your name to Commissioner Stephenson and Chair Petit.

j. Representation of Commissioners: After short discussion, the OCFW agreed that Commissioners representing OCFW views will obtain permission from the OCFW and it will be put to a vote before moving forward. The Commission consented to have Stephanie Vardavas interviewed on Channel 8.

IV. OCFW New Business

a. Women of Achievement Awards

i. WOA Honoree Selections:
   - Jane O’Keeffe – Eastern Oregon, environmental focus
   - Serena Stoudamire Wesley – Legacy Health and Coalition of Communities of Color
   - Robin Morris Collin – on Environmental Justice Task Force, and restoration publication
   - Gina Warren – NIKE, Vice President of Diversity

MOTION (Vardavas/Burch): To award the Women of Achievement award to all 4 nominees. CARRIED

ii. WOA Event Planning: The Commissioners discussed ideas about the size of the event, the location, fundraising and the actual awards. Commissioner Kwon will be
meeting with the Friends of the OCFW to explore what kind of support the Friends can offer in planning this event.

b. Friends of the Commission for Women
   The bank account has been transferred and Kimberly Goddard is now the Treasurer. Jodi Ballard is taking the leadership role with the Friends. She will review the OCFW Strategic Plan information (to be sent by Commissioner Greenleaf) and also meet with the other members of the Friends.

c. Setting a date for another Goal-Setting session
   Commissioner Greenleaf will send out a Doodle to schedule the next retreat.

d. Officer Elections
   Elections will be held at the July meeting, which is rescheduled to 1pm on July 20th. Neither Chair Petit nor Vice Chair Greenleaf will be running for an officer position.

V. Commissioner Reports
Commissioner Greenleaf presented with Chair Petit at the AAUW presentation in Pendleton. She also reviewed the work plan from last year’s retreat. Commissioner Vardavas talked with the OACO staff about a mentoring project, that would essentially be a resource bank for girls. She would like to reach out to resources that are nonprofit partners of the other Advocacy Commissions. The OCFW supports this idea. Commissioner Kwon spoke on Pay Equity issues at the Unite Against Women in War rally. It was good publicity for the OCFW. Commissioner Jacquot is working on the domestic violence name change bill and the local elections. Commissioner Stephenson – the Environmental Justice Task Force annual report is coming out and she will send it on to the OACO staff so it can be added to the Status of Oregon Women Report. Representative Komp noted that a tremendous amount of women won the primary campaign. She also met with one of the OCFW’s intern, Carrie Haddad.

VI. OACO Report
The 10-Year Plan:
The 2013-1015 budget cycle is gaining momentum and the Agency Request budget (ARB) must be submitted in July. Lucy Baker will work with the Budget and Management Analyst and the Legislative Fiscal Office. The Governor has instituted a 10-Year Plan and the OACs must demonstrate how they fit in the 10-Year Plan. There are six funding pots and the OACs are in the “Improving Government” section. The Status of Oregon Women Report and the various internships will be key items to highlight.

Internships:
   a. The OCBA and the OCHA, in collaboration with the Governor’s office and the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division have identified an intern who is looking carefully at the loopholes in the existing hate crime law, studying hate speech and protections against it while still protecting freedom of speech.
   b. The OCHA, the OCBA and the OCAPIA will work with the Oregon Education Investment Board’s Ben Cannon, and the PSU School of Education to map the new order from Pre-K to 12 and find strategies that are working in Oregon and nationally.
Budget:
Lucy Baker reviewed the March General Fund financial report. While it is a tight budget with little remaining in its travel line item for Commissioners or staff, it is expected to reach to the end of the biennium in the black.

Sharepoint migration update:
The website migration from TeamSite to Sharepoint is taking longer than expected and is expected to be completed in June.

VII. Adjourn
MOTION (Vardavas/Jacquot): To adjourn. CARRIED.