NOTES
Oregon Commission for Women
Friday, July 20, 2012
12:00 - 3:00 pm
State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon St., Room 810, Portland, OR 97232

ATTENDEES
Chair: Absent
Vice Chair: Jenny Greenleaf
Commissioners: Jeanne Burch, Sunny Petit, Stephanie Vardavas
Staff: Lucy Baker, Nancy Kramer
Guests: Jodi Ballard, Friends of the OCFW; Commissioner Judith Parker (OCHA); Darlene Taylor (phone)

I. Call to Order
Vice Chair Jenny Greenleaf called the meeting to order and welcomed guests at 12:30pm. Quorum was not established.

II. OCFW Old Business

Review Action Item List: Updates were made on Action Item List handout.

WOA event planning: The event will be Wed, October 10th with the room reserved from 12:30 – 3:30pm. Jodi Ballard and Commissioner Mee Seon Kwon are working on the Women of Achievement awards event.

Setting a date for planning retreat: Due to low response rate, Vice Chair Greenleaf will send a follow up Doodle to schedule the retreat.

OCFW website:
Commissioners marched in the Rose Festival parade with Secretary of State Kate Brown and others. There are photos on the Century of Action Facebook page. Nancy will add the photos to the OCFW web site.

Review of work plan The Commission briefly reviewed the work plan developed at a planning retreat in August 2011. They agreed to host a planning meeting as part of the OCFW regular meeting in September and update their work plan for the year ahead.

Jodi Ballard of the Friends of the OCFW offered to assist or facilitate for the planning meeting in September.
Annual Report: The OCFW welcomed their guest, Commissioner Judy Parker of the Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs. Ms. Parker noted that she would like to share best practices regarding writing an annual Commission report. She wrote and organized Commissioner review of the OCHA annual report for 2011 and would appreciate sharing ideas with the OCFW. The OCFW liked the idea of the OAC annual reports having a consistent look and feel. It was suggested that one commissioner from each commission would be designated to work on the annual report.

Legislative Concepts: Commissioner Megan Jacquot is preparing an OCFW legislative concept on maintaining anonymity around name changes when a victim of domestic violence is changing her name to begin life without her abuser.

Commissioner Jeanne Burch is interested in the legislative advocacy of the Commission and offered her support as she learns more about the potential OCFW legislative agenda. Early in 2013 she will be more available to help.

During the 2012 Oregon Legislative session Lucy Baker and Vice Chair Greenleaf tracked the proposed bills of interest and Vice Chair Greenleaf assigned which Commissioners would write testimony.

The Commissioners expressed interest in presenting a lunch for women legislators during the Oregon 2013 Legislative session.

III. OCFW New Business
Commissioner Judy Parker, OCHA – New American Voters Program
The New American Voters Program (NAVP) was created by the Secretary of State’s office. Volunteers attend a 30-minute training and then are present at the swearing in ceremony for newly naturalized citizens. Two thousand new American have registered to vote since February 2012.

For more information on NAVP contact Nate Gulley, nate@oregonvoice.org.

Friends of the OCFW: It was noted that the Friends of the Oregon Commission for Women were renewed and in good standing with the Oregon Secretary of State. Paperwork is now all in order.

10 year plan for Oregon: It is important to determine where the OCFW fits in the Governor’s 10 Year Plan, which begins with the 2013-2015 biennium. Vice Chair Greenleaf will send out a link to all Commissioners to the 10 Year Plan website.

Some Commissioners expressed interest in learning more about the State Library and the information the librarians can provide. Joint public policy interns, collaborating on info, use OAC to advise other agencies on issues impacting women.

IV. OACO Report
Agency Budget Request: Lucy shared a handout about the Agency Request Budget. Two Policy Option Packages were requested: One for travel reimbursement and one for a Leadership student from PSU’s Student of Color department.

The OAC Office, with some former OAC Commissioners, is developing training on fundraising for all interested Commissioners. It will be held on September 26th in Portland. The training materials will be made available for all Commissioners.

V. Adjourn
The meeting ended at 1:56pm.