

County of Riverside
Commission for Women
4080 Lemon Street-5th Floor
Riverside, CA 92501

Minutes for September 27, 2007 @ 9:00 a.m.

Meeting began at 9:10a.m.

Present:

Lori Stone, Chair – District 3
Lisa Pina, Vice Chair – District 2
Cherie Curzon, Secretary – District 1
Eileen Fry-Bowers – District 1
Carol Lynn Anderson – District 2
Christine Murphy – District 4 (via video conference)
Ennette Nusbaum – District 5
Jana Roush – CEO Liaison

Absent:

Elizabeth Hamerschlag – District 3, Fonda McGensy – District 5, Coby Webb – District 4

Guests:

Natalie Kaisinger, Coordinator, C.A.R.E. Program
Linda Starr (via video conference)

Approval of Minutes: August 23, 2007 Minutes – Lori Stone made the Motion. Chris Murphy requested to table the approval of the August 23, 2007 Minutes. Lisa Pina Second.

Approval of Action Items:

Pulled for discussion – Lori Stone wants the Commission to endorse the Susan G. Komen event, “Passionately Pink.” Support the Board of Supervisors with a letter to them and a certificate.

Pulled for discussion – Lori Stone wants us to authorize payment to RKR for all the work they did on the numerous Logo design proposals. The Commission unanimously voted to approve \$400 for all RKR’s time and effort in this endeavor.

Pulled for discussion – Current Financial Report - Table to Item #5.

Roll call vote – all approved.

Program:

Natalie Kaisinger, Coordinator of the C.A.R.E. Program (Curtailling Abuse Related to the Elderly), Riverside County Department of Public Social Services. This program helps the elderly with fraud prevention and consumer awareness. Included is Identity theft, sweepstakes and telemarketing that targets the elderly. They will go with clients to small claims court, help them fill out forms to the Better Business Bureau, etc.

Adult Protective Services goes to church to make presentations to elderly parishioners. Dorothy Miller and Vicky Virgilio-Slouka have recovered millions for clients. They serve people 65 and older. The Goal of APS is to keep seniors in their homes as long as possible. The organization provides not only protection but prosecution in cases of elder abuse.

(Supervisor Stone provides free seminars for senior education on elder abuse.)

Report on Annual Luncheon: Lori Stone met with the Marriott. The Marriott will have a podium with microphone. We have seven speakers scheduled for the event. Confirmation will be given regarding attendance three days before the event. Lori has been working on everything to participants. The event timeline is in our meeting packets. Timeline was moved up. The event will have representatives from Martha's Village, Law Enforcement, DPSS, and Mental Health.

Lori Stone thanked Ennette for her participation in the roundtable meeting. She also thanked the Commissioners for supporting the free lunch. Elizabeth Hamerschlag got 3 bids for floral centerpieces for the tables. This will cost approximately \$800.

Budget – Supervisors Ashley, Stone, Tavaglione and Buster have each committed to \$2,500 sponsorship of our second annual luncheon and symposium.

Marla Gibbs' production company will be at our event. She wants Lori to work on a documentary on Homelessness. She wants Smokey Robinson to write a song and Oprah Winfrey or Whoopi Goldberg to do voiceovers.

Lori Stone did a commercial for Time-Warner regarding Homelessness. It will play all over the State.

Action Item Timeline – Roll call vote, all voted yes. Approved.

Governor's Conference – Chris Murphy said we have reservations at the Crown Plaza and reservation at the Greek Restaurant for dinner the night before the conference.

Power Point Update, Ennette Nusbaum: Eileen Fry-Bowers liked the idea of putting video of our events in the PowerPoint and she thinks it should play as attendees walk into the event room.

Ennette needs our new logo and mission statement in the program. We will not be having a glossy program. The programs will have Board of Supervisor photos, speaker bios, our mission statement, and the event agenda.

Discussion of Commissioner Absences – Carol Lynn Anderson asked about the Commission's requirement for attendance at monthly meetings. Commissioners are allowed three excused absences in 12 months. Excused absences are preplanned where advance notice is given. Examples: Vacations, business. Unexcused is not related to last minute medical issues. Eileen read our By-Laws regarding absences. Chris Murphy said we need to use common sense. Priorities may be differ from individual to individual. We cannot say one isn't more important than another.

Lori Stone will be speaking with Elizabeth about her attendance.

Discussion of October 25, 2007 Meeting. Due to our Homelessness Luncheon and Symposium and the Governor's Conference, we will not meet in October.

Committee Reports:

P.R./Marketing Committee – Ennette Nusbaum, Chair

Website – We have to take our time to make sure we do it right. It will debut at our open house in April 2008.

Brochure – is all but done. We need the new Logo from RKR.

Appreciation Packet – Ennette will put it together. She hopes to get it to our luncheon panelists. Lori Stone did not think it would be ready for the luncheon and suggested that we give them a certificate in a nice folder instead.

Comments: We will order new business cards with our logo.

Legislation Committee – Eileen Fry-Bowers, Chair

Brown Act – Discussion of secret balloting – who made what vote. Eileen compared our By-Laws with current Robert's Rules of Order.

Chris Murphy said that she had researched secret ballots, the Brown Act and Fair Political Practices. Secret ballots are strictly prohibited. She is not comfortable with the action taken in June. The Commission was not comfortable with the nomination process so they elected to follow the Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order.

Outstanding Woman of the Year Award – Eileen has not had an opportunity to work on it. She said it would be ready by our November meeting.

Legislative Forum – Women and Families. This will go to the BOS on the 2nd. Eileen will try to be there. Once approved she will then move to plan. She will sit with County Counsel on how to orchestrate it properly regarding first amendment rights.

Review of Amended By-Laws – One months notice is needed to review the amendments regarding changes to ballots and the new Treasurer position. Any change must be approved by County Counsel. Vote on the amended By-Laws motion and second Eileen and Lori. Roll call vote all voted yes except Chris Murphy because of the added Treasurers position. Jana will prepare a Form 11 – it may take up to three months for approval from County Counsel.

Events Committee – Cherie Curzon, Chair – Short discussion about next year's luncheon and symposium. At a meeting in Glendale speakers talked about human trafficking and how it has become an 80 billion dollar business.

Commissioners' Comments on their current projects/issues: Eileen Fry-Bowers said the American Heart Association has postponed the Grass Roots Advocacy on October 19, 2007. It has been rescheduled for February 2008. Eileen is going to be speaking at the Temecula Chamber of Commerce on October 30, 2007 in Old Town Temecula.

Cherie Curzon – Told everyone about the Riverside Community Health Foundations Gala on September 29, 2007, at Riverside Community Hospital Doctor's Parking Lot. This year's money goes toward Diabetes research. Lori Stone reminded everyone that October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Ennette Nusbaum and Chris Murphy left at 11:10 a.m.

Chair Comments – Lori Stone told us we had 80 RSVP's for the luncheon so far.

Public Comments: Linda Starr asked if there was a toll free number for C.A.R.E. She was given a number for C.A.R.E. in the Desert 760-863-7661. Linda said she has been sending things regarding ID theft to Assemblyman John Benoit. She said you shouldn't use your first name on your checks just your first initial. She told us Jody White, DPSS, will be honored in November. Linda said she had not received an invitation to the luncheon. Lori said she was on our list. Linda complimented Lori on her Homeless video. Linda said she was not notified of the Governor's Conference and that she is on a waiting list for tickets.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



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*Lori Stone
Chairman*

**MEETING ATTENDANCE
FY 2007/08**

COMMISSIONERS	Jul	Aug	Sep	Nov	Jan	Feb*	Feb*	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Lori Stone	X	X	X									
Lisa Pina	X	X	X									
Cherie Curzon	X	X	X									
Carol Lynn Anderson	X	X	X									
Eileen Fry-Bowers	X	X	X									
Elizabeth Hamerschlag	X	O	O	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Fonda McGensy	X	O	O									
Christine Murphy	O	X	X									
Ennette Morton	X	X	X									
Coby Webb	X	X	O									

- X = Present
- O = Absent
- = Not a member at this time

* The Commission meets twice in the month of February