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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shelli Brobst for Randolph F. Snowden - Director
Health & Human Services
REPORT BY: Theresa Richmond, Chief Operations Officer, 259-8176
SUBJECT: Report on the Commission on the Status of Women

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer and the Director of Health and Human Services request the following actions regarding the Commission on the Status of Women:

1. Approval to dissolve the Commission on the Status of Women, effective immediately; and
2. Authorization for the Commission on the Status of Women to donate \$1,453.98 in remaining funds raised for the "Good Enough!" event to a non-profit organization to host the 2006 "Good Enough!" event.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The County Executive Officer and the Director of Health and Human Services request that the Board approve the request from the Commission on Status of Women to dissolve the Commission and to donate the remaining funds raised for the event to a non-profit organization that will host the 2006 event.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Social Services
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	There will be a savings of \$1,000 budgeted in county general funds in Fiscal Year 2005-2006 for the operation of the Commission on the Status of Women.
Is the general fund affected?	Yes

Future fiscal impact: See above.

Consequences if not approved: The Health and Human Services Agency will continue to serve as a liaison to the Commission on the Status of Women.

Additional Information: None

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Napa County Commission on the Status of Women (NCCSOW) was established in 1976 as an advisory committee to the Napa County Board of Supervisors. The Commission serves to advance the causes of women and girls, to advocate for women and girls and to promote opportunities that empower women and girls to make their maximum contribution to society. It also serves to eliminate all forms of discrimination that may exist for women and girls. NCCSOW worked toward its goals by hosting events to empower women and girls such as "Women's & Girls' Day," an Essay Contest for High School students, and most recently the "Good Enough!" event on self-esteem for high school freshmen.

On November 8, 2005, the Commission on the Status of Women sent letters to the Board of Supervisors requesting that the Board dissolve the Commission. The Commissioners felt that "Napa County is working to achieve major objectives for which the NCCSOW was initially established. There was a time when women's issues needed special consideration yet our community is dealing with those issues in a variety of ways." The letter further stated that while the Board has always been supportive of the work of the Commission, the Commissioners feel that their work with teens and self-esteem would be better served under the umbrella of a non-governmental community group.

The Commission is requesting that the remaining funds from fundraising for the "Good Enough!" event be donated to a non-profit organization that will host next year's event. The funds were raised specifically for the event, and therefore are categorical funds. The Commissioners are speaking with the non-profit organizations that have expressed an interest in hosting the event.

The Commissioners are honored to have been of service to the Board of Supervisors and the residents of Napa County. They look forward to continuing their work with women and girls.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Maiko Klieman