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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
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County Executive Office
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SUBJECT: Action Items for the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Self Esteem

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer and Acting Director of Health and Human Services request the following actions for the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Self Esteem:

1. Approval of a request from the Commission on the Status of Women to sponsor a self esteem workshop for high school freshman;
2. Approval to dissolve the Commission on Self Esteem, effective immediately;
3. Authorization for the Commission on the Status of Women to use the remaining Self Esteem Commission trust funds (\$1,431.55) for the self esteem workshop expenses (subject to approval of Item #1); and
4. Authorization of Commission on the Status of Women to accept donations and contributions toward the self esteem event (subject to approval of Item #1).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The County Executive Officer and the Acting Director of Health and Human Services request that the Board approve the request from the Commission on the Status of Women to sponsor a self esteem workshop for high school freshman, dissolve the Commission on Self Esteem, authorize the Commission on the Status of Women to use the remaining Self Esteem funds (\$1,431.65) for the self esteem workshop expenses and authorize the Commission on the Status of Women to accept donations and contributions for the 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 is no county dollar associated with these expenditures. The expenditures will be offset by the trust fund for the Commission on Self-Esteem and any donations received for the event.

Is the general fund affected? No

Future fiscal impact: None

Consequences if not approved: Public school 9th graders will not receive the benefit of this event aimed at improving their self-esteem.

Additional Information:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

There is no Environmental Impact for this item.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Commission on the Status of Women would like to sponsor a workshop in May of 2005 aimed at young girls and boys in Napa County who are at an age in their lives when esteem is critical. Because this will be a workshop in esteem and thus, falls within the definition of "health", the Napa Valley Unified School District has given its approval for the workshop to be an official school event enabling the students to attend during regular school hours. Therefore, the Commission on the Status of Women respectfully requests that the Board of Supervisors give their approval for the sponsorship by the Commission for this event. The County Executive Officer and Acting Director of Health and Human Services concur.

In 1988, Napa County established a Self-Esteem Task Force in response to the State of California's Assembly Concurrent Resolution, No. 64, requesting all counties in California to establish a task force. In 1990, the Task Force was designated as a Napa County Commission. The goal of the Commission was to promote self esteem and personal and social responsibility as a means to understanding, solving and preventing six major social problems: crime and violence, alcohol and drug abuse, teen pregnancy, child abuse, chronic welfare dependency, and educational failure in Napa County.

The Napa County Self Esteem Commission has had difficulty over the last several years in the recruitment and retention of Commissioners. The Commission has not met since 2003. It should be noted that many, if not all, of the Self Esteem Commissions that had been formed in California counties during the 1990s have disbanded. For these reasons the County Executive Officer and the Acting Director of Health and Human Services recommend dissolution of the Commission.

The Self Esteem Commission does have a balance of \$1,431.55 remaining in a trust account. These funds had been used for the recognition of winners in the "Teens Laws of Life" essay contest sponsored by the Self Esteem Commission. Since the workshop planned by the Commission on the Status of Women focuses on the development of self esteem in teens, the Commission on the Status of Women requests the approval of the use of the remaining funds for expenses related to the workshop described above. The County Executive Officer and the Acting Director of Health and Human Services concur.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Britt Ferguson