



Governor Terry E. Branstad
Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds
San Wong, Director

MINUTES
Iowa Commission on the Status of Women
March 19, 2015
Conference call

Commissioners present

Phyllis Peters
Aaron Sewell
Dave Gudenkauf
Sherill Whisenand

DHR/ICSW staff

Sanjita Pradhan, Executive Officer, Office on the Status of Women
Kristen Corey, Program Planner, Office on the Status of Women

Members of the public - present for all or part of the meeting

None

Call to order

Called to order by chair Phyllis Peters at 1:03 p.m.

Public comment

None.

Presentation: Outline of bills alive after first funnel that fit within the ICSW's 2015 Policy Priorities

Corey presented an overview of the bills alive after first funnel that fit within ICSW's 2015 policy priorities. The bills alive that fit within ICSW's 2015 policy priorities:

- [HF 258](#)
- [HF 348](#)
- [HF 496](#)
- [SF 150](#)
- [SF 269](#)
- [SF 286](#)
- [SF 300](#)
- [SF 313](#)

- [SF 336](#)
- [SF 377](#)
- [SF 383](#)
- [SF 395](#)
- [SF 450](#)

Next funnel date is April 3rd, which means that bills must pass out of one chamber and a full committee in the opposite chamber before that date.

Discussion of 2015 legislative advocacy

Peters asked commissioners what kind of legislative advocacy the commission would like to do in 2015. Much discussion followed. Whisenand added that it is important to stay within the parameters of the 2015 She Matters: 2015 Issues and Actions report and within the 2015 ICSW priorities.

Whisenand and Peters suggested that the commission could combine the safety legislation into a statement that the commission supports safety for women and include mention of the bills that touch on this, and then mention the bills that affect women business owners and women in poverty.

Motion for the commission to approve a legislative agenda that encompasses the 13 legislative items presented with the caveat that the safety issues are combined (increasing the penalties for perpetrators and providing services to victims), and that the commission includes the bills related to women in poverty/pay equity and women in business. Chair Peters will reframe the 2015 legislative agenda and send to commissioners for comment & approval so that commissioners can use it to advocate for the commission's 2015 ICSW legislative priorities.

Whisenand made the motion; Gudenkauf seconded the motion. Whisenand called to question on the motion.

Aye: all

Nay: none

Motion carried.

Chair Peters agreed to reframe the 2015 legislative priorities including current bills going through the legislature and get back to commissioners before the end of the day on Sunday, March 22, 2015 to review, provide comments, and approve.

Peters asked how the commission would like to communicate with the public about the reframed priorities. Gudenkauf suggested sharing the information on the ICSW listserv. Corey agreed to share on the listserv at the request of the commission.

Peters asked if there is anything the commission should draft specifically for legislators. Sewell suggested that once all commissioners review the reframed 2015 legislative priorities and approve, it would be nice to have something summarized enough to send

to legislators since commissioners may be approached to talk about these issues. Peters will summarize and send to commissioners for comment and approval.

Adjournment

Gudenkauf made a motion to adjourn. Sewell seconded the motion.

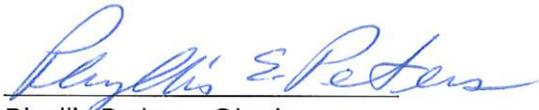
Ayes: all

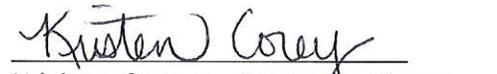
Nay: none

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Phyllis Peters, Chair


Kristen Corey, Program Planner

