



May 20, 2015

To: Chair Davis  
From: Karen Nelson  
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Update from Sexual Violence/ Subcommittee

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Since last summer we have worked together to reinvigorate the Commission's work with government agencies, elected officials and advocacy organizations striving to reduce sexual violence and provide resources to survivors. In partnership with the CCSWG staff we have moved forward on several fronts to reestablish the Commission as a strong partner in addressing sexual violence and we believe we have numerous opportunities to provide leadership and partnership in the new fiscal year.

Here is a brief summary of our meetings and actions as well as our probable next steps:

July 2014 Subcommittee created

August 2014 Report at Commission meeting regarding Commissioner outreach to OES/ SAC staff

October 2014 New Executive Director Nancy Kirshner-Rodriguez and Chris Wagaman met with OES/SAC staff and identified actions needed to complete the CCSWG statutory role as appointing authority for SAC members

November 6, 2014 Subcommittee meets with Nancy Kirshner Rodriguez; begins process to interview candidates for open positions as well as strategy to interview all current CCSWG appointees who need to be considered for a re-appointment.

December 5 2014 SAC meeting – CCSWG announces process to complete new appointments prior to March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting

January 12 2015 CCSWG presentation – request for concurrence on recommendation to appoint Sandra Henriquez and Candy Stallings.

March 6 2015 SAC meeting- Candy Stallings and Sandra Henriquez participate as new members appointed by CCSWG.



#### April 2015 Sexual Assault Awareness Month activities

- 28<sup>th</sup> CCSWG supported the Legislative Women's Caucus Hunting Ground film showing event by actively promoting event and creating an informational flyer in partnership with CALCASA for distribution that included Sacramento regional contact information and overview of Yes means Yes affirmative consent statute. This document can be updated to be used by local commissions in regions across the state and perhaps incorporated into a future app.
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- 29<sup>th</sup> Denim Day at State Capitol - CCSWG information card was distributed and ED Nancy Kirshner-Rodriguez spoke at event with legislators, agency leaders and advocates.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Far west Region 2015 Collegiate Conference in San Diego, CA , Leading an *Advocacy In Action Workshop: Strategies for Leading Change in My Community (UC and CSU Campuses)* Saturday, April 18, 2015 Commissioner Alisha Wilkins co-facilitated a workshop with Dawnita Franklin, Investigator with the UC Irvine Office of Equal Opportunity & Diversity, to help the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. develop an advocacy plan to address Sexual Assault on college campuses. There were thirty-two participants representing UC and Cal State campuses from across the state. Commissioner Wilkins walked participants through the development of an advocacy plan which included establishing clear goals, a list of allies/opponents, determining campaign targets, and tactics to be used in applying the campaign at their respective college. Students left the workshop with full plans for implementing Sexual Assault Awareness campaigns on campus which they hope to commence with during the fall of 2015.

May 7 2015 Subcommittee Conference call with Nancy Kirshner Rodriguez to discuss next steps on SAC and outreach to partner government agencies as well as organizations

May 20 2015 Subcommittee will meet with Janine Williams; SAC/OES identify OES priorities for new fiscal year and CCSWG goals as well as possible collaborations. Seek an update on the request for State funding for Rape Crisis Centers.

#### TO DO:

- At Denim Day ED Nancy Kirshner Rodriguez connected with several other key agencies working in this field and most expressed a strong desire to reconnect with the Commission, noting that they had worked with our agency until 2011 but had not had interaction in the intervening years until now Key Agencies for follow up are:
  - Victims Compensation
  - Health Services;
  - Public Health;
  - OES Policy
  - DOJ



- Develop simple overview on Title IX Compliance in CA for our website and to distribute to local commissions
- Discuss support for specific pieces of Legislation
- Provide Forums to promote good policy ideas like: High School –Affirmative Consent Education in High School
- Seek support of Legislative Women’s Caucus for new CCSWG role as implementation monitor for Yes means Yes on College Campuses. This could need legislative action.