

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Monday, May 17, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Location: RSD Hearing Room, West Hollywood City Hall
8300 Santa Monica Blvd. West Hollywood, CA 90069

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I. CALL TO ORDER:

II. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Legislation Updates

1. HR 4594, International Violence Against Women Act

A bill to combat international violence against women and girls.

2. HR 3242 Women's Health Office Act 2009 (Maloney)

A bill improve the health of women through the establishment of Offices of Women's Health within the Department of Health and Human Services.

3. Elimination of the California Commission on the Status of Women

Updates on the funding status of the state agency that advocates on behalf of women and girls.

Recommendation: Receive and file status updates on previous actions. Make recommendations for possible action by the WAB as appropriate.

B. Review of New State and Federal Legislation Affecting Women

The Subcommittee will review and discuss bills introduced in the State Legislature and Congress that address the Women's Advisory Board's stated legislative priorities of women's health, violence against women and women's economic empowerment.

Women's Health

1. Every Women Counts Program

Discussion of advocacy efforts to restore funding for this state program that provides mammograms for low-income women.

2. Oklahoma Abortion Legislation

H.B. 2780

Requires that a woman about to undergo an abortion submit to either a vaginal transducer or abdominal transducer ultrasound, view the ultrasound and listen to a detailed description of the fetus.

H.B. 2656

Requires that in a wrongful life action or a wrongful birth action, no damages may be recovered from a person for any condition that existed at the time of a child's birth if the claim is that the person's act or omission contributed to a woman not having obtained an abortion.

H. B. 3284 "Statistical Abortion Reporting Act"

Provides for the reporting of abortions performed in Oklahoma, the reasons abortions are sought, and the complications that result.

3. HR. 4892/S 311 The Global Democracy Prevention Act

This bill would prohibit the restriction of nongovernmental family-planning groups from receiving U.S. funds due to providing abortions or lobbying for abortion rights in their country.

4. Creation of an Office of Maternal Health

An Office of Maternal Health would be created within the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure that all women have timely access to quality maternal care.

Recommendation: Review and Discuss. Make recommendations for possible action by the WAB as appropriate.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. City of West Hollywood Legislative Priorities

Review of the City's legislative priorities established by the City Council.

Recommendation: Review and Discuss.

2. Human Gene Patenting

Discussion of human gene patenting and its impact on women's health, specifically cancer.

Recommendation: Review and Discuss. Make recommendations for possible action by the WAB as appropriate.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The Subcommittee will adjourn to its next meeting in June 14, 2010 at West Hollywood City Hall.

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