

INDIVISIBLE DURANGO
WOMEN'S RIGHTS COMMITTEE
SUMMARY OF MEETING
August 29, 5:30 pm

Introductions of committee present committee members:

Pat Rustad, Marcia Sabeti, Michelle Featheringill, Charisse Meiers, Taffy Johnson, and Debbie Meyers

* New Co-Chair, Michelle Featheringill, introduced herself and summarized her background in Women's Reproductive Rights work

* Discussion regarding the DVD "Equal Means Equal" and the requirements around use of it, as well as the number of copies available. Consensus of the committee regarding showing either a trailer or portion of the DVD at the upcoming ID General Meeting at the end of September.

* Pat Rustad indicated that, henceforth, she would like (her work within the committee) to primarily focus on continuing to educate groups using the DVD.

* Later in the meeting, Pat and Marcia broadened the work they would like to focus on to include the ERA and CEDAW issues. They indicated that they will put forth some "next steps" for the full committee to review.

* With that in mind, Pat advised that she would like to relinquish her role in the Chairmanship responsibilities, and would like Michelle Featheringill to take over her previous role. Marcia Sabeti also indicated that she would like to step down from her role as a Co-Chair, and she is willing to help where needed, as well as work with Pat, as the committee work moves forward.

* Michelle advised that she will take over this role within the committee.

* Debbie Meyers presented a brief summary of the internal structure of Indivisible Durango.

* Michelle took over the meeting to review possible new initiatives for the committee to undertake. *Please see attached document regarding Michelle's meetings with both the ACLU and Planned Parenthood of Rocky Mountains (PPRM) staff.* After meeting with Pat and Marcia, Michelle had agreed to talk with ACLU CO attorney and the PPRM local staff to see what priorities they may have that could turn into initiatives for us to undertake.

* After articulating the different priorities of both ACLU Colorado and PPRM, Michelle asked for any other priorities that committee members might have. No new priorities were brought forward. The committee had consensus on assisting with the pending ACLU CO court case, based on unacceptable reproductive healthcare provided to an inmate, here in La Plata County. Michelle advised that she would reach out to the attorney to see where we might be of assistance, and would keep committee members apprised of new information via email.

- * **Committee members pledged to try to recruit new members, thus bringing new energy and commitment to the Women's Rights Committee. Please give this your best effort, as we all agreed that in order to undertake new initiatives, we will need a core group of 10-12 folks.** If you are successful in recruiting a new member, please feel free to invite them to our next meeting, which is listed below. Please remember, that all new committee members must be active Indivisible Durango members.

- * After discussion regarding meetings times, dates, and locations, it was decided to schedule the next meeting for October 3rd, 5:30 - 7 pm. The location will be at Pat's home: 465 E. 6th Avenue (use side door), which is located across from Park School.

I hope to see many of you at our next meeting. We will have a lot of work to do to keep us moving forward on the MANY Women's Rights issues. In the meantime, if you have any questions, comments and/or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at the contact information listed below. I truly hope together we can have a positive impact on the Women's lives within our community and beyond.

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