

**FWP Taskforce Conference Call
17 Dec 2008**

Members on the conference call:

Sue Webster
Bernice Waller
Michelle Crockett
Janet Kopenhaver
Patt Franc
Donna Knight
Carolyn Malone

The discussion centered on the meeting with Commissioner Earp and her suggestions that the Taskforce broaden it's scope to include looking at other issues that effect women in the federal sector. We also discussed the Annual Report on the Federal Work Force Fiscal Year 2007, this report indicates that only 50% of federal agencies submitted MD-715 timely. Michelle Crockett shared that she has received a list of EEO Directors and information taken from MD-715 from Commissioner Earp's staff. The following are action items from this meeting;

- Commissioner Earp recommended that FEW work with Commissioner Constance Barker to get on the agenda of a Commission Meeting. Commission Meetings were established in accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act, meetings of the Commission are open to the public. However, all or part of a meeting may be closed for consideration of matters exempted under the Sunshine Act, such as recommendations for litigation, litigation strategy, administrative adjudication and other specified matters. Public observation does not include participation or disruptive conduct by observers. The Commission usually meets on the third Wednesday of the month, although meetings are sometimes scheduled for other times. Commission meeting agendas are normally announced in the Federal Register at least one week in advance of a meeting. Sue offered that FAPAC has been on the agenda for a Commission Meeting focusing attention on the issues of the Asian-Pacific Islander and we should contact them to get information about lessons learned and meeting format. Action assigned to: Michelle Crockett
- Janet Kopenhaver recommended we issue a press release to bring attention to the Annual Report on the Federal Work Force Fiscal Year 2007 and its findings. A particular concern to the Taskforce is the report indicates that only 50% of Federal agencies timely submitted their MD-715 reports. Action assigned to: Janet Kopenhaver
- It has been recommended that the Taskforce address the Council of Federal EEO and Civil Rights Executives. Delia Johnson (a FEW Chapter President) is a member of this council and Sue recommended that we meet with Delia to discuss our concerns and ask her to assist us with getting on the agenda of a council meeting. Action assigned to: Bernice Waller

- Donna Knight indicated we should address our concerns in the media, and suggested Sue go on the show "To the Contrary". To The Contrary, is a Public Broadcasting all-female news analysis series. With women in the forefront of politics and on the cutting edge of national agendas, To The Contrary provides an important, timely forum for women to discuss national and international issues and policies. It presents news and views that are rarely, if ever, available elsewhere on television. Information about the show can be found at <http://www.pbs.org/ttc/>. Action assigned to: Sue Webster with assistance from Carolyn Malone
- Upon reviewing the Annual Report on the Federal Work Force Fiscal Year 2007, the Taskforce would like to know what federal agencies have and have not submitted MD-15. It is recommended that the EEOC be contacted to see if we can receive this information. Action assigned to: Michelle Crockett
- Janet suggested that since we have list of EEO Directors, Sue should send them a letter informing them about the resolution and expressing our concern about the lack of support provided to the FWP. Action assigned to: Sue Webster and Janet Kopenhaver