

# DURHAM COUNTY WOMEN'S COMMISSION (DCWC)

MEETING SUMMARY

AUGUST 27, 2012

**Present:** Heidi Marks, Marissa Streyle, Jocelyn Harper, Rosa Anderson, Zion Tankard, Lisa Gabriel, Sharon Mullen, Caroline Lattimore, Tarica Rowlinson

**Absent:** Jina Dillon, Sandra Davis, Carnetta Reid, Stephanie Watson

**Guest:** Commissioner Brenda Howerton

## I. Call to Order

The meeting began at 6:02pm

## II. Treasurer's Report

No report this meeting.

## III. Old Business

Commissioner Streyle led a discussion of final preparations for the Issue Assembly on Commissioner Dhillon's behalf. The DCWC selected education policy, preventative health care, human trafficking and financial literacy as the main issues that would be addressed during the Assembly. A presentation will be given on the status of women in North Carolina with information from a new released report. NCCU Women's Center will also be part of the event. The Commission discussed promotion of the Assembly and trying to ensure that women who are most impacted by the issues discussed know that the event is taking place.

The Assembly will take place at the Miller Morgan building on the Campus of North Carolina Central University from 9am to 12pm. Several Commissioners volunteered to assist on the day of the event and Commissioner Marks will bring the food and drinks for the event.

## IV. New Business

Commissioners Lattimore and Rowlinson, the two newest Commissioners introduced themselves to the group. Commissioner Lattimore retired from Duke two years ago and served as Dena of the College of Arts and Sciences. She was appointed to the Department of Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services. Commissioner Rowlinson works in Durham Public Schools in the City of Medicine Academy.

The meeting minutes from the July meeting were approved with one requested change from Commissioner Marks. In the second paragraph, specific reference needs to be made to the specific section of the bylaws that needs to be changed.

The DCWC was notified that the county is updating its website and that the Commission has an opportunity to change its description.

Although a full discussion was not had, the Commissioners were asked to think through potential leadership position they would be interested in having. The Commission was also asked to consider whether or not the size of the commission should be decreased. A brief conversation was had about the pros and cons. Pros such as new people bring something different to the Commission, while reducing the quorum of the Commission may allow it to make decisions and operate more efficiently.

**V. Announcements**

- International Festival in Raleigh September 28-30
- Beth Briggs will be the speaker at the next meeting

**VI. Adjournment**

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm