

DURHAM COUNTY WOMEN'S COMMISSION (DCWC)

MEETING SUMMARY
SEPTEMBER 26, 2011
2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

Present: Heidi Marks, Rosa Anderson, Carnetta Reid and Marissa Streyle.

Absent: Debra Wallace, Stephanie Watson, Sandra Davis, and Lois Murphy

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Marks.

II. Status of Commission

Commissioner Marks gave a brief background on the last meeting. She informed members Luci McMillin (former chair), Clayborne Brooks (former vice-chair) and Julie Omohundro had resigned from the commission.

The minutes from Commission meetings on June 25, 2011 and August 29, 2011 were not voted on because there was not a quorum of members present.

III. New Business

Commissioner Marks discussed the survey and all present agreed to complete the survey and bring it to the next meeting. There will be a discussion at the October meeting about the role and direction of the DCWC.

Members also discussed opportunities to partner with community organizations to better understand the needs of women in Durham County and the resources that currently exist in the county for them. Commissioners committed to reach out to community organizations to gather information and create connections. The ultimate goal is to create a status report that will be presented to the County Council June/July 2012.

Commissioner Anderson suggested one output of the information gathering in the community could be a talking points/key message document advocating for women in Durham. Another possible output is a 'think tank' session on the biggest issues facing women as well as a public listing of all resources for women in Durham compiled by the Commission.

The commissioners present suggested that issues of violence, education for single mothers, sickle cell anemia, and the conditions of women in the county jail should be considered in community research.

IV. Announcements

Members agreed to have the September, October, and November meetings at 8:00 pm instead of 6:00 pm and resort to the regular start time of 6:00 pm in 2012. December's meeting may be a social gathering to encourage camaraderie amongst Commissioners.

V. Adjournment

Commissioner Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting. Interim Chair Marks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned approximately 7:04 pm