DURHAM COUNTY WOMEN'S COMMISSION (DCWC)

MEETING SUMMARY FEBRUARY 27, 2012

Present: Rosa Anderson, Sandra Davis, Diana Freeman, Heidi Marks, Marissa Streyle, Jina Dhillon, Sharon Mullen, Jocelyn Harper, Lois Murphy, Stephanie Watson, Danielle Kowalczuk, Shonda Santos

Absent: Debra Wallace, Carnetta Reid

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order and began with introductions of those not present at the last meeting.

II. Treasurer's Report

Account remains unchanged.

III. Old Business

Minutes from the January 2012 meeting were approved. The Durham County website has been updated with approved Minutes from meetings from last summer through January 2012. The County Administrative office has requested attendance records, thus it will be carefully tracked moving forward.

The majority of the meeting was spent preparing for the DCWC event with Commissioner Brenda Howerton on March 8. Notices were placed in the Raleigh News & Observer and Commissioners advertised in their spheres of influence. Sharon Mullen was designated as the MC for the event and the program format was developed.

Commissioners were advised to review the County Strategic Plan and to be prepared with questions to help the discussion. The event presents an opportunity to share feedback on the plan and to understand how it was developed. The reported community response to the plan was low, particularly by Spanish speakers, so the Commission wants to ensure that women's voices are heard.

IV. New Business

The March 26th meeting will focus on documenting the outcome of the March 8th event, identifying priorities and activities for the rest of the year, and discussing officer roles.

Marissa Streyle was named the interim Secretary for the Commission until elections for leadership positions.

V. Adjournment

Commissioner Mullen moved to adjourn at 7:05pm.