

DURHAM C.A.N. NEWSLETTER

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Working for Jobs for Durham residents:

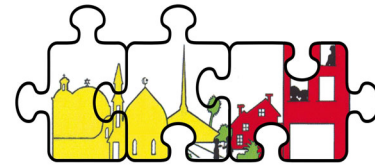
Last Monday night, the Jobs Action Team arranged an action that had the goal of getting County Commissioners to think more seriously about linking incentives with jobs for Durham residents. Over 40 CAN leaders attended the action. Four speakers represented Durham CAN.

We understand that the effectiveness of an action is measured by the reaction we get from decision makers. In response to CAN request, the County Commissioners asked that the County Attorney researches potential ways to link their policy to local hiring (without discriminating). Recommendation based on legal research will be brought

back in March by County Attorney. Such a move is significant given that Commissioners and County Manager expressed no interest in modifying the policy in response to the earlier request from CAN. Last Monday, Commissioners adopted a much better policy that brings with it many of the recommendations introduced by Durham CAN during the Summer of 2007. This is a partial victory. CAN leaders will continue their research work in order to help the County attorney find the right information.

On other related news, the City Manager for Economic Development drafted a hiring policy lin-

ked with the City incentive process. CAN will continue working with the City Council to ensure the draft becomes a public policy.



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Project Access:

Leaders of the Health Care Action Team of Durham CAN continue the important work needed in order to make sure Project Access (PA) becomes a reality for Durham County. CAN is working in close collaboration with several agencies including Lincoln Community Health Center, Duke University Health System and Private Diagnostic Cli-

nic, Durham Orange Medical Society, NC Specialty Hospital, Durham Academy of Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy, the NC Institute of Medicine, the County Health Department and the County Department of Social Services. It is expected the project will become operational in the summer of 2008 and will provide access to specialty care

for 2,400 low income residents of the County. On the morning of February 4th, 2008, CAN leaders will make a presentation to the County Commissioners in order to secure \$400,00 in start up funding.

Housing:

Leaders from the Housing Action Team completed the second inspection of apartment complexes where there has been complains from tenants about abuses from the Landlord. CAN leaders have been working closely with staff of the City Department of Neighborhood Improvement Services. A report of the last inspection is expected in January.

Statewide Organizing:

Several leaders of Durham CAN will be joining leaders from sister organizations across the state in order to implement collective activities in the fall of 2008. CAN is part of a statewide IAF network formed by five sister organizations operating in different parts of the state. The partners are collaborating with a diverse group of Bishops and religious executives from different denominations who are exploring the possibility of a large statewide gathering with the candidates for Governor in the fall.

Following up on commitments made by elected City Leaders:

Durham CAN leaders received several commitments from candidates for Mayor and City Council during their last Delegates Assembly. The meeting was attended by almost 350 leaders from member organizations. CAN leaders are preparing to hold retreats with those elected in order to make sure the commitments become a reality. CAN leaders are also preparing to attend one of the Coffee with Council meetings.

Leadership Development:

The development of the skills our leaders need in order to bring about change is critical to the success and growth of the organization. On February 9th, 2008, several leaders of Durham CAN representing member institutions will be attending a training on community organizing. The training is based on the universals of public life perfected by IAF during the last 50 years throughout the US , Canada, United Kingdom and Germany. Training will be delivered by Gerald Taylor , National staff of IAF and Co-founder of Durham CAN.

Upcoming Durham CAN Meetings

What:	When:	Where:
Meeting with Council Member Mike Woodard	Tuesday, January 22, 2008	TBA
Meeting with Council Member Howard Clement	Tuesday, January 29, 2008 5PM	City Hall 2nd floor 101 City Hall Plaza, Durham
Meeting with County Commissioners (Project Access)	Monday, February 4, 2008 in the morning (TBA)	TBA
Leadership Training/Metro Caucus Meeting	Saturday, February 9th, 2008 9AM to 1PM	Nehemiah Christian Center
Retreat with Mayor Bell and City Council Members Ali and Brown	Tuesday, February 19th, 2008 2PM to 5PM	TBA
Environmental Team and McDougal Terrace Residents Meeting with City Council	Tuesday, March 4, 2008 6PM	McDougal Terrace

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