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Subject: [ncwu-members] FYA: Submissions for Draft Agenda

Greeting NCWU members,

It is that time again, across NC women are coming together to plan Women's Agenda Assemblies to provide an opportunity for women to express their views, prioritize their issues and in the end to have their voices heard through advocacy in the General Assembly. In preparations for these Assemblies NCWU has created four work-groups to create this years Draft Women's Agenda. For those of you new to this process, this is the document that contains policy initiative papers with specific recommendation that are going to be addressed in the NC General Assemblies long session beginning in January 2005. This document is sent to each local Assembly to use in determining local Women's Agendas across the state and ultimately will constitute NCWU's Women's Agenda.

The NCWU Program Committee is inviting every NCWU member organization to participate in the work-groups. A brief description of the issues each group will be writing papers on follows:

Access to Health Care Work-group 1. Protect and advance reproductive freedom 2. Recognize and respond to the needs of women and their families for affordable and accessible services, including health care, and elder care

Civic Participation & Equality Work-group 1. Increase participation of women as voters, leaders, and decision-makers in the political process 2. Provide full and equal civil rights

Economic Self-Sufficiency Work-group **1. Promote access to training and educational opportunities that lead to meaningful employment** 2. Secure pay equity and economic self-sufficiency 3. Eliminate hunger, poverty and homelessness 4. Recognize and respond to the needs of women and their families for affordable and accessible services including child care

Violence Against Women Work-group 1. Ensure freedom from domestic violence and sexual assault

Each group is responsible for writing and compiling their issue's chapter in the document and ensuring that submissions are in line with NCWU's mission, vision and goals. These groups will operate primarily via email and will only meet in person if a work-group deems this necessary. To participate in a work-group please respond by Thursday July 22nd to me directly at veronica_butcher@yahoo.com and I will add you to your requested work-group. **The deadline for each work-group to submit their completed chapter is Friday August 20th.**

Currently there are Assemblies planned in the following counties: Rowan, Alamance, Orange, Mecklenburg, Cleveland, Caldwell, Wake, Cherokee and Cumberland. If you know of anyone interested in organizing an Assembly in their county or who would like to become involved in an Assembly listed above please contact me directly at veronica_butcher@yahoo.com.

Thank you all for your continued support of NC Women United; we look forward to working with you in the coming months.

Best,
Veronica Butcher Program Committee Chair