

**Cook County Commission on Women's Issues**  
**Economic Status of Women in Cook County:**  
**Strategies for Economic Empowerment**  
**AGENDA: October 16, 2008, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**  
**69 West Washington, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**Chicago, IL 60602**

- 9:00      **Welcome and Introductions**  
Peggy A. Montes, Chairperson, Cook County Commission on Women's Issues
- 9:10      **Overview of Financial Challenges Women Face and Retirement Concerns**  
Martha Rohlfig, Financial Education Coordinator, Women's Outreach, Office of the State Treasurer, Alexi Giannoulis
- 9: 20      **Child Support Enforcement**  
Margie Stapleton, Shriver Center
- 9:30      **Women in Non-Traditional Careers**  
Pamyla Berryhill, Director, Special Initiatives, Chicago Women in Trades
- 9:40      **Impact of Women in Construction**  
Beth Doria, Executive Director, Federation of Women Contractors
- 9:50      **'Then and Now'**  
Betty Hancock Perry, Executive Director, Cook County Contract Compliance
- 10:00      **Workforce Development**  
Terrie McDermott, Executive Director, Cook County Sheriff's Department of Women's Justice Services
- 10:10      **Peer Perspective**  
Marian Hatcher, Peer Coordinator, Cook County Sheriff's Department of Women's Justice Services
- 10:20      **Lifting Single-female Headed Households Out of Poverty**  
Mary Morten, Interim Executive Director, Chicago Foundation for Women
- 10:30-10:45 Questions and Answers**
- 10:45      **Underemployment of Women**  
Marsha A. Belcher, Director of Marketing and Resource Development, Community Economic Development Association (CEDA)

- 10:55      **Low Income Female Heads of Households: A Comprehensive Picture of their Situation and Needs**  
Rosanna A. Marquez, Eleanor Foundation
- 11:05      **Challenges Faced by Women Entrepreneurs**  
Tara Franey, Director of Development, Women's Business Development Center
- 11:15      **Economic Impact of Domestic Violence**  
Wendy Pollack, Executive Director, Shriver Center
- 11: 25      **Strategies for Women's Economic Advancement**  
Elizabeth Mhangami, Program Associate, Women Employed
- 11:35      **Economic Impact of Sexual Violence**  
Samir Goswami, Director of Policy and Outreach,  
Justice Project Against Sexual Harm
- 11:45      **Impact of Foreclosure Crisis and Predatory Lending on Women**  
Dory Rand, President, Woodstock Institute
- 11:55      **President's Office on Employment Training(POET)**  
Karen Crawford, Executive Director, POET
- 12:05      **Social Determinants of Health**  
Jim Bloyd, Assistant Health Officer, Cook County Department of Public Health

**12:15-12:30 Questions and Answers**