



# GBCRC

Greater Boston Civil Rights Coalition

Founded in 1979, GBCRC is Greater Boston's oldest coalition of community leaders working together to safeguard and promote civil rights. GBCRC works to increase awareness of current civil rights-related issues and mobilize advocates for public policies that protect and enhance civil rights at local, state and national levels.

## 2007-2008 Meetings

### 2008

December

"Top Civil Rights Issues: 2008 in Review & What's Ahead for 2009"

CORI Reform: Maggie Brown, Boston Workers Alliance  
Education: Mary Ann Hardenbergh, Citizens for Public Schools

Immigration: John Willshire-Carrera & Nancy Kelly, Greater Boston Legal Services

Foreclosures: City Life/Vida Urbana

November

"ELECTION 2008: New Chapter in U.S. Race Relations?"

David Harris, Charles Hamilton Houston Institute

Karen Payne, NAACP Boston Branch

Horace Small, Union of Minority Neighborhoods

Paul Marcus, Community Change

October

"Drug policy as a civil rights issue"

Jack Cole, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition

Whitney Taylor, Committee for Sensible Marijuana Policy

July

"The Commonwealth Compact: Purpose, Progress & Plans"

Bob Turner, Director

Colleen Richards Powell, Deputy Director

June

Ronald G. Marlow, new Assistant Secretary for Access and Opportunity

May

"Boston Fire Department: the on-going struggle for equality"

Karen Miller, Boston Society of Vulcans

Introductory remarks by Paul Marcus, Community Change

April

Malcolm S. Medley, new Chairman of the MCAD

March

"The Community Ombudsman Oversight Panel: Boston's Civilian Review Board"

John O'Brien, Ruth Suber & David Hall

February

"The School-to-Prison Pipeline"

Kaia Stern & Tami Wilson, Charles Hamilton Houston

Institute for Race & Justice; Julie Bowden & Duci

Goncalves, the Youth Advocacy Project

January

"Good Books for your Great Work"

Dr. Loretta Williams, Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Bigotry & Human Rights

Ernestine Washington, Yvonne Pappenheim Library on

Racism, Community Change

### 2007

December

"Beyond Marriage: What's Next?"

Jennifer Chrisler, Family Equality Council

Matt McTighe, MassEquality

November

"Reconvening the Governor's Task Force on Hate Crimes"

Kevin M. Burke, Secretary, Executive Office of Public Safety

Introductory remarks by Don Gorton, Chair, Gay & Lesbian

Anti-Violence Project

Jointly sponsored with Massachusetts Association of Human Rights & Relations Commissions

October

"Current Issues in Disability Rights"

Barbara Chandler of Adaptive Environments

Osvaldo Mondejar of Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital

Juanita Mincey, Boston Commission for Persons with

Disabilities

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**"Fighting the Good Fight Since 1979"**

**Co-Chairs:**

- Barbara Dougan, *Families Against Mandatory Minimums (FAMM)*
- Jeff Stone, *Civic Dialogue Services*