

NFTA-Metro CAC
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Proposal for New Member Organizations

Background: NFTA-Metro CAC's Governance Document was finalized at the January 24, 2013 meeting of the CAC. The document states, "It is in the best interest of NFTA that the membership of the CAC reflects a diverse and wide representation and be current users of the NFTA Metro Bus and Rail System." It also states that the committee will consist of not more than 25 individuals; there are currently 21 individuals on the committee. The governance also provided an opportunity for the committee to review changes in the membership.

Three organizations have been identified for consideration and are presented below. If the committee agrees to add any or all of the proposed organizations, the organization will have the opportunity to appoint an individual representative to the CAC.

Proposed Organizations:

Niagara Organizing Alliance for Hope (NOAH) – Mission: NOAH supports its members through congregational and leadership development and engages members in direct action within their own neighborhoods. In cooperation with a wide range of other groups in the region, NOAH brings the power grassroots community organizing into the public arena in order to shape the decisions that affect the quality of life throughout Niagara County and Western New York.

Baptist Ministers Conference of Buffalo and Vicinity – The Baptist Minister's Conference of Buffalo New York and Vicinity, Inc. is an organization of intentional fellowship among the Baptist Pastors and Ministers of the City of Buffalo's African American Churches. The current membership of the Conference exceeds 155 Pastors and Ministers representing 60 Congregations in and about the City of Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Lackawanna and Hamburg, representing a constituency that exceeds 40,000 congregants. They have a long history of serving the citizens of this community as Pastors and Ministers as well as a long history of social activism focused on issues of social justice.

Upstate Division of 1199 SEIU - The Upstate Division of 1199SEIU is the voice of health care employees in western, central, and northern New York State. The region includes more than 21,000 health care workers at 31 hospitals, 66 nursing homes including Federally Qualified Health Centers and Home Care Agencies. Members of 1199SEIU's Upstate division work in 26 counties throughout Upstate New York from the Adirondacks to Niagara Falls, and include registered nurses, hospital workers, professionals, nursing home workers, and home care.