

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham
Access to Care Committee
Durham County Human Services Building, 410 E. Main Street, Durham**

**March 10, 2016
Minutes**

Facilitator: Lloyd Schmeidler

Present: Wanda Wilkins, Marissa Mortiboy, Angel Romero, Phil Harewood, Lloyd Schmeidler, Kim Monroe, Charita McCollers, Ricardo Correa, Norma Marti, Kimberly Bratcher-Alexander, Gary Greenberg, Mel Downey-Piper, Gina Upchurch, Drew Johnson, Kristina Wilhemson Guests: Pam Krakow, Margaret Terry			
Project/Topic/Goal	Major Discussion Points	Recommendations	Action Steps
Welcome & Introductions <i>All</i>			
Review & Approve February Meeting <i>Lloyd Schmeidler</i>	Wanda Williams name was corrected to Wanda Wilkins. In announcements, PDC should be changed to PRMO and so that will be added to the sentence.		Marissa will make the corrections and send revised minutes to Kim and Lloyd.
Presentation & Discussion: Community Health Worker Training <i>Pamela Krakow or Margaret Terry</i>	<p>Mel Downey-Piper and Fred Johnson with Duke Division of Community Health approached Durham Tech about six months ago about starting a Community Health Worker (CHW) training program. They have put together a 48-hour course for CHWs. Guest speakers from the community will share their experiences throughout the course.</p> <p>Classes will take place at Durham Tech twice a week for three hours per session over eight weeks. The cost is \$133 per course and classes begins April 5. Shadowing of CHWs and internships are not available at this time. Committee members can send staff to the course and share information about the course.</p> <p>The Durham Tech course will use the textbook, <i>Foundations for Community Health Workers</i>. The course</p>		Contact Pam or Margaret if you are interested in sharing CHW experiences at one of the classes.

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	<p>provides guidelines and appropriate boundaries for CHWs. Students will not be required to purchase the textbook.</p> <p>The curriculum includes the role of a CHW, professional skills and competencies when working with individual clients and competencies when working at the group and community levels.</p> <p>Outcomes include students acquiring the knowledge, skills and abilities to begin working with individuals, families and communities and learning best practices for CHWs and becoming trained and employable in a wide range of health-oriented and healthy living jobs.</p> <p>The Board of Health has agreed to be the credentialing body for CHWs in Durham County. They are currently working on the process.</p> <p>The goal of the state CHW credentialing program is to share information about the program at a fall summit. The summit would include information on core competencies expected for CHWs and credentialing requirements. Community colleges are represented on the state committee. There is discussion at the state level of making services of a CHW billable services.</p> <p>CHWs differ from other positions by focusing on linking community members to resources and not providing actual medical care. CHWs built trust with the populations they work with and give clients tools to navigate systems.</p> <p>The American Cancer society offers CHW training modules online.</p>		
<p>Subcommittee Updates: Special Populations Health Literacy</p>	<p>The Special Populations working group met twice at the end of 2015 to discuss incoming refugee populations and what may happen with government policies and allowing</p>		

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	<p>refugees into the country. The working group also discussed Title VI, providing interpretation for different languages and best ways to find volunteer interpreters to find assistance. The working group was planning to contact community colleges to find assistance. It was suggested the workgroup examine models and best practices for interpretation services.</p> <p>The health literacy working group met in the fall. They discussed challenges people have navigating the health system. Dr. Elaine Hart-Brothers will link the Community Health Coalition back to the working group. Drew has gone to different pharmacies to examine tools currently in use and speak with pharmacists about barriers. Barriers include a lack of time for pharmacists to counsel patients and patients not being aware that pharmacists can answer their questions. It was suggested the working group put together a list of five questions people should ask their pharmacist. There is a need for tools for individuals to better understand how to take medication and its effects. A physician at Duke is interested in using the information collected by Drew to make changes.</p>		
<p>Announcements</p>	<p>March is Colorectal Awareness Month. There is an American Cancer Society has an initiative to screen everyone eligible by 2030 to save over 200,000 lives.</p> <p>EDCI is hosting a chicken dinner fundraiser on April 15 and 50/50 raffle. See Lloyd to purchase tickets for both.</p> <p>There has been a policy change for SNAP benefits. Single adults need to have secured employment or a volunteer position to continue receiving benefits. It is anticipated that many adults across the state will lose their SNAP benefits. It was suggested that the Access Care committee invite someone from DSS to speak about changes to SNAP benefits for adults at a future meeting.</p> <p>The next Latino Roundtable meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15 at 11:30 am at the NC Mutual Building.</p>		

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Meeting Adjournment	
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