

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham  
Access to Care Committee  
Durham County Human Services Building, 410 East Main Street  
May 11, 2017  
MINUTES**

**Facilitator: Angeloe Burch**

**Access to Care:** This committee's activities include advocating for changes that will affect health care coverage for residents across all ages and developing community and agency-based strategies to make measurable improvements in access to care for the uninsured and underinsured residents of Durham.

**Meeting Outcomes**

- Outcome 1: To prepare for the Health Summit on June 9, 2017
- Outcome 2: To begin the process of electing committee co-chairs for the 2017-2018 year
- Outcome 3: To prepare committee members to provide public input into the State of NC's revisions of the State Medicaid Plan

<b>Present:</b> Angeloe Burch Sr., Philip Harewood, Andy Landes, Tashira McGill, Camille Grant, Cheryl Brewer, Elizabeth Brill, Jen Isherwood, Sarah Lerner, Jen Meade, Denver Jameson, Kimberly Monroe, Tiki Windley, Kimberly Alexander-Bratcher, Charita McCollers, Gina Upchurch, Julia Gamble, Marissa Mortiboy			
Project/Topic/Goal	Major Discussion Points	Recommendations	Action Steps
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b> <i>Angeloe Burch &amp; All</i>			
<b>Review &amp; Approve April Minutes</b> <i>Angeloe Burch &amp; All</i>	There were no changes to the minutes.		
<b>Health Summit preparations &amp; orientation</b> <i>Kimberly Monroe</i>	The Duke Durham Health Summit will be held on Friday, June 9 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm at the Durham Convention Center. The focus this year will be Healthy Durham 2020. Healthy Durham 2020 is a convening committee formed by Dr. Eugene Washington at Duke Health. The group is still in the formative phase. They are looking at strategic plans from the city, county, Durham Public Schools (DPS) and other organizations to find ways to share resources and assets in order to work together more effectively. Healthy Durham 2020 is not meant to replace the Partnership or other existing coalitions but to build on the work that is being done.		Marissa will email the Health Summit registration information to the full Partnership.

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	<p>Registration for the Health Summit is now open. A draft agenda should be available within the next few days. Part of the day will focus on what health looks like in Durham and how it differs across zip codes. The planning committee is hoping to get a speaker from Johns Hopkins University who will describe efforts in working with the community to create change and improve the health. Questions to answer at the Summit include how can we do things differently, how we can we work with the community, what do we need to do better?</p> <p>Sectors such as nonprofits, education, faith, business community are currently meeting t. Dr. Washington asked each sector to draft a resolution to share how they plan to work differently to impact the health of Durham. The County and DPS have already drafted and shared resolutions with public.</p> <p>Over 100 have registered for the Health Summit and there are approximately 300 spots available.</p>		
<p><b>2017-2018 Co-Chair Election</b> <i>Marissa Mortiboy</i></p>	<p>Seven committee members were nominated and agreed to appear on the Access to Care committee co-chair ballot. Nominees who were present were given the chance to share why they would like to be co-chair July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Committee members voted.</p> <p>The online ballot will be available to those unable to attend the monthly meeting. The top two candidates who receive the most votes between the meeting and online ballots will be the new or returning co-chairs.</p>		
<p><b>State Medicaid Public Comment Period</b> <i>Angeloe Burch</i></p>	<p>The North Carolina Department of Health of Human Services public input sessions will be held in May 2017 on the transformation of the NC Health Choice program/Medicaid. Comments will be accepted until 11:59 pm on May 25. Online comments can be made at <a href="https://dma.ncdhhs.gov/get-involved/proposed-medicaid-and-nc-health-choice-policies">https://dma.ncdhhs.gov/get-involved/proposed-medicaid-and-nc-health-choice-policies</a>.</p>	<p>Committee members are encouraged to attend a public session or make comments online.</p>	<p>Send Norma your ideas to share at the May 16 session if you are unable to attend.</p> <p>Norma will send Marissa information</p>

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	<p>The Raleigh public input session will be held May 16, 6-8 pm at the McKimmon Conference Center on Gorman St.</p> <p>Proposed changes to the program cut reduce the number of those helped. If the Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is not refunded by the federal government, nearly 250,000 North Carolina children will be affected. Ideas are needed on how to continue the program if federal funding is cut.</p> <p>Under the Affordable Care Act the Lincoln Community Health Center (LCHC) was able to cut the percentage of uninsured patients from 80% to 43%. Proposed federal changes to Medicaid include a per capita payment or block grants. Either option would affect LCHC negatively.</p> <p>There are four major areas currently being discussed with Medicaid at the state and federal level.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. How the current Medicaid program is administered (states have some leeway) and financed.</b> The current Medicaid program is fee for service with 65% of North Carolina costs paid by the federal government. The state legislature is exploring moving towards managed care. While some benefits are mandatory; others (like dental, vision and prescriptions) are optional so states have “flexibility.” Also – having Medicaid does not ensure access such as to dental care.</li> <li><b>2. New federal leaders are discussing the move from a percentage match to the states to more of a “capitated model” (\$/per person) or “block grant” funding-</b> The federal government is exploring block grants for states to decide how to use the funds. This would put pressure on the states to figure out how best to run their Medicaid programs with likely – much less funding. This part of the bill was just passed by the U.S. House.</li> </ol>	<p>Advocating for changes to Medicaid programs have to be done on an individual basis. The Access to Care committee can only educate legislators about why Medicaid expansion is a good idea.</p>	<p>on numbers of children covered under CHIP and where to make comments to share with the committee.</p> <p>Gina will put together a list of the four Medicaid buckets for points to advocate.</p> <p>Julia will put together a legislature contact list.</p> <p>Angeloe will send an email with Future Access in the subject line to the committee with information on the comment period, public input session. Gina and Julia will add their information.</p>
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	<p><b>3. 1115 waiver-</b> This is moving away from fee-for-service towards “managed care”. More details can be found at <a href="https://ncdhhs.s3.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/NC-Section-1115-Demonstration-App2016.pdf">https://ncdhhs.s3.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/NC-Section-1115-Demonstration-App2016.pdf</a>.</p> <p><b>4. Possible Medicaid expansion in NC-</b> Expanding Medicaid would move to 90%/10% federal/state payment responsibility. North Carolina HB 662 would expand Medicaid with specific criteria such as must be looking for work. For more information on HB 662, visit <a href="http://www.northcarolinahealthnews.org/2017/04/11/republican-carolina-care-proposal-vehicle-medicaid-expansion/">http://www.northcarolinahealthnews.org/2017/04/11/republican-carolina-care-proposal-vehicle-medicaid-expansion/</a>. Contact the NC committee chair in legislature about expansion.</p> <p>The NC Justice Center and AARP have great resources about what the changes would mean.</p>		
<p><b>Next meeting: June or July?</b> <i>Angeloe Burch &amp; all</i></p>	<p>The next meeting will be held in July 13. The June meeting will be canceled so members can focus on the June 9 Health Summit.</p>		
<p><b>Announcements</b> <i>All</i></p>	<p>Tuesday, May 16 at 11:30 am will be the next meeting of the Latino Roundtable. Contact Angelo if you are interested in attending the meeting or presenting. The meeting will be held at the NC Mutual Building, 411 W. Chapel Hill St. in suite 335.</p> <p>The Coalition for Health Care of North Carolina annual meeting will be held the evening of May 24 at NCCU. State legislators have been invited. The theme of the meeting is stories from the community on access to healthcare issues.</p>		
<p><b>July 13, 8:15 am</b> <b>Durham County Human Services Bldg., 414 E. Main Street, Durham</b></p>			