

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham  
Access to Care Committee  
Durham County Dept of Public Health, 414 E Main St, Durham, NC 27701  
April 13, 2017  
MINUTES**

**Facilitator: B. Angeloe Burch Sr.**

**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: Inform and update on the Homeless Day Space at Nehemiah and what roles we can play
- Outcome 2: Identify specific strategies that could be implemented by the Committee and/or its workgroups to move forward on our action plan.

<b>Present:</b> Lloyd Schmeidler, Sally Wilson, B. Angeloe Burch Sr., Denver Jameson, Tiki Windley, Angel Romero, Kimberly Monroe, Sarah Lerner, Charita McCollers, Krysta Gougler-Reeves, Gina Upchurch, Philip Harewood, John D. Murphy, Jonathan Kotch, Cheryl Brewer, Jen Isherwood <i>Guests:</i> Psiyana Davis, Rafael Baptista			
Project/Topic/Goal	Major Discussion Points	Recommendations	Action Steps
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b> <i>B. Angeloe Burch Sr. &amp; All</i>	Nominations done early; Gina Upchurch, Tiki Windley, Sally Wilson, Philip Harewood, Charita McCollers would like their names to be removed from ballot.		
<b>Review &amp; Approve March Meeting Minutes/Notes</b> <i>B. Angeloe Burch Sr.</i>	Minutes approved, no changes		
<b>Homeless Day Space</b> <i>Psiyina Davis &amp; Raphael D. Baptista</i>	Nehemiah Christian Center is hosting Day Center to give homeless people a place during the day to be (City of Durham is paying Nehemiah to do so temporarily while the downtown library is being renovated). It is located at 514 N. Mangum St. Nehemiah is vested in the Durham community and open to keeping Center open but would need funding once the library reopens.  Hours are M-F, 9-5pm. The first day was 1/23/17. Services offered include access to computers, charging station and access to restrooms. They also have the capacity to have other community providers offer services in the center. Nehemiah Christian Center		Let other relevant organizations know who should be involved.  Nehemiah will report back in a few weeks with

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	<p>is in talks with community providers to help provide long term plans instead of short-term.</p> <p>Nehemiah will conduct survey in next few weeks of people who use day space to get sense of priorities, services needed and implementation timeline of services.</p> <p>The goal of program at Nehemiah is to provide services and change life outcomes. Prior to Nehemiah, many homeless people spent time at the library because it was safe and warm but no services were offered. Nehemiah is a good change.</p> <p>Angeloe Burch had a call to accountability for the city and community members. The Day Center cannot just be a handout, it must be a community collaborative effort to support and help homeless people.</p> <p>There is a concern that the Day Center is just temporary. Evidence of effectiveness and positive change with people who use the space can be presented to City and County officials to seek permanent financial support.</p> <p>Nehemiah is also reaching out to Wake Co. and Greensboro because they have permanent Day Centers,</p> <p>Assigning a point person/navigator for each person to help connect with services might be effective strategy (could be well trained community health worker, not necessarily a social worker). It would be less overwhelming for person being inundated with service options.</p>		<p>survey findings and next steps.</p> <p>Services providers are encouraged to reach out to Psiyina if they want to offer services.</p> <p>Charita McCollers, co-chair of Disability Workgroup for Durham County would like to do info session at Day Center.</p>
<p><b>Committee Updates/Progress &amp; Next Steps –</b></p>	<p>John Murphy with the City of Durham shared information about the Housing Opportunities for Persons Living with AIDS (HOPWA) program. The program assists people who are low-income and living with AIDS. Durham can determine in what ways to use the funds. The funds come from Housing and Urban Development (HUD).</p>	<p>Suggestion to have Lincoln do VI-SPADATs since it'll be where intake is occurring</p>	<p>Lloyd and John Murphy will organize a meeting to discuss issues with VI-SPADAT communication</p>

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	<p>Housing services under the grant are available for those eligible living with AIDS and their family members in Orange, Durham, Chatham and Person counties. Funding includes housing related payments to prevent homelessness, linkages to health, mental health assessments drugs and alcohol treatment and counseling, day care, personal assistance, nutrition services, intensive care when required and assistance in gaining access to local, state and federal government benefits and services. Health services may only be provided to the individuals with AIDS/AIDS-related services.</p> <p>STRMU – short-term rent, mortgage &amp; utility is the primary source of cash for HOPWA program. Fifty-nine people were served in first 6 months.</p> <p>The Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPADAT) database helps connect homeless people who are HIV+ to services; questions about VI-SPADAT scores, whether they can be shared between departments/divisions, or if the same people being served have multiple VI-SPADAT assessments/scores. There were concerns about redundancy and lack of communication across VI-SPADAT services and systems.</p> <p>Permanent Housing Placement is a small portion in HOPWA contract. It can help if homeless people are moving to permanent housing. HOPWA CAN pay security and first month’s rent.</p> <p>Durham Housing Authority (DHA) will continue to receive funds for HOPWA through 2017-2018.</p>		and classification issues.
<p><b>Announcements</b> <i>Committee Members</i></p>	<p>Fundraiser for Boys &amp; Girls Club</p> <p>HB 662: Medicaid Expansion Bill introduced this week; 4/25 mtg</p>		
<p><b>Meeting Adjournment</b></p>			