

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham  
Access to Care Committee  
Durham County Human Services Building, 414 E. Main Street, Durham**

**December 8, 2016  
MINUTES**

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

<b>Present:</b> Tiki Windley, Lloyd Schmeidler, Anne Drennan, B. Angeloe Burch Sr., Bryan Jenkins, Bessy Zaldivar, Jonathan Kotch, Sally Wilson, Kimberly Monroe, Elizabeth Brill, Charita McCollers, Wilma Liverpool, Musa Ali, Gina Upchurch, Gary Greenberg, Susie Surles, Marissa Mortiboy			
Project/Topic/Goal	Major Discussion Points	Recommendations	Action Steps
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b> <i>B. Angeloe Burch Sr. &amp; All</i>	What would you be your ideal Christmas gift?		
<b>Review &amp; Approve November Meeting Minutes/Notes</b> <i>B. Angeloe Burch Sr.</i>	There were no changes to the minutes.		
<b>Project Access</b> <i>Sally Wilson</i>	<p>Project Access of Durham County (PADC) provides specialty medical care services to underserved residents in Durham County. Patients must be referred from a Lincoln Community Health Center (LCHC) provider. PADC screens patients and schedules appointments with specialists. PADC also contracts with Duke Health to provide case management services through Local Access to Coordinated Healthcare (LATCH), including transportation and interpretation.</p> <p>PADC pays for a part-time pharmacy technician at LCHC. They have a case load of 1800 patients with a donated medical and pharmacy care value of five million dollars each year. Project Access has a 28 member board that oversees operations.</p> <p>PADC collaborates with community partners on initiatives which originated from the 2012-2015 Access to Care action plan.</p>		

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	<p>Examples of initiatives include the medical respite pilot program to provide short-term housing for medically vulnerable homeless persons being discharged from the hospital, medical loan equipment program, Project HELP and a pilot program to provide transportation to improve access to behavioral healthcare services. To continue the transportation efforts, GoTriangle received a federal grant to offer coordinated transit planning and application assistance for behavioral health consumers.</p> <p>PADC has held Affordable Care Act (ACA) education sessions and created a brochure. LCHC and MDC is do a significant amount of ACA enrollment work in Durham County.</p>		
<p><b>ACA Discussion</b> <i>Understanding the future</i></p>	<p>The Access to Care committee needs to emphasize the message that the ACA coverage will not change in 2017. Encouraging individuals to sign up for ACA is important. Barriers to obtaining health insurance include fear of deportation, change in job status and loss of employer-based health insurance. There is a lot of misinformation and fear about the ACA. This is an opportunity for the Access committee to share information. Dental care for children is a part of the ACA and this needs to be communicated.</p> <p>Work with partners to share information about the ACA and PremiumHelp. Enroll America is working with faith-based communities. Distribute the ACA brochures through these channels.</p> <p>Kimberly Monroe and Gina Upchurch will be representing the Partnership on the new Healthy Durham 2020 initiative and share information with the committee as necessary.</p>	<p>Work with the Communications committee on how to communicate information about the ACA.</p> <p>Educate about the ACA throughout the entire year.</p>	<p>Send the Access to Care ACA column to the entire committee with contact phone numbers and a link to the article, Five Reasons Why the ACA Won't Be Repealed.</p> <p>Marissa will work with Sally to update and print the ACA brochure.</p>
<p><b>Announcements</b> <i>Committee Members</i></p>	<p>The Lincoln Community Health Center is holding an ACA outreach event on December 10 from 10am-4pm.</p> <p>UNC Hospital is holding an ACA enrollment on Saturday, December 24.</p>		

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The life expectancy for long term homelessness is 50 years. There is a memorial service on December 21, 6 pm at Durham Central Park to remember and commemorate lives lost to homelessness in Durham.

The Durham County Department of Public Health is hiring a grant writer and evaluator position to work with the Partnership. Pass this information on to your networks.

Sally and Gina have been working with Duke Health staff to include co-pays, co-insurance and deductibles for people who are approved for 100% hardship. Those approved for hardship should inform front desk staff that individual has hardship and if there are any other issues speak with the Finance Manager.

**Next Meeting: January 12, 2017, 8:15 AM  
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