

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham
Access to Care Committee
Durham County Dept. of Public Health, 414 E Main St, Durham, NC 27701
February 9, 2017
MINUTES**

Facilitator: B. Angeloe Burch Sr.

Meeting Outcomes

- Outcome 1: Inform and update on the changes of ACA and what they mean
- Outcome 2: Identify specific strategies that could be implemented by the Committee and/or its workgroups to move forward on our action plan.

Present: Cheryl Brewer, B. Angeloe Burch Sr., Mel Downey-Piper, Anne Drennan, Wilma Liverpool, Norma Marti, Charita McCollers, Tasha McGill, Angel Romero, Lloyd Schmeidler, Gina Upchurch, Jen Meade, Marissa Mortiboy, Michelle Medina			
Project/Topic/Goal	Major Discussion Points	Recommendations	Action Steps
Welcome & Introductions <i>B. Angeloe Burch Sr. & All</i>			
Review & Approve January Meeting Minutes/Notes <i>B. Angeloe Burch Sr.</i>	There were no changes to the minutes.		
ACA & Brochure Update <i>B. Angeloe Burch Sr.</i>	<p>North Carolina was third in the nation for Affordable Care Act (ACA) enrollment. More than 500,000 North Carolinians enrolled during the 2016-2017 open enrollment period. People should continue to enroll if they have life changes which makes them eligible to apply or change plans.</p> <p>The committee should communicate messages to the public regarding paying ACA premiums, reenrolling in 2018, those enrolled receiving subsidies have certain options and those not enrolled have more limited options. ACA is still alive and well. Remind people of qualifying events, the importance of applying now and being connected to benefits. It would be helpful to know who navigators are and provide sign-up assistance through local organizations such MDC, Lincoln Community Health Center and Department of Social Services. Individuals</p>	<p>Norma will help pull information together for the fact sheet.</p> <p>Send the factsheet to Lincoln Community Health Center for review. Gina will also help review.</p> <p>Make sure to review health literacy before completing the factsheet.</p>	Norma will send ACA enrollment numbers to Angeloe to share with the committee.

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	<p>can use Enroll America as a resource and find where to get sign-up assistance.</p> <p>The committee will put together a fact sheet with contact information and messages discussed. It is uncertain whether there will be an ACA enrollment period in 2017.</p> <p>Approximately 18% of Durham County residents are uninsured.</p>		
<p>Committee Updates/Progress & Next Steps –</p>	<p>Special Populations- The workgroup discusses issues related to refugee and immigrant health. Immigration is now in limbo due to policy from the federal government. The recent executive order and judicial process affects everyone in the refugee pipeline who can no longer get into the country. Everyone will have to wait and see what the court decides. The population most affected are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) children. Nearly 200,000 children in the U.S. are included in this, about 60% Latinos. Encourage recent Latin country immigrants to keep their lifestyle from where they used to live to keep health benefits and better outcomes.</p> <p>Health Literacy- The main areas to focus are health literacy for patients in health care settings. Make sure patients understand medications, signs and symptoms to look for and numbers to call for questions or concerns. Duke Health is developing health literacy screening tools. They are also researching evidence-based strategies that have helped enhance health literacy. Other suggestions from the committee include find out where people get information and reach them there, use infographics and writing at a third grade level, ask end users to review health education materials before they go out to the public. Duke is using a team to review materials. The workgroup will bring changes back to the committee for review and keep us updated.</p> <p>Housing Support- Housing support workgroup is ensuring formerly homeless people back in permanent housing are getting the healthcare resources they need. The group is meeting quarterly. The group funding by Housing and Urban</p>	<p>Angeloe and Lloyd will send information about Coffee with Councils to the committee.</p> <p>Take materials to new reader groups at the Literacy Council for review.</p> <p>Ask K-5 English as a Second Language (ESL) teachers in Durham Public Schools for review.</p>	

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	<p>Development (HUD) to provide technical assistance is planning a series of webinars. The workgroup is planning to be involved. Durham CAN and other local groups are working with the City of Durham to encourage the development of more affordable housing. The City has developed an affordable housing plan. There is a housing repair coalition through Reinvestment Partners.</p> <p>Oral Health- Norma Marti is co-chairing with Sally Wilson. The Oral Health workgroup is exploring a number of options for expanding dental health in Durham County including a way to create an insurance-like model to help people gain access to dental care. The model is similar to the PremiumHelp program. They will look at where get support from premiums, co-insurance and space. The workgroup has another meeting at the end of this month and then will start talking to providers.</p> <p>Healthy Durham 2020 Initiative is a program from Duke Health Chancellor, Dr. Eugene Washington. The initiative is moving forward quickly. To make changes, we need community level impacts not individual behavior changes. Kimberly Monroe and Gina Upchurch represent the Partnership at Healthy Durham 2020 meetings. Gina asked the committee to keep them accountable.</p>		
<p>Announcements <i>Committee Members</i></p>	<p>Business Roundtable with business leaders are releasing a report today on the status of children’s poverty in North Carolina. They plan to visit the legislature after the release of the report. Committee members should review the recommendations.</p> <p>Coffee with the Council meetings will be taking place in February and March. Talk to City Council about funding priorities. Residents can also send emails to Council members.</p> <p>The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (IMA) is holding a town hall meeting, 6:30 pm at Fisher Memorial with Gayle Harris, Michael Becketts and representatives from the Durham Housing Authority and Durham Police Department.</p> <p>On February 15, all strategic plans from City, County, Durham Public Schools, Partnership for a Healthy Durham and Partnership for Seniors will be combined for the Healthy Durham 2020 Initiative to review.</p>		

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	<p>Access to Food is a social determinant of health. Lloyd and Angeloe are working to pull together the 2017 Bread for the World Conference, March 11, 8:30 am-3:30 pm at St. Philips Episcopal Church. The event will give people skills to improve advocacy.</p> <p>The North Carolina Division of Health and Human Services is showing the documentary 13th next week in Raleigh. Norma will send flyer.</p>
Meeting Adjournment	
Next Meeting: March 9, 2017 Durham County Human Services Bldg., 414 E. Main Street, Durham	