

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham Quarterly Meeting**  
**April 15, 2015**  
**Minutes**

**Facilitated by: Marissa Mortiboy**

**Present:** Jackie Love, Casey Horvitz, Gini Bell-Farmer, Robert Thomas, Melissa Black, Jen Isherwood, Ashley Barber, Sandra Gomez, Kimberly Alexander-Bratcher, Lisa Garland, Michelle Lyn, Mel Downey-Piper, Anne Drennan, Alyse Lopez-Salm, Laura Benson, Phillip Harewood, Kimberly Monroe, Kelly Warnock, Cindy Haynes, Debbie Royster, Kenisha Bethea, David Reese, Maria Andrews, Carrie Hill, Alissabeth Ridenour, Tyreese Jones, Maria Surles, Tekeela Green, Patrice Carr  
*Guests:* Heidi Carter, Mel Williams

	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Major discussion points</b>	<b>Action steps and responsible parties</b>
<b>12:05-12:10</b>	<b>Introductions</b>		
<b>12:10-12:15</b>	<b>Review Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No changes to January minutes.</li> </ul>	
<b>12:15-1:00</b>	<b>Addressing Education and Poverty in Durham</b> <i>Heidi Carter, Durham Public Schools Board Chair</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heidi discussed the link between poverty, health and education. She gave background information on Durham Public Schools (DPS) – 67% of students qualify for free/reduced lunches, 50% of DPS students are African American, 15% Hispanic and 18% or less are white. DPS is becoming increasingly poor with a large majority of students of color.</li> <li>Link busters – academic interventions and <u>non-academic (social service) interventions</u>: district wellness policy, work with Alliance for Healthy Generation, health department nutritionists (DINE program), 30 acre Hub Farm, school gardens, environmental health (sustainability coordinator), gang resistance programs, safety resource officers, cameras in busses, Playworks, text a tip for safety, anti-bullying programs, Duke Integrative Pediatric mental health, school based mental health services, truancy courts for newly truant youth, Future Forward Center for chronically truant youth, universally free breakfast, summer feeding programs, working toward universal free lunch; <u>Academic interventions</u>: improve quality of instruction, fulltime teacher mentor program, fair pay,</li> </ul>	

	<p><i>Rev. Mel Williams, End Poverty Durham</i></p>	<p>professional learning communities, mentorship for new principals, working to increase local supplement for veteran teacher, reading by grade 3, improving AIG program, AIG nurturing program, high English as a Second Language population – hire more bilingual teachers and translators, drop out recovery programs, expand summer programming, Saturday programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Universal pre-k is needed – single most important thing we can do in Durham; physical, mental, dental care; look at how children are spending their time outside of school; increase efforts to have a more diverse school system; the best thing parents can do is to send their children to public schools</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual, social, economic health</li> <li>• Level of poverty is shameful and sinful. What are we going to do about it?</li> <li>• Child poverty is preventable, children are poor because their parents are poor in neighborhoods are poor. If we can change one block or two, can change the whole neighborhood.</li> <li>• Poverty is not a character flaw. Need opportunities in basic needs. Poverty is a lack of resources and trusting relationships to open opportunities. Poverty is a result of a racialized, economic system controlled by white privilege and leaving out people of color.</li> <li>• Can we help congregations make systemic change? Need collaborative steps for congregations and organizations to address poverty.</li> <li>• The Spirit Level book documents drastic difference in income levels have more obesity, violence, etc. Less inequality in areas don't have as many social problems.</li> <li>• Encourage one another. End Poverty Durham said they would eliminate poverty in 25 years. End Poverty Durham started 10</li> </ul>	
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<p><b>1:00-1:15</b></p>	<p><b>Highlights of 2014 Durham County Community Health Assessment</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Health Assessments are completed every three years. The Partnership for a Healthy Durham, DCoDPH and Duke Medicine took the lead on the 2014 assessment.</li> <li>• The purpose of the assessment is to understand health concerns that affect residents, identify factors that affect the health of a population and determine resources available to address these factors.</li> <li>• Listening sessions and community surveys were done with more than 500 residents.</li> <li>• The health assessment has 13 chapters, 50 sections and 720 pages. Eight-nine writers contributed to the report.</li> <li>• The top priorities from the assessment are access to care, HIV/STIs, obesity &amp; chronic illness, substance abuse/mental health, poverty and education. These priorities were carried over from the 2011 assessment. The Partnership confirmed the priorities at the October quarterly meetings.</li> <li>• There are no committees around poverty and education because there is so much work ongoing around these issues in Durham already. Poverty and education will be incorporated into committee action plans.</li> <li>• The health assessment and executive summary can be found at <a href="http://www.healthydurham.org">www.healthydurham.org</a>.</li> <li>• Next steps include completing the community health improvement plans. Results will be shared online and a copy of the assessment will be available at the Main Library.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p><b>1:15-1:25</b></p>	<p><b>Committee and Co-Chair Partnership Elections</b> <i>Kimberly Monroe</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marissa has been working with committees to conduct elections. The full Partnership collectively changed the time frames of elections and times of service at the January quarterly meeting.</li> <li>• Responsibilities of co-chairs include working closely with the Partnership coordinator and committee members and making sure action plans move forward.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

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	<b>Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organizing Against Racism holds workshops in the Triangle area addressing the issues of racism and equity. Several members of the Partnership have attended the workshops and highly recommend participating. There are several upcoming training dates in the Triangle area in June, July and September. More information and registration for the workshops can be found at <a href="http://www.oarnc.org/">http://www.oarnc.org/</a>.</li> <li>• The Durham Health Summit was not held this past spring due to the transition of Duke's new Chancellor. The Summit will be held in the fall. Kim Monroe will inform the Partnership about the new date.</li> <li>• The Week of the Young Child is celebrated by Partnership for Children agencies across the state. The Durham Partnership for Children will be tabling in the community and accepting applications for pre-school during the week-long observation.</li> <li>• The Aging Well in Durham conference will be held on Saturday, May 2 from 10 a.m to 4 p.m. at the Durham County Human Services building, 414 E. Main St.</li> <li>• The Farmer's Markets in Durham accept SNAP/EBT and two locations have the Double Bucks program. Veggie Van is expanding to two more sites.</li> <li>• The Northern Piedmont Community Cares of Wake and Johnston Counties are providing phone training on managing chronic pain. The next training will be held May 19 in Roxboro.</li> <li>• Carolina Outreach is expanding services for Spanish speakers and mental health for the underinsured or Medicaid.</li> <li>• A diabetes support group meets on the fourth Thursday of the month, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at First Calvary Baptist Church. You don't need to be a member to attend.</li> <li>• There is a food giveaway at Duke Memorial Church from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 18.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Next meeting</b>	July 15, 2015, <b>Criminal Justice Resource Center at 326 E. Main St.</b> , noon-1:30 pm	