

Partnership for a Healthy Durham Quarterly Meeting

October 18, 2017

Minutes

Facilitated by: Kelly Warnock

Present: John Millette, Ronnie Wilkins, Juan Colon, Charlene Reiss, Amanda Snyderman, Bobi Gallagher, Kiah Gaskin, Sherri Starks, Candice Givens, Keyanna Terry, Chelsea Hawkins, Jannah Bierens, Jen Isherwood, Gideon Templeton, Angel Romero, Marissa Mortiboy, Cindy Sink, Meghan Brown, Mary Mathew, Jacob Lerner, Kimberly Alexander-Bratcher, Courtney Bartlett, Danielle Dvir, Daniela Sostaita, Matt Kopac, Neal Curran, Sophie Jordan, Don Bradley, Joanie Ross, Lloyd Schmeidler, Michael T. Wilson, Gina Upchurch, Tara Ilsley, Armenous Dobson, Robert Thomas, Gary Taylor, Sally Wilson, Peggy Kernodle, Michelle Easterling, Mel Downey-Piper, Kelly Warnock

Guests: Stephanie Terry, Gideon Adams, Lindsey Hayes Maslow

Topic	Major discussion points	Action steps and responsible parties
Introductions		
Review July Minutes	There were no changes to the July minutes.	
Proposed Bylaw Change	The proposed bylaw change is to limit committee co-chairs to three consecutive one-year terms. After three consecutive years, co-chairs must step down for at least a year before being reelected. Members voted to accept the proposed change by a show of hands.	Marissa will amend the bylaws and upload the revised bylaws to the Partnership website.
Food Issues Panel Discussion <i>Stephanie Perry</i> , Caterer and racial equity organizer <i>Gideon Adams</i> , Food Bank <i>Lindsey Hayes Maslow</i> , NC State University	Stephanie Perry spoke about framing food issues with a racial equity lens; the right for all people to have access to healthy foods and access to food systems. Inequities in food economy and food distribution channels today between whites and African-Americans are the result of the historical enslavement of people and creation of whiteness and privilege. Policy decisions and private investments (or lack thereof) matter a lot when it comes to health outcomes. As an example, lack of grocers in poorer neighborhoods can lead to food deserts, which contribute to inequities (prices, access, etc.). Working to improve people’s food choices is not the only solution. We have to engage community members as well as develop racial equity lens within institutions, legislative policies and procedures to truly make an impact.	Committee members should educate legislators and House and Senate Agricultural committee members about the impact of the proposed changes to the food programs.

The Food Bank of Central NC serves Chatham, Durham, Granville, Orange, Person and Vance counties. The Durham branch obtains donated food and distributes it to 211 community partners such as food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and programs for children and seniors. Community partners can be found on the Food Bank website at www.foodbankcenc.org by using the using the “find help” tool. Type in the zip code and the website will provide a list of local resources.

The Food Bank sources donate food from retail partners, wholesalers, packers and the community through food drives and farmers. Volunteers then help distribute. The Food Bank has various programs such as the Kids Café, Weekend Powerpack, School Pantry and Kids Summer Meals.

Lindsey Hayes Maslow shared about proposed changes to federal food programs. The Trump Administration’s proposed budget includes 21% cut to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for discretionary funding. That would total \$47 billion over 10 years mostly related to research, rural development and nutrition programs. The biggest cuts would be for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) at \$193 billion. There has been talk of turning SNAP into a block grant. This would change the program drastically as funding for SNAP would be capped. States would be allocated certain amounts of money and could decide how to spend it within certain guidelines. Currently funding for SNAP is not capped so that it can respond quickly to the needs/state of the country, such as recessions and disasters.

Visit www.govtrack.us to track bills. A person can track topics such as food and agriculture or search by topic to see if the bill has been presented in the House or Senate. When educating legislators, make a phone call or visit. Share a story and have more personal contact to make a difference.

	<p>The Local FARMS Act are discretionary funding. If bill is not in place by December 7, 2017 it will go away. The Act solidifies funding for local food system programs in the Farm Bill.</p> <p>The Farm to School Act of 2017 increases annual mandatory funding from \$5 million to \$15 million. The increase will improve farm to school for tribal schools among other things.</p> <p>The Child Nutrition Reauthorization was supposed to pass in 2015 or 2016. This includes school meals, snacks and WIC. Obama era regulations related to sodium and whole grains will likely be rolled back. The fresh fruit and vegetable program is no longer required to offer fresh produce (can be canned). Most of the programs are funded at their current levels.</p> <p>Healthy Durham 20/20 will likely be focused on food and food security in Durham as one of its priorities so we should hear more about this over the coming year.</p>	
<p>Announcements</p>	<p>End Hunger Durham is holding a SNAP forum event at Westminster Church, 6:30 pm to discuss proposed changes to the program.</p> <p>Affordable Care Act Open Enrollment dates are November 1- December 15. The Lincoln Community Health Center will have help available on Saturdays 8 am-noon to help people enroll during the Open Enrollment period.</p> <p>The Durham Crisis Response Center is hosting a Domestic Violence workshop at Monumental Faith Church, 900 Simmons St., October 21, from 10 am-2 pm with lunch. All ages are welcome. The topic is talking to teens about healthy relationships.</p>	

	<p>The Regional Recovery Summit will be held on November 28 focusing on how to move forward with recovery messaging and collaboration For more information, contact Bob Thomas at recoverycommunityofdurham@gmail.com</p> <p>The next meeting of the Latino Health Roundtable will be held November 21 at 11:30 am. An attorney from NC Justice Center will speak on how immigrant families can access healthcare and other services.</p> <p>The Durham Crisis Response Center is holding a lunch and learn at 206 Dillard St., October 31 at noon for an LGBTQ perspective on domestic violence and share about services.</p> <p>PEACH is holding a lead prevention town hall meeting on October 24, 6-8 pm at the Holton Career and Resource Center.</p>	
<p>Next meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 17, 2018, Durham County Human Services Building, 414 E. Main St., noon-1:30 pm 	