

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham
Steering Committee
June 15, 2020, 3:30 pm
Minutes**

Facilitated by: Jannah Bierens

Present: Jannah Bierens, Angel Romero, Kweli Rashied-Henry, Jeff Howell, Jacob Lerner, Camille Grant Valentine, Kimberly Alexander, Donna Biederman, Sofia Edelman, Chelsea Hawkins, Amanda Snyderman, Marissa Mortiboy		
Topic	Major Discussion	Recommendations and Action Steps
Welcome/Icebreaker	What is something that is bringing you joy?	
Review May Minutes	There were no changes to the minutes.	
Conversation with Durham County Racial Equity Officer <i>Kweli Rashied-Henry</i>	<p>Kweli Rashied-Henry is the new Durham County Racial Equity Officer and a Durham County resident. She has been doing working for a number of years in policy, research, health disparities and solutions to advance racial equity. Her previous job was as Preconception Campaign Director for March of Dimes.</p> <p>Kweli’s position is countywide. She wants to build on existing approaches to advance a racial equity plan for the county. She would like input and support from the Partnership about what the community is saying about racial equity needs. Durham County is part of the Governmental Alliance for Racial Equity (GARE). The racial equity action plan will have 2-3 priorities and wil need to be operationalized. The other piece of GARE is to conduct a racial equity survey for County employees as a baseline and repeat on a regular basis. Make equity part of the culture of Durham County.</p> <p>Kweli wants to build the infrastructure so equity work is embedded in what we do. She is available to work with the Partnership- provide technical assistance and join calls as time allows. She thinks the Partnership could be an example for others in the County doing the work and helping connect the dots.</p> <p>Donna Biederman brought up the concern that Durham Housing Authority (DHA) residents don’t have wifi access and their children have not been able access</p>	<p>Marissa Mortiboy will share the 2018 CHA listening session summaries with Kweli Rashied-Henry.</p>

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	<p>learning. Kweli will make note and share the information with leaders making decisions.</p>	
<p>Steering Committee Workgroup Report Back <i>Kimberly Alexander- Bratcher and Jacob Lerner</i></p>	<p>Jeff Howell, Kimberly Alexander, Jacob Lerner and Sofia Edelman met to create shared language and a charge for Partnership next steps. They were planning to discuss the definition of a community member but decided to make creating shared language the charge. The group wants to step back and think about those who have been participating in these conversations and invite them to be part of the discussion. Committee co-chairs who can continue should continue. Also make room for those who haven't thought about being co-chair before. The subgroup wants to make sure the conversations models the Partnership principles- those with lived experience participate in the conversation.</p> <p>When we talk community members when we mean poor Black and Brown neighbors but avoid saying that. Go to leaders and elders of the communities we want to engage with. That means that we have to make the Partnership Steering committee vulnerable in going to their tables. We need to make sure when people come to our tables they are able to fully participate and not just be a token.</p> <p>Chelsea nominated people who may not have thought about being co-chair for ODaFA. Camille said consider financial compensation and childcare for meetings. Think about whether someone can be a consultant if they cannot be a co-chair. How do we garner their voice in a way that meets their needs and can recommend someone to be co-chair?</p> <p>The Steering committee has been discussing whether we should be community-led or are we a coalition of organizations to center the priorities of the most vulnerable populations?</p> <p>Marissa shared barriers for working with community- County requirements for contracts, child care, funding, etc. and asked Kweli to lift those up to County</p>	<p>Define the Partnership's limitations and capacity as a Partnership.</p> <p>Map the Partnership's community connections and share with Black and Brown communities to ask how to support their work and ask what our lane should be.</p> <p>Marissa will send out the NCSU report that mapped community partnerships.</p>

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	<p>leadership. Marissa asked the group to discuss at a future meeting how to make CHA equitable if they are hosted online.</p>	
<p>Recognition for Co-Chairs with Terms Ending <i>All</i></p>	<p>Marissa shared her appreciation for co-chairs in doing the work to lead committees, advance work of action plans, and steer the direction of the Partnership. And also for asking the hard questions and having intentional conversations. Co-chairs shared appreciation for one another and their experiences as Partnership leadership.</p> <p>The following co-chairs' terms are ending:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jannah Bierens, overall co-chair (two years) ○ Camille Grant, Access to Care co-chair (three years) ○ Chelsea Hawkins, Obesity, Diabetes and Food Access co-chair (three years) <p>Thank you so much and good luck with your future endeavors! We hope to continue working with you.</p>	
<p>July Quarterly Meeting Ideas <i>All</i></p>	<p>The Steering committee agreed to hold the July 15 Quarterly meeting. The suggested topic is COVID and the impact on Black and Brown communities. Invite Tara Blackley or Rod Jenkins to meeting and other guests. The agenda will include a presentation from the Health Director, Partnership updates and breakout rooms for discussion all within an hour.</p>	<p>Marissa will invite Rod Jenkins and Tara Blackley to present at the July 15 meeting.</p>
<p>Announcement</p>	<p>Angel Romero has face coverings to give away with a focus on the African American and Hispanic communities. He is working with community organizations to distribute face coverings.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting: August 17, 3:30 pm</p>		