

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham
Access to Care Committee
Durham County Human Services Building, 414 East Main Street
September 10, 2020
AGENDA**

Facilitators: Kimberly Alexander and Kearston Ingraham

Access to Care: This committee's activities include advocating for changes that will affect health care coverage for residents across all ages and developing community and agency-based strategies to make measurable improvements in access to care for the uninsured and underinsured residents of Durham.

Present: Marissa Mortiboy, Howard Eisenson, Kimberly Alexander, Irene Felsman, Nzi Rose Gbamele, Gina Upchurch, Angel Romero Ruiz, Eve Marion, LaSonia Barnett, Roosevelt Campbell, Zamir Brown, Nahnsan Guseh, Ashley Bass-Mitchell, Kimberly Monroe, Nadia Aguilera-Funez, Awanya Caesar, Keyanna Terry, Elizabeth Brill
Guests: Brandon Rector, Liz Stevens, Shelisa Howard-Martinez

Project/Topic/Goal	Major Discussion Points	Recommendations	Action Steps
Welcome, Introductions, & Check-in <i>Kimberly, Kearston & All</i>	What is your favorite breakfast food?		
Community Health Workers <i>Shelisa Howard-Martinez, Partnership for Seniors and More</i>	<p>The NC Office of Rural Health released a Community Health Worker (CHW) grant opportunity in August. Curamericas is one of the seven vendors contracted by the State. Curamericas covers Vance, Granville and Durham counties. Several Durham County agencies such as El Centro, CAARE Inc, Project Access are working with Curamericas to hire CHWs. The CHWs will connect with their local health departments and partners to work with individuals who have been impacted by COVID. CHWs are expected to use NCCare360 to connect to resources. CHW interviews should take place soon. Coordinator training will also take place soon to best support CHWs.</p> <p>Duke Health also received funding for supportive services. For people who have tested positive, waiting for test results, or need to self-isolate due to high risk, there will be another set of resources (food, transportation, etc.) for CHWs working with Curamericas contract to access.</p>		

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<p>Plan for Flu Vaccine <i>Liz Stevens,</i> Durham County Department of Public Health <i>Awanya Caesar and Howard Eisenson,</i> Lincoln Community Health Center, <i>Brandon Rector,</i> North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services</p>	<p>Public health agencies recommend the flu vaccine for those 6 months and older. This is especially important to protect people from respiratory illness during the COVID pandemic. The best time to get vaccinated is September and October. The Lincoln Community Health Center is offering a free vaccine for everyone. Call the main number (919-956-4034) for an appointment to get the vaccine. Anyone who visits Lincoln will be offered a vaccine during a regular appointment. There will be drive up flu clinics on weekends, depending on demand.</p> <p>People do need to register at Lincoln to receive the flu vaccine. This can be done over the phone. Registration involves sharing contact information and insurance status. You do not need to be a Durham resident to be served at Lincoln. The vaccines for up to age 18 are supplied by the State. The NC Vaccine for Children (VFC) program covers vaccines for the uninsured, underinsured, Medicaid recipients and Native Americans or Alaska Natives. Documentation status is irrelevant to Lincoln or federally qualified health centers (FQHCs).</p> <p>People should get the flu vaccine to reduce the risk of getting the flu and prevent burden on the healthcare system due to COVID. Flu is a serious illness and some people never recover. If you are coinfectd with both, you could get extremely ill. The flu vaccine is most effective in September and October. The vaccine is good until June 30, 2021. It is recommended to get the pneumonia vaccine as well.</p> <p>There was discussion about how to alleviate fear about vaccinations and encourage people to get the shot. Recommendations are to encourage community members to talk to their physician about what office is doing for COVID safety and \$5 incentives to get the flu shot. The vaccine is monitored by the Vaccination Compensation Program- negative reactions are all reported. Vaccines are studied for safety continuously. The flu vaccine isn't the flu- it's parts of a flu virus and contain nothing alive to make you sick,</p>	<p>Links from Brandon Rector on flu vaccine-</p> <p>Influenza during COVID-19: https://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3115.pdf</p> <p>Preparing Your Practice for the 20-21 Flu Season: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fN3BIRfCEU</p> <p>CDC's Digital Medial Flu Toolkit: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/resource-center/toolkit/index.htm</p> <p>Send vaccination information to the Partnership for Seniors and More to share with the community.</p> <p>Put together communications to address mistrust in</p>	
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	<p>Personal relationships matter. Encourage people you love to get the vaccine.</p> <p>The Durham County Department of Public Health (DCoDPH) is working with Women’s Health patients to establish a vaccine subsite within the clinic to prioritize flu vaccinations for pregnant women. Liz Stevens helps pregnant women understand how serious flu can be for mother and baby. Making sure everyone in the home is connected to care and receiving vaccinations. There was a 300% increase in the flu vaccination rate for women’s health patients after this change.</p> <p>DCoDPH has received flu vaccines from the State and through private purchase. All patients will be offered the flu vaccine for free or low cost depending on income. DCoDPH has had reduced clinical hours due to reducing exposure to COVID and staff response to COVID response. DCoDPH is open Monday-Wednesday, 8:30 am-5 pm. Telehealth visits are scheduled Thursdays and Fridays whenever possible. There are current discussions to offer drive up flu vaccines this year. DCoDPH is hoping to get testing in place within the next couple of weeks to be ready to go by October 1. It may be a Thursday and Friday service. There are no plans right now for mass flu clinic. DCoDPH needs to be responsive to COVID needs and distributing a potential COVID vaccine.</p> <p>Committee members should promote flu vaccine at COVID testing events such as on September 12. There was discussion of a need for a list of where flu vaccine is available and cost information. Should the committee put this document together?</p>	<p>the community around vaccines.</p> <p>Invite a couple of insurance providers to talk about open enrollment and coverage, including immunizations and COVID-19. Invite them to the October meeting</p> <p>It was suggested to partner with Old North State Medical Society for flu vaccine clinic/COVID testing.</p>	
Announcements	<p>The next meeting of the Latino Health Roundtable will be on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at noon via Zoom. The Durham County Sheriff will talk about engagement with the Hispanic community and the safety concerns expressed by the community during the most recent Community Health Assessment. If you are interested in joining the meeting, email: angel.romero@duke.edu.</p>		