

Partnership for a Healthy Durham Quarterly Meeting
October 21, 2020
12-1 pm via Zoom
Minutes

Facilitated by: Pam Diggs

Topic	Major discussion points	Action steps and responsible parties
Welcome <i>Pam Diggs</i>	<p>Pam Diggs welcomed everyone and gave an overview of the Partnership for a Healthy Durham and its work.</p> <p>There were 99 attendees during the highest point of attendance at the meeting.</p>	
COVID-19 Community Updates <i>Rod Jenkins,</i> Durham County Department of Public Health <i>Viviana Martinez-Bianchi,</i> LATIN-19 <i>Roosevelt Campbell,</i> Black/African American COVID <i>Donna Biederman,</i> Homelessness and COVID	<p>Rod Jenkins thanked Dr. Kristen Naney, Marissa Mortiboy, Dr. Alecia Smith and the entire staff of the Durham County Department of Public Health for their efforts. Rod also thanked community partners for COVID-19 response efforts in English and Spanish. Rod detailed Durham County Department of Public Health (DCoDPH) COVID-19 efforts including website, social media, flyers, videos, weekly emails and advertising campaigns (with La Ley and Radio One) in English and Spanish. Print materials have been shared with partners such as Durham Public Schools, Durham Housing Authority, Environmental Health, El Centro and more to get information to the community. DCoDPH has also partnered with Curamericas for outreach in neighborhoods. Rod has also participated in interviews with outlets such as the New York Times and Politico, community roundtables to discuss racial implications of COVID-19, an online COVID discussion panel and a Spanish language Facebook Live event. DCoDPH continues to work with Curamericas, El Centro and additional partners to get accurate information to the community in Spanish. DCoDPH is willing to work with everyone to get the word out. A third wave of COVID-19 is coming this winter. Rod stated that needs are additional funding and for everyone to be public health champions.</p> <p>Dr. Gabriela Maradiaga Panayotti with Duke University shared that LATIN-19 formed after the 2019 El Paso, TX shooting. In early 2020, the group realized COVID</p>	<p>How to register to LATIN-19 calls: https://duke.zoom.us/meeting/register/vJEqD-Ghpzop7-YCAYR5IDxoDL2f_o84Rg</p> <p>Contact Roosevelt Campbell at from roosevelt.campbell@duke.edu to join the Black/African American COVID group.</p> <p>12 CHW sessions facilitated by Shelisa Howard-Martinez are here:</p>

<p><i>Gina Upchurch, Partnership for Seniors and More</i></p> <p><i>Julian Xie, Root Causes</i></p>	<p>was going to impact the community and reformed the group to respond. Meetings for the group started on March 18, 2020. The group started to brainstorm and soon realized would be an ongoing need. Health, government, education, grassroots and other sectors came together. LATIN-19 was able to take grassroots issues and connect quickly with decision makers. A major issues was not having information available in Spanish. Gaby is grateful for community coming together to work on this. Everyone contributes to the success. There are now 340 registered members with 60-80 attending each week.</p> <p>Dr. Viviana Martinez-Bianchi shared that the LATIN-19 discussed democratization of information and need to learn from people in the community. They advocated for additional services and awareness of issues, advised on language support and MyChart in Spanish, worked with Community Health Workers, partnered with residents and students on food insecurity and other topics, submitted research grants and supported the need for equity in research. There are multiple subcommittees- youth, advocacy, care, testing, etc. Members are participating on county and state levels as well. LATIN-19 has created PSAs, infographics and video with appearances in Spanish at the state and national level. The Spanish speaking media has been helpful in communicating accurate information. LATIN-19 is working with health system leadership to develop strategies after the pandemic is over. Normal should be different after the pandemic. Move this forward beyond 2020 and 2021.</p> <p>Dr. Roosevelt Campbell stated that the inspiration for Black/African American COVID group came from LATIN-19. Doctors Campbell and Andrew Flynn saw a need to address the Black and African American population specifically. They floated the idea at a Partnership Access to Care meeting. Early on, the group brainstormed how to address issues. Black/African American COVID has grown and is a way to connect. They recognize the community is doing the work to address the needs. Black/African American COVID provides a space to discuss needs and coordinate. Areas to address include community resources, COVID testing (which was an issue when the group first started), how to deliver information to community which is</p>	<p>https://projectaccessdurham.org/chw/</p> <p>Shared database during COVID are here: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1oASQ_jeqC578BvcTtRLv7mj59TVJlR3Mx1LSTXaNpr0/edit#gid=1676183069</p> <p>Folders with handouts, scripts for telephone reassurance calls, etc - https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1CxdY52afyujKButyOLIf0sp_x05lv9Xq</p> <p>Contact Julian Xie at julian.xie@duke.edu</p> <p>Refer older adults who are isolated and alone to Senior PharmAssist at 919.688.4772. They will find a good match.</p>
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	<p>digestible, grants and research to address needs, subsection of plans to reopen the City, racism in healthcare and patient advocacy. There is a subcommittee around each topic. The next phase is to determine what to do with subcommittees and work that can be done. The underlying theme was to include people already working in the community. The most recent meeting focused on how NCCare360 could meet needs and principles of community engagement. Another need is to deliver information that is appropriate and people can understand. That will be focus of October 27 meeting. Community Health Coalition, TRY and Durham Academy are doing work around testing and the Black/African American population.</p> <p>Donna Biederman shared that she is communicating but not leading the homelessness and COVID efforts. Sally Wilson with Project Access of Durham County is also assisting. Jake Feigal with Healthcare for the Homeless convened a group in March. Early in the pandemic, the decision was made to move Urban Ministries residents to the Marriott. This is credited for keeping cases down among the homeless population. When residents moved back to Urban Ministries, testing found lower COVID rates than in general population. Urban Ministries is operating at partial capacity. The Carolina Duke Inn is also a site to house homeless individuals during COVID. About 40 people have been involved with efforts. The group has acted as a consultant to the Durham County Emergency Operation Center and various shelters such as Families Moving Forward. Durham County is renting four duplexes to house COVID positive homeless individuals. The County is working closely with DCoDPH and Sally Wilson in administering the contract. The group has worked very hard to find a hotel to take positive homeless clients, to no avail. Unsheltered number are at an all-time high in Durham. This is a critical time. Services such as restaurants aren't open to wash up and other places relied on such as libraries are still closed. There has been discussion around Porta Potties and public handwashing stations. The hotel subgroup is working to find a hotel in Durham and have met with LATIN-19 around these issues as well.</p>	<p>Kimberly Alexander serves on the serve on the DPS Title I & Family Academy Advisory Committee. She might be able to share about connection to PTAs and Durham Council of PTAs. Email her at kmab@alumni.wfu.edu</p>
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Gina Upchurch recognized the other groups and Rod Jenkins. Partnership for Senior and More got started in March because loneliness, isolation and fear are big risk factors. Older adults are at higher risk. Loneliness increases mortality by more than 40%. People working with older adults and people with disabilities pivoted to connecting with people. This began with experts who had been doing telephone reassurance and what people need to know. The group started meeting and work grew out of this. Seniors and More put scripts and information on line for people to access. They partnered with Duke University staff and students to create a database of community resources. They are working with NCCare360 to move this online. Seniors and More looked into the digital divide- seniors may have devices and have connections, but do they know how to use the technology? Seniors and More wrote a grant with Janet Bettger at Duke University and the Volunteer Center to get older adults technology and train them on how to use it. Connect volunteers with people on yard work and an oral history project. Senior PharmAssist served as fiscal agent for a Duke-Durham Fund grant and wrote checks to six partners. Project Access hired Shelisa Howard-Martinez as the Community Health Worker (CHW) coordinator to share information with CHWs, back into the community and back up to the coalition. Partnership for Seniors and More meets every other Thursday at 3:30 pm. The CHW grant ended September 30 and they are determining what's next. End Hunger Durham is trying to sync efforts for CHWs and how to align Master Aging Plan.

Dr. Julian Xie shared that Root Causes is a student organization at Duke University. They are very happy for multiple collaborations including LATIN-19. Viviana is a faculty advisor. Root Causes is doing food deliveries for people with transportation barriers or impacted by COVID. Many people have been referred from healthcare settings. If you want to make a referral for a client- email rootcausescontact@duke.edu. The individual must be food insecure in some way to be eligible. They are serving 230 households with more than 100 deliveries per week. The Duke Health has a COVID social support program through end of November. The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) is funding social support referrals and service provision for those at risk for COVID by CDC risk

	<p>categories or positive. Once a person referred in from community groups, they will be contacted and screened and receive connection to resources such as food assistance, medication delivery and COVID supplies. If those eligible don't have other source of income, they may qualify for housing or utility financial assistance. The easiest way to refer is through tinyurl.com/dukessp.</p>	
<p>Audience Q&A <i>All</i></p>	<p>The panelists answered questions from participants on various topics.</p> <p>Viviana suggested the creation of a subcommittee of Partnership for a Healthy Durham to look for grants to continue this work. Pam said she would take this back to the Steering committee to discuss and see how to make this happen.</p> <p>Optum has provided surge testing funded by NC DHHS. They will be in Durham through November 30. DCoDPH is petitioning them to see if mobile testing feasible. Testing still being done at Holton Career and Resource Center on Tuesdays and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings.</p> <p>Shout out to DCoDPH health educators for National Health Education Week.</p>	<p>Collaborations on environmental exposures for DPS students doing remote learning?- DCoDPH has not been followed up about this, Angel will follow up and reach out to PEACH which focuses on lead</p>
<p>Announcements</p>	<p>Go vote and get your flu shot!</p> <p>Duke University webinar on healthy holidays at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N3mVJx4m7V0.</p> <p>Send announcements to Marissa Mortiboy.</p>	
<p>Next meeting</p>	<p>January 20, 2021- noon to 1:00 pm</p>	