

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham
Access to Care Committee
Zoom
November 12, 2020
MINUTES**

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: Angel Romero, Katherine Lander, Mary Vinson, Noshima Darden-Tabb, Ashley Bass-Mitchell, Benay Hicks, Barbara Johnston, George Friday, Kimberly Monroe, Zamir Brown, Keyanna Terry, Kearston Ingraham, Kimberly Alexander, Elizabeth Brill, Jamillae Stockett, Marissa Mortiboy, Angelo Moore, Lisa Hardister, Theresa El-Amin

Project/Topic/Goal	Major Discussion Points	Recommendations	Action Steps
Welcome, Introductions, & Check-in <i>Kimberly, Kearston & All</i>	<i>Icebreaker: Please share one item that is on your bucket list?</i>		
Partner Announcements & Community Events	<p>Open Enrollment for the Health Insurance Marketplace (Obamacare) started on Sunday, November 1st and will close on December 15th, 2020. Schedule a free virtual appointment with a federally qualified Navigator to enroll in quality, affordable health coverage. https://www.ncnavigator.net/schedule-assistance.</p> <p>The Durham Men’s Health Council is hosting “Protect Your Family’s Mental & Emotional Wellness While Recognizing the Unique Challenges for Communities of Color; Mental Protective Equipment” on Thursday, November 12, 2020, 6:00pm-7:00pm. Registration link: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4679651640656510990</p> <p>Women’s Health Awareness virtual series “RealTalk with the Experts” is hosting “Is Social Distancing Keeping You Home? Protect Your Family’s Health: Clean Air in Your Home” on Thursday, November 12, 2020, 6:30pm-7:45pm. Registration Link:</p>		

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https://tools.niehs.nih.gov/conference/womenshealth_2020/index.cfm.

Duke Cancer Institute's Office of Health Equity Virtual Series "Conversations with Our Community" is hosting "Stomach Cancer: Best Prevention Strategies" on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, 6:00 PM - 7:00 pm, Registration Link:

https://duke.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlftuCprD0pHd1qe-ix7fb3ile85RBu_VTO.

On Saturday, November 14, St Joseph's AME Church is offering free COVID testing from 8 am to noon.

November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month. The end of the month is the Great American Smokeout. Duke Cancer Institute is partnering with Durham Park and Recreation's Jeff Forde to promote an exercise challenge and fitness opportunities through social media.

Alliance Health has flex funds available for youth receiving services who are on Medicaid. This has been extended to adults as well. Each recipient can receive up to \$250.

Refer an older adult in need to receive food to prepare/be prepared with family this holiday season! DCSL with We Care, We share Community Enrichment Programs Inc., Root Causes program and The Foodbank of CENC. For more information please contact Alicia Gant atagant@dcsinc.org or call 919-688-8247 ext 103. Screening/eligibility guidelines: 55 years of age or older, monthly income less than \$1,063, experiencing Food insecurity, ability to prepare/cook or have someone to do so.

The Duke Health SSP program is running until approximately mid-December. Those who have been impacted with COVID and are eligible may receive food, medication, transportation or financial assistance.

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	<p>Visit www.endhungerdurham.org for an updated list of food pantries and to find a food app.</p>		
<p>HIV/STI Work Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ World AIDS Day ▪ National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day ▪ HIV/AIDS Patient Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cancer Screenings ▪ Tobacco Cessation 	<p>December 1 is World AIDS Day and a kickoff event for the Durham Fast Track Cities Initiative. The event will detail how Durham will move forward with Fast Track Cities and ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Marissa Mortiboy, Jamillae Stockett and Kearston Ingraham discussed National Black HIV Awareness Day in February to plan an event and increase recognition in the community. One idea is to show the film Thicker Than Blood and panel discussion. They also discussed additional needs for those living with HIV such as patient care, tobacco cessations and cancer screenings. People with HIV are living much longer due to advances with disease treatment.</p> <p>The group discussed developing a joint letter from the Access to Care subcommittee about the importance of World AIDS Day and how people can interact with the committee to address the epidemic.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that symptoms of COVID can resemble HIV, and a discussion was had about people living with HIV during COVID. Stockett mentioned a phone survey that will be conducted to ask individuals living with HIV during COVID how they are navigating this time.</p>	<p>Set up an online event for people to learn and ask questions about patient care, tobacco cessations, and cancer screenings.</p> <p>Perhaps some kind of material discussing how to best navigate COVID/HIV entanglements.</p>	<p>Ashley Bass-Mitchell offered to facilitate an online Q&A event in Dec and Feb. Kearston charged the group with deciding on presenters for this event.</p>
<p>Announcements</p>	<p>Event: November 19, COVID 19 update and presentation of the Durham County Department of Public Health Dashboard. This will feature Marissa Mortiboy. Kearston Ingraham will send the Eventbrite link.</p> <p>Next meeting will be December 10 on Zoom, with chat starting at 8:15 AM, and the meeting from 8:30-9:30 AM.</p>		