

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham
Health and Housing Committee**

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December 15, 2020

MINUTES

Facilitator: Caressa Harding

Meeting Outcomes

- Outcome 1: Report findings on Housing section of the 2020 Community Health Assessment
- Outcome 2: Review 2020 Community Health Assessment questions

Present: Caressa Harding, Marissa Mortiboy, L'Tanya Gilchrist, Jessica Johnson, Donna Biederman, Lenora Smith, Kendra Hinton, Don Bradley, Alyssa Platt, Annette Rogers			
Project/Topic/Goal	Major Discussion Points	Recommendations	Action Steps
Welcome & Introductions	What is a personal or professional success you have had in 2020?		
Review of November Minutes	There were no changes to the November minutes.		
Findings: Housing section of 2020 CHA <i>Donna Biederman</i>	<p>Donna Biederman was a contributor for the housing section of the 2020 Durham County Community Health Assessment (CHA). Donna feels the CHA is important because it contains issues we can point to. Duke Health as a non-profit health system is mandated to spend community benefit dollars around the community health priorities. The CHA can help leverage resources around these issues. Lloyd Schmeidler, Charita McCollers and Julia Gamble were co-authors for the section. Donna shared data from the 2020 CHA section on Housing and Homelessness.</p> <p>Housing is a racial and equity issue, particularly in Durham with redlining and the destruction of the Hayti community. People of color are underrepresented in home ownership, overrepresented in homelessness and are being gentrified out of long-standing communities. When thinking about addressing these needs in the future, it is important to remember the past.</p> <p>The Continuum of Care (CoC) received \$1.52 million in the annual US Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CoC homeless grants</p>	Keep an eye on the advisory board for the \$95 million housing bond.	<p>A draft of the 2020 CHA available in March 2020 with a one-month comment period. The final report will be released in April 2020 on the Partnership website at www.healthydurham.org.</p> <p>Marissa will work with the Partnership contractor to</p>

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	<p>competition. There was an additional \$1 million dollars available from a variety of sources. Durham Rescue Mission does not participate in HUD programs and their residents are not counted in the annual Point in Time Homeless count. Durham is missing out on HUD funds because all homeless people in Durham County are not counted.</p> <p>Over 1000 people were displaced from McDougald Terrace due to carbon monoxide poisoning in early 2020. The Durham Housing Authority (DHA) spent over \$7 million to repair and replace stoves and furnaces. The root cause of these issues is due to disinvestment in public housing, which now has an estimated \$35 billion+ backlog of public housing capital needs nationwide. DHA was prepared to orient residents as they moved back into the housing complex but COVID hit.</p> <p>DHA is turning to the private sector to secure funding for property improvements through the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Program. Through RAD, public housing developments are converted to the Section 8 platform and current residents receive a site-based voucher. The Morreene Road and Damar Court properties have undergone RAD conversion; JJ Henderson is next.</p> <p>Durham passed a \$95 million dollar housing bond in November 2019. To date, a communications firm was hired and an advisory board formed. The Durham Affordable Housing Loan Fund was established for the building and preservation of affordable housing in Durham.</p> <p>The 2020 CHA section includes information about how housing and homelessness was impacted by COVID-19. Duke Hospitals agreed to screen individuals receiving COVID-19 tests for homelessness. From April to July 2020, residents at Urban Ministries were moved to a hotel. As of November 11, 2020, 30 people experiencing homelessness have tested positive for COVID. There are two duplexes for homeless and COVID positive, but those are not handicap accessible.</p>		<p>develop a CHA communications plan and share information in ways that are digestible for the community.</p>
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	<p>Durham received nearly \$7 million in funding for eviction diversion, emergency shelter and rapid rehousing activities through the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The COVID-19 related eviction moratoriums provided temporary relief for renters. COVID-19 affected housing availability and rent prices as well.</p> <p>Durham has an affordable housing crisis that is compounded by gentrification, deteriorating public housing stock and the COVID-19 pandemic which all disproportionately affect Durham’s Black population. The RAD program implementation and housing bond will help revitalize some DHA properties but others, primarily housing families with children, are not slated for renovation in the near future. Housing quality and safety issues are problems at many affordable housing units targeting low income renters beyond DHA. The COVID-19 pandemic was an unforeseen disaster and administrative burden prevents community agencies, who could spend federal and state dollars responsibly and immediately from accessing funds. The full impact of COVID-19 in relation to housing has yet to be realized.</p> <p>Recommendations include Durham must focus on quality, safe, affordable housing for all, ensure a well-represented community advisory board for housing bond implementation with ongoing transparency, a community entity that could apply for, manage and distribute funds to agencies that otherwise would not be able to participate would increase service providers and reduce burden on overstretched organizations, increased community awareness for free and fair city inspections of rental housing that is perceived as unsafe or substandard, surge of interest in families impacted by the DHA McDougald Terrace carbon monoxide crisis is an opportunity moment and the community needs a private public partnership to focus on specific properties in Durham.</p>		
<p>Review 2020 CHA listening questions <i>Marissa Mortiboy</i></p>	<p>The committee will add this to the agenda for the January 2021 meeting.</p>		

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<p>Partnership Coordinator Transition <i>Marissa Mortiboy</i></p>	<p>Marissa has taken a new position within the Durham County Department of Public Health as the Population Health Division Director. This is a new division that will include the Partnership for a Healthy Durham. Marissa would like to post the position in early to mid-January and start the hiring process soon after. Please share the job posting with your networks so we can find the best person to lead and advance the Partnership.</p>		
<p>Announcements <i>All</i></p>	<p>The 2020 Homeless Memorial Service for Durham residents who died homeless in the past year will be held on Monday, Dec. 21, 6:00-6:20 pm. On the longest night of the year, help commemorate our homeless neighbors who died during the past year. Light a candle at home, and log on to DCIA's Facebook Page for this Facebook Live event of prayer, reflection and remembrance.</p>		
<p>Next Meeting: January 19, 2021 8:30 am</p>			