

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham
Access to Care Committee
February 11, 2021
Agenda**

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.

Facilitated by: Kearston Ingraham & Kimberly Alexander

Present: Kimberly Alexander, Marissa Mortiboy, Kearston Ingraham, Jamillae Stockett, Tekeela Green, Barbara Johnston, Elizabeth Brill, Joyce Page, Aleyah Brown, Nzi Rose Gbamele, Angel Romero, Kimberly Monroe, Angeloe Burch Sr., Angelo Moore, Marian Johnson-Thompson, Patience Mukela, Natalie Eley, Ashley Bass-Mitchell, Brian Goings-Reid		
Guest: Kristen Patterson		
Topic	Major Discussion	Recommendations and Action Steps
Welcome & Introductions		
Review January Minutes	There were no changes to the minutes.	
Announcements <i>All</i>	<p>The Communications committee sent out a survey to Partnership members this morning to start building a Partnership directory. Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey- https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/76RVH8S. The survey will be open until Friday, March 5th.</p> <p>The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is reopening enrollment in the Affordable Care Act exchanges to those who need coverage from February 15 until May 15, 2021. Navigators are available and assistance is free at https://www.ncnavigator.net/ or 1-855-733-3711.</p> <p>The Durham County Department of Public Health is planning a forum on February 16, 6 pm with speakers who will share about their COVID-19 vaccine experiences. Marissa will share the flyer with Kearston and Kimberly once it is available.</p>	
Durham County Dept. of Public Health: COVID-19	Kristen Patterson is the deputy health director for the Durham County Department of Public Health (DCoDPH). DCoDPH is vaccinating individuals from Groups 1 and 2- healthcare workers, 65 and over or have two or more	Kearston Ingraham will connect to Dr. Johnston and others about establishing a data

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<p>Kristen Patterson, Durham County Department of Public Health</p>	<p>comorbidities. The groups are determined by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS).</p> <p>DCoDPH has been issuing vaccines since December 23. As of February 11, DCoDPH has vaccinated 7,694 individuals. They vaccinated members of the Latinx community at the Saturday, February 6 clinic. DCoDPH has also reached out to public safety for vaccinations- fire, police, EMS and congregate living facilities.</p> <p>Pfizer and Moderna vaccines can only be left out for a certain amount of time. If it is late in the day and DCoDPH has leftover vaccine, they will start calling individuals on the waitlist. The individual on the waitlist has to be part of the groups currently being vaccinated. and arrive at DCoDPH within a certain amount of time. DCoDPH COVID-19 vaccine clinic hours are Mondays- Wednesdays and Fridays, 8:30 am-5:30 pm, Thursdays- 8:30 am-7 pm, Saturdays- 9 am-4 pm. NC DHHS has given permission to give leftover vaccine to anyone at the end of the day to prevent wasting the vaccine, even if the individual is not in one of the vaccination groups.</p> <p>Call 919-560-4357 (HELP) to get on the waitlist or visit www.tinyurl.com/DCoVaccineWaitlist. Individuals have to fall into group 1 or 2 to get on the waitlist. Governor Cooper announced on February 10 that teachers and childcare workers will start being vaccination on February 24. Groups 1 and 2 will continue to be vaccination in addition to teachers. DCoDPH receives vaccines from the state on Tuesdays. They have to get rid of 90% of vaccine to receive additional shipments. DCoDPH has not had a problem doing this.</p> <p>Since December 2020, DCoDPH staff has been working extremely hard in the vaccine clinic, including weekends. Community members who have gotten their vaccine have been appreciative. DCoDPH has seven partners in</p>	<p>pool regarding experiences for those living with HIV.</p>
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distributing the vaccine- Duke Hospital, Southern High school site supplied by DCoDPH, Duke Regional, Lincoln Community Health Center, Southpoint Pharmacy, Oak Street Health and NC Specialty Hospital. DCoDPH is planning to partner with Gurley's and Main St. Pharmacy to give vaccines to long-term care facilities and group homes. DCoDPH is planning a partnership with Davita Dialysis Clinic and discussing outdoor events when the weather improves. DCoDPH has to get back to doing its regular work and supporting the community.

Free shared rides to and from COVID-19 vaccination sites are available to people with appointments. Please call at least 24 hours in advance to schedule your ride. Please note that you may be sharing rides with others and that masks and social distancing are required. When you call to schedule your ride, please have proof of appointment and the name and street address of the vaccination center ready. Let them know if you have special ride requirements.

The numbers are GoTriangle: 919-485-7582, GoDurham: 919-560-1551 and GoWake: 919-212-7005.

Walgreens will start vaccinating the weekend of February 13. If someone is homebound, they should contact their healthcare provider to see if a provider or pharmacy can come to their home.

Dr. Marian Johnson-Thompson shared about the importance of wearing masks, social distancing and virology of COVID-19.

Trusted websites for COVID-19 information are the local health department, NC DHHS and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. People should use caution when reading information on social media and other sites. Call your local health department for information or to find trusted sources of information. If people have general questions about the COVID vaccine, they

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	<p>can call the health department hotline at 919-635-8150. Appointments cannot be made at that number.</p> <p>It is important to keep communicating accurate information with people in our lives and encourage getting the vaccine. Word of mouth about sharing vaccination experiences is the best way to spread the word.</p>	
HIV/STI Workgroup	<p>The HIV/STI workgroup met to discuss providers giving tobacco cessation information to those living with those living with HIV/AIDS. Lincoln Community Health Center uses the Ryan White Model to address different aspects of health for HIV patients.</p>	
<p>*Next Meeting: March 11th at 8:30 am- Prolonged Resiliency: Available mental health services and support systems to community members</p>		