

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

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February 16, 2021

MINUTES

Facilitator: Caressa Harding

Meeting Outcomes

- Outcome 1: Intro to Fast Track Cities Initiative
- Outcome 2: Update on COVID and Eviction Crisis
- Outcome 3: Increase progress on Action Plan Work

Present: Caressa Harding, Donna Biederman, Brian Goings-Reid, Marissa Mortiboy, Manuel Hyman, Charlene Reiss, Shaun Jones, Lenora Smith, Heather Williams, Don Bradley			
Guest: L'Tanya Durante, Jamillae Stockett			
Project/Topic/Goal	Major Discussion Points	Recommendations	Action Steps
Welcome & Introductions	What was your first choice for a job/career?		
Review of January Minutes	There were no changes to the minutes.		
Fast Track Cities Initiative <i>Jamillae Stockett,</i> Durham County Department of Public Health	<p>Jamillae Stockett is a health education specialist with the Durham County Department of Public Health. She is the Coordinator for the Fast Track Cities Initiative (FTCI). The initiative started in 2014 as a global partnership between cities and municipalities around the world. There are now more than 300 cities and municipalities involved. The goal is to end HIV/AIDS by 2030. The target goals are that 1. 90% living with HIV will know their status 2. 90% of people living with HIV will be on antiretroviral therapy 3. 90% of those with HIV will have undetectable levels.</p> <p>The first meeting in Durham was held in December 2020. Jamillae is working on an action plan to address the city's HIV response. Main areas of focus for the action plans are education, testing, pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), ending the stigma and reengagement of people who have fallen out of care. The next step is to form task forces to address the issues.</p>		<p>If you are interested in joining the task force, get in contact with Jamillae Stockett at jstockett@dconc.gov.</p> <p>Jamillae will share data with the committee on housing and those living with HIV.</p>

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	Discussion focused on the relationship in being able to stay on HIV/AIDS medications and obtain quality and affordability of housing. Caressa shared the top issue for people living with HIV is housing. Data is key to show this relationship.		
COVID and Eviction Update <i>L'Tanya Durante, DataWorks</i>	<p>L'Tanya Durante is the Data Coordinator with DataWorks. Durham has about 10,000 evictions per year. Evictions include summary ejectments and writs of possessions. In March 2020, there was a moratorium that prevented people from being evicted during COVID-19. This stopped eviction cases from being heard. The most recent extension is through March 2021.</p> <p>More evictions were filed in March 2020 than March 2019. Landlords can file but the hearing may be delayed until the moratorium is lifted. There was a big drop in filings after March and April 2020. In July, filings started to pick back up with further increases in October 2020. L'Tanya can be reached at l'tanya@dataworks-nc.org.</p> <p>Even if there is filing against someone without it going through, it can make it harder for someone to obtain housing later. Those facing eviction are likely experiencing other financial issues. A moratorium doesn't stop rental payments that will be due once the moratorium is lifted.</p> <p>The committee would like to know more about how the housing bond passed in 2019 can assist people housing issues. The website for the City Affordable Housing Bond is https://durhamnc.gov/3932/Affordable-Housing-Bond. The link for the Affordable Housing Implementation committee is https://durhamnc.gov/238/Boards-Committees-Commissions.</p>	<p>The committee would like a seat on the City's the Affordable Housing Implementation Committee.</p> <p>Suggest adding the Affordable Housing Implementation Committee list members on the website and ask them to post the minutes.</p> <p>The group suggested using art-poems, acting, skits, etc. to communicate about housing issues with talent from the committee and resources in Durham.</p>	<p>Donna Biederman will email the Mayor's office to have someone attend the March 2021 meeting to update the committee on the housing bond.</p> <p>Donna will find out who is part of the Affordable Housing Implementation committee.</p> <p>Caressa will invite a representative from the Affordable Housing Implementation Committee to a future meeting.</p>
Announcements <i>All</i>	On February 16 at 6 pm, the Durham County Department of Public Health is hosting a panel discussion with community experts on their COVID-19 vaccine experiences, the importance of these vaccines in the Black community and how we know these vaccines are safe. Marissa Mortiboy will be a panelist. View the event at https://www.facebook.com/DurhamHealthNC/ .		
Next Meeting: March 16, 2021 8:30 am			

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