

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

ZOOM

March 16, 2021

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Facilitator: Donna Biederman

Meeting Outcomes

- Outcome 1: Increase knowledge regarding the Affordable Housing Implementation Committee
- Outcome 2: Revisit action plan / small groups

Present: Donna Biederman, Don Bradley, Angel Romero, Charlene Reiss, Caressa Harding, Melva Durham, Kendra Hinton, Lenora Smith, Manuel Hyman, Keyanna Terry, Dexter Richards, Marissa Mortiboy, Neisha Reynolds, Charita McCollers <i>Guest: Angela Vick-Lewis</i>			
Project/Topic/Goal	Major Discussion Points	Recommendations	Action Steps
Welcome & Introductions	Ice breaker: What did you do over the weekend that was fun or enjoyable?		
Review of February Minutes - Donna	There were no changes to the February minutes.		
Affordable Housing Implementation Committee – Angela Vick-Lewis	<p>Angela Vick-Lewis has been involved with housing issues since 2006 when she came to Durham. She began doing HIV advocacy then started working with community groups such as People’s Alliance and others. Angela is now part of the Board of Directors for Lincoln Community Health Center, vice-chair for Homeless Services Advisory Committee and a member of the UNC Cure Community Advisory Board. She loves working with those experiencing homelessness to connect them to healthcare and housing. Angela loves helping others because she received help from people in Durham when she needed it.</p> <p>Angela started learning about different ways to help herself and others in regard to affordable housing. The People’s Alliance affordable housing group helps residents stay in their homes under the North Carolina and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) COVID-19 eviction moratorium law. They hand</p>	How can the committee support Angela and the Affordable Housing Implementation Committee?	<p>Angela will share information about the committee with Caressa after the April 1 meeting.</p> <p>Invite Angel to a future meeting to share about the Affordable Housing Implementation Committee.</p>

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	<p>out information and educate about eviction law and where to get help. COVID-19 has made affordable housing issues worse. There are residents who live on the streets or in shelters and asked to leave due to mental health issues. Mental health issues need to be addressed to connect individuals to resources and get people into affordable housing. You have to meet people where they are. You can't talk to people about affordable housing if they're in a mental health crisis or health crisis.</p> <p>Angela has a love for helping others obtain affordable housing and would like to help everyone. Angela thinks everyone should come to the table to agree to disagree for affordable housing. Don't look at people as numbers or dollars. Anyone can be in a situation where they end up without housing.</p> <p>The City of Durham Affordable Housing Implementation committee is very new and hasn't met yet. The first meeting is April 1 at 6 pm. Angela isn't sure of her role but said they will address affordable housing for Durham. Angela is looking forward to serving on the board. Committee co-chairs are Tiffany Elder and Diane Catotti. There are many other representatives including someone who lives in a Durham Housing Authority community.</p> <p>Angela provides a voice for the voiceless. She is moved by what is being done, put actions ahead of words.</p>		
<p>Announcements <i>All</i></p>	<p>The Partnership Steering committee participated in an advocacy training on March 15 that will help this storytelling and discussing the health priorities.</p>		
<p>Next Meeting: April 20, 2021 at 8:30 am via Zoom</p>			