

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham
Access to Care Committee
April 8, 2021
Minutes**

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: Marissa Mortiboy, Kearston Ingraham, Kimberly Alexander-Bratcher, Charita McCollers, Alix Adrion, Angel Romero, Carla Huff, Debbie Royster, Elizabeth Brill, Emma Joo, Jamillae Stockett, Jireh McCallum, Kim Shaw, Lydia Owens, Pam Diggs, Shawntai Gillenwater, Sonia Barnett, Aleyah Brown, Dionne Greenlee-Jones, Julia Giner, Angeloe Moore, La Rhonda Hunter, Ashley Bass-Mitchell

Topic	Major Discussion	Recommendations and Action Steps
Welcome & Introductions		
Review March Minutes	There were no changes to the minutes.	
Announcements	<p>UniteUs is partnering with the Duke Cancer Institute to provide NCCARE360 training throughout the state. The next training will be held virtually April 9, 3-5 pm. Anyone working with community members is invited to attend.</p> <p>The Partnership supports an NCCARE360 Advisory Council. Workgroups meet to ensure the platform is effective as possible and meeting the needs of community members. There will be a quarterly NCCARE360 workgroup meeting from 4-5 pm and an advisory council meeting from 5:30-6:30 pm on April 20. The meetings will review NCCARE360 performance in Durham and discuss and resolve issues with the platform. Find meeting details on the Partnership calendar at www.healthydurham.org.</p> <p>Senior PharmAssist promotes healthier living for Durham seniors by helping them obtain and better manage needed medications, and by providing health education, Medicare insurance counseling, community referral and advocacy. Anyone can be referred through NCCARE360 or call 919.688.4772. The website is www.seniorpharmassist.org. Senior PharmAssist is open to new referrals, especially around medication and food insecurity. They expanded their medical formulary and now cover more types of insulin. Senior PharmAssist is helping with home</p>	<p>Contact Lasonia Barnett at Lasonia.melvin@duke.edu if you are interested in the NCCare360 training.</p> <p>Contact Gina Upchurch Gina@seniorpharmassist.org</p>

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monitoring and can provide blood pressure cuffs, pulsometer and scales. Services are available to Durham residents 60 and older.

The North Carolina Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families is hosting a series of Medicaid Transformation forums. Johnston and Durham CFAC will have their sponsored forum on April 12, 2021 at 5:30pm. Wake and Cumberland CFAC will have their sponsored forum on April 13, 2021 at 5:30pm. The NC Collaborative sponsored forum is on April 23, 2021 at 10:00 am and the Cumberland Community Collaborative sponsored forum is on April 27, 2021 at 9:00am. Contact Ashley Bass-Mitchell at abassmitchell@alliancehealthplan.org for more details.

April 17 is virtual Women's Health Awareness Day. To register, visit <https://cru.niehs.nih.gov/redcap/surveys/?s=TNRJLLAWJF>.

Gina Upchurch recommended the book An American Sickness by Elisabeth Rosenthal that details how healthcare became big business and how you can take it back.

Pam Diggs shared that the Partnership Racial Equity Task Force has recently discussed how the Partnership can operationalize its principles and celebrate successes. One way to potentially operationalize its principles is to embed racial equity into action plans committees develop. More to come.

Kim Shaw shared that The Volunteer Center has a three-part series starting this month on how to get more inclusive volunteers. The next two sessions will be held in May and June.

There could be some potential changes to HIPAA related to permissions and sharing information.

Diane Rowley on Bill Jenkins is speaking on Monday, April 12, 5:00-6:15pm ET- What would Dr. Bill Jenkins tell those refusing the COVID-19 vaccine because of the Tuskegee Study? Co-hosts: UNC Gillings Alumni Inclusive Excellence Committee and Minority Student Caucus.

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	<p>Register at https://go.unc.edu/rowley or https://sph.unc.edu/event/what-would-dr-bill-jenkins-tell-those-refusing-the-covid-19-vaccine-because-of-the-tuskegee-study/.</p> <p>There are links to various places to get the vaccine on the Partnership website COVID-19 resources page at www.healthydurham.org. April 7 was first day all NC residents 16+ were eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.</p> <p>Debbie Royster works on the Duke-Durham Neighborhood project. They partnered with City of Durham Neighborhood Improvement Services to host a COVID-19 vaccine community conversation on April 6. Visit the Durham Community Engagement page on FB to view the recorded conversation. Please share.</p>	
<p>NC Medicaid Managed Care Quality Strategy</p>	<p>The NC Medicaid Managed Care Quality Strategy draft is up for public comments until May 6, 2021. The strategy details the NC Department of Health and Human Service’s goals to improve the health of North Carolinians through an innovative, whole-person centered and well-coordinated system of care and measurement of quality, which addresses both medical and non-medical drivers of health.</p> <p>The North Carolina Medicaid Managed Care Quality Strategy update draft is available on the Quality Management and Improvement webpage. To comment on the strategy, please email Medicaid.NCEngagement@dhhs.nc.gov.</p>	
<p>HIV/STI Workgroup</p>	<p>Jamillae Stockett with Durham County Department of Public Health is leading the Fast Track Citi Initiative in Durham. The goals/objectives as outlined under the Paris Declaration are to end the AIDS epidemic in participating cities and municipalities by 2030. Fast Track Cities is in alignment with the Access to Care committee action plan objectives including reducing stigma and increasing testing. Fast Track Cities is looking at revamping the Durham Knows social media campaign, plan to offer home-based HIV self-testing kits and increase access to pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). Jamillae is working with the Durham County Department of Public Health (DCoDPH) Communications Manager to develop an interactive webpage with information.</p> <p>There is a Fast Track Cities task force working on social media. They are looking at revitalizing the Durham Knows campaign and content to potentially revitalize and increase awareness of</p>	<p>Contact Jamillae Stockett at jstockett@concd.gov if you are interested in getting involved with the Fast Track Cities Initiative.</p> <p>Kearston Ingraham will share the movie screening flyer with the committee once it is available.</p>

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	<p>Fast Track Cities. There are protocols in place to protect privacy for those who may share information online.</p> <p>The “Thicker Than Blood” movie screening is scheduled for Saturday, May 22nd from 1pm-3pm. The movie covers issues those living with HIV/AIDS may be facing and the role of health care providers. Please save the date and share information about the screening. There is a fee for the screening but costs will be covered by two small businesses. The showing will be free for committee members and the public.</p> <p>The Duke Cancer Institute is planning trainings for healthcare and allied healthcare professionals regarding cancer screenings and prevention to patients living with HIV/AIDS.</p>	
<p>Community Health Worker Workgroup</p>	<p>The Access to Care workgroup has been working with several community-based organizations and other Community Health Worker (CHW) efforts to ensure sustainability and advocate for a living wage.</p> <p>Durham is being viewed as a model for CHW collaboration. UNC has a grant focused on increasing understanding and trust in communities of color in NC. They are looking to set up conversations about how work around COVID-19 has been coordinated among organizations. There may be potential funding to support the work in Durham and how we work together.</p> <p>Marissa shared that DCoDPH is partnering with NCCU and other organizations on a U.S. Office of Minority Health COVID-19 health literacy grant, up to two years and \$4 million. Supporting the existing work of CHWs, building infrastructure and sustainability is a component of the grant. The application is due April 15.</p> <p>Angel Romero had a conversation with a rep from AmeriHealth Caritas about Medicaid Transformation. The organization is planning to hire CHWs. Other plans, care managed organizations and Duke Connected Care will also be hiring CHWs for managed care teams.</p>	<p>Add Access to Care CHW workgroup representatives to next month’s meeting agenda.</p> <p>Angel Romero will share more information with the committee once he receives it.</p> <p>Kimberly Alexander-Bratcher will share more about CHWs once she has more information.</p>

***Next Meeting:** May 13th at 8:30 am