

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham  
Steering Committee  
February 15, 2021  
Minutes**

**Facilitated by:** Angel Romero

**Present:** Kearston Ingraham, Marissa Mortiboy, Heather Mountz, Mel Downey-Piper, Angel Romero, Jeff Howell, Caressa Harding, Tara Ilsley, Pam Diggs, Kimberly Alexander, Tekeela Green

**Guests:** Lanika Williams, Shanaa Chapman

Topic	Major Discussion	Recommendations and Action Steps
<b>Welcome/Icebreaker</b>	What is your favorite animal and why? What is your favorite pet?	
<b>Review December Minutes</b>	There were no changes to the December 2020 minutes.	
<b>Community Health Worker (CHW) Coordination</b> <i>All</i>	<p>The Access to Care committee has a CHW workgroup focused on increasing the number of CHWs in Durham. The workgroup started a CHW roundtable and worked with Durham Tech to develop a CHW course. There are more CHWs in Durham due to COVID-19 related grants for Duke University and NC Department of Health and Humans Services (NC DHHS), but there is uncertainty what happens after the funding runs out.</p> <p>Sustainability of these efforts has come up at the October 2020 and January 2021 Partnership Quarterly meetings. Partnership for Seniors and More has been having conversations about Accountable Care Communities, how to make links between research and community and continue CHW efforts. Partnership for Seniors and Duke University School of Nursing (DUSON) is applying for a National Institutes of Health grant and would like the Partnership to be a partner.</p> <p>DUSON started a new program, RESPECT NC. The goal is to bring CHWs to the table to get feedback from the community and participate in research studies. The second part of the training will consist of a research 101 for about 20 CHWs.</p> <p>How do we move forward the work of coordinating CHWs in Durham?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do an evaluation to build a case for sustainability of CHWs</li> </ul>	<p>Kimberly Alexander suggested the Access to Care workgroup continue peer sharing and connecting CHWs.</p> <p>Kearston Ingraham suggested linking CHWs with community members.</p> <p>Ask the Access to Care CHW workgroup to provide list of current list of CHWs and their organizations.</p> <p>Kimberly will share how the Partnership can support DUSON &amp; Partnership for Seniors and More grant applications.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate the work of the CHW groups to support their needs and aim for a CHW coordinator position</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Partnership Community Forums/Symposiums</b>  <i>Pam Diggs and Angel Romero</i></p>	<p>How can the Partnership build its visibility to advocate and move issues forward? How can we get those missing from the table such as the business community and decision-makers involved? These forums/symposiums could be a way to part of conversations that are occurring and elevate the conversation when possible. Have high-profile speakers attend to share about issues, break into small groups to discuss ways to address the issue and compile the ideas. The purpose is to trigger some responses from decision-makers.</p> <p>The Partnership needs to bring in people who are not participating but probably should. The Partnership should create a wish list of high-profile guests that would bring attention to the Partnership. The forums are related to the top health priorities listed in the Community Health Assessment.</p> <p>Heather Mountz mentioned a potential issue that the Partnership won't be able to respond to the community's concerns. Marissa mentioned that the coalition needs to be clear about its intent, so people don't have unrealistic expectations of the outcomes of these forums. Be clear about how issues will be addressed. Jeff Howell suggested using the forums to drive the development of the Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIP). The group liked that idea. Live Well Wake used a similar community forum process to create their CHIPs.</p> <p>Pam and Angel will take the lead in planning the forums and ensure the forums are intentional and well thought out.</p>	<p>Create objectives on what to accomplish with the forums.</p> <p>If the committee wants to use the forums as part of the CHIP process, a decision needs to be made within the next 3-4 weeks.</p> <p>Mel Downey-Piper suggested the Partnership doing this annually with stakeholders and invite new membership.</p>
<p><b>Partnership Fact Sheets</b>  <i>Heather Mountz and Tara Ilsley</i></p>	<p>Co-chairs should encourage committee members to complete the Partnership Member Directory survey. The survey will be open until March 5.</p> <p>Facts sheets about each committee's purpose and progress to date has been part of the conversation with co-chairs. This was also part of the results for the Communications committee needs assessment with each committee- knowing what</p>	<p>Update the infographics created for the 2017 CHA priorities for the 2020 CHA.</p>

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	<p>other committees are doing and communicating about the work of the Partnership. Tara Ilsley shared that this could be an important messaging tool and provide accountability.</p> <p>The fact sheet would list committee co-chairs, time and date of meetings, goals and objectives, strategies working on and progress of those strategies with green, yellow and red color coding.</p> <p>The fact sheets would be for the committees and the public. Pam suggested doing issue and policy briefs such as why the committee care about this issue, why decision-makers should care and what community members have said. Make the fact sheets more action oriented such as joining the Partnership. Use the 2017 CHA priority infographics as page 1 and the committee fact sheets as page 2 of the document.</p>	
<p><b>Medicaid Transformation</b> <i>Angel Romero</i></p>	<p>Pre-COVID, NC DHHS had a plan to develop Healthy Opportunity pilot programs across the state to address social drivers of health. There is a plan to launch the Health Opportunity pilots and potentially use the COVID-19 social support program CHW work as a model.</p> <p>NC Medicaid Managed Care will bring changes to for most beneficiaries such as choosing a health plan, enhanced services and working with an enrollment broker. This is a restart from what was planned for 2020. Medicaid eligibility rules will not change. There will likely be confusion from the community once this rolls out. Department of Social Services will have a role in enrolling those eligible into Medicaid and connecting them to enrollment brokers. The soft launch is March 1, 2021. Open enrollment begins March 15, 2021. Auto enrollment begins May 14. People will be able to make changes to their plans between July and the end of September.</p>	<p>Angel will share links for Medicaid Transformation after the meeting.</p>
<p><b>Announcements</b> <i>All</i></p>	<p>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</p>	

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	<p>vaccines are safe. Marissa Mortiboy will be a panelist. View the event at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/DurhamHealthNC/">https://www.facebook.com/DurhamHealthNC/</a>.</p> <p>Kearston and Kimberly were invited to take part in a trust and medical mistrust discussion at Duke on Thursday, 3:00 pm. Kimberly is not available. Is anyone else from the Steering committee interested in participating? Let Kearston or Kimberly know.</p> <p>The United Way of the Triangle funding applications are open through March 1- <a href="https://www.unitedwaytriangle.org/apply-for-funding-2/">https://www.unitedwaytriangle.org/apply-for-funding-2/</a>.</p>	
<b>Next Meeting:</b> March 15, 2021, 3:30 pm- Advocacy training with Spitfire Communications		