

Partnership for a Healthy Durham Quarterly Meeting
April 21, 2021
12-1 pm via Zoom
Minutes

Facilitated by: Angel Romero

Topic	Major discussion points	Action steps and responsible parties
Welcome <i>Pam Diggs</i>		
COVID-19 Vaccine Update <i>Rod Jenkins,</i> Durham County Department of Public Health	<p>Rod thanked community partners such as Duke, LATIN-19, African American COVID-19 Task Force and the Lincoln Community Health Center for their assistance in COVID-19 response. He reminded everyone to continue to practice the 3 Ws- wear your mask, wait six feet apart and wash your hands. It is a two-way race between the variants and the vaccine. We need to get as many people vaccinated as quickly as possible. The Durham County Department of Public Health (DCoDPH) is working on vaccine access.</p> <p>Vaccine scheduling is now available through calling 919-560-4357. Beginning April 22, DCoDPH will allow walk-in appointments on April 22 and April 23 from 9am-3 pm. All of these efforts are important to ward off a fourth wave. NC is doing well but about a month behind the Michigan and Floridas of the country in respect to surges.</p> <p>There are currently 154 total active cases. There are 24,308 inactive cases. As of April 21, 222 have died from COVID in Durham County. There have been 24,689 cases since the pandemic began in March 2020. The 7DMA is 48 as of April 19. This is a decrease from 51 last week and an increase from 45 the previous week. There are 911 COVID-19 cases so far in the month of April as of April 19.</p> <p>During the month of April, Hispanic or Latinx individuals are proportionally represented at 14% of cases. African Americans are overrepresented at 56% of cases</p>	<p>LATIN-19 vaccine FB page has clinics listed- https://www.facebook.com/latin19/posts/195247309102521</p> <p>Registration for the Healthier Together Webinar: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/healthier-together-rfp-webinar-tickets-151389230263</p>

and the White population is underrepresented at 24% of cases. Durham County positive rates are under 5% at 4.4% for the week of April 11. As of April 20, 103,619 Durham residents have been fully vaccinated. This is 32.2% of the population. North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) shows that at least one dose has been administered to more than 124,421 in Durham County. Fully vaccinated percentage is at 30.3% and 38.7% have at least one dose in Durham County.

Everyone 16 and older is eligible for vaccination. There was a 4% vaccine increase during the month of April to date. Durham County residents have been vaccinated at 479 vaccination provider sites in the state. Of the white population in Durham County, 49% of residents have been partially vaccinated and 44% fully. Of the total Black or African American population, 26% have been partially vaccinated and 22% fully. For the Asian population, 47% have been partially vaccinated and 41% fully vaccinated.

Rod recognized LATIN-19 and Viviana Martinez-Bianchi and partners who have been doing great work to get the Latinx community vaccinated. DCoDPH is working with Siembra NC, La Semilla, El Centro Hispano and Ministerial Alliance. DCoDPH and partners submitted the Office of Minority Health grant for COVID-19 for Health Literacy grant with partner NCCU, Duke, CHWs and others. DCoDPH is currently working with Durham County EMS and internal data team to do geomapping to promote equity in vaccine distribution and identify areas with inequities and less vaccine uptake.

The Advisory Committee of Immunization Practices will meet on April 23, 2021 to decide about the Johnson and Johnson (J&J) vaccine.-
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/index.html>. DCoDPH has paused administering the J&J vaccine due to blood clotting concerns and is waiting for the ACIP decision.

	<p>Rod will be reaching out to AACT+ in regards to uptick in African American COVID-19 cases. At this time, strategies are moving towards doing community vaccine events in the community including partnering with UNC Mobile to distribute vaccines.</p>	
<p>Medicaid Transformation <i>Michael Leighs,</i> North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services <i>Debra Farrington,</i> North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services</p>	<p>This change to Medicaid is the biggest in Medicaid’s 50-year history. NC legislature mandated about 5 years ago to move to managed care instead of fee-for-service. Some managed care is happening for those with behavioral health needs, but not everyone in the program. NC DHHS is excited about the opportunity to drive non-medical drivers of health. NC DHHS is in the middle of procuring Healthy Opportunity pilots to address social determinants such as food, housing and transportation. Managed care means health plans will be available to assist individuals. That plan will assign care managers to individuals. There will be multiple types of health plans. Key features of transformation include whole-person focus and Healthy Opportunities Initiative. Integrated physical and behavioral health and payment and delivery integration. Anticipate awarding Healthy Opportunities in spring 2021 and service delivery in early 2022. Primary care and local care management investment with advanced medical home program and behavioral health home and care management.</p> <p>Medicaid covers about 2.5 million in NC. About 1.6 million of those will transition to managed care. There are five state-wide- WellCare, UnitedHealthcare, HealthyBlue, AmeriHealth Caritas and Carolina Complete Health. There will be a first in the nation Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Option along with other plans on July 1, 2021.</p> <p>NC Medicaid Direct and Tailored Plans for Behavioral Health I/DD Tailored Plans will start in July 2022. The plans will offer the same services as other plans with more specialized services for Behavioral Health I/DD populations. Most Medicaid beneficiaries will enroll in NC Medicaid Managed Care.</p> <p>The timeline for open enrollment is March-May 2021. Reminder postcards went out April 15, 2021. Automatic enrollment will take place for beneficiaries on May 15, 2021 if a plan is not selected. Beneficiaries will have 90 days after auto enrollment to</p>	

change plan. Keeping current physician is one of the keys for selecting automatic plan. There is a six-step algorithm to help assign beneficiaries to a plan. There is also an equitable health plan distribution to make sure people are equally divided among plans.

The NC Enrollment broker is available to answer questions- 833-870-5500, 7 days a week through May 14 from 7a-8p. Information is available online at www.ncmedicaidplans.gov.

Communications and engagement strategies include partnering with counties, health plans and community partners to share key messages and answer questions. The Medicaid Contact Center at 888-245-0179 and the NC Medicaid Ombudsman at 877-201-3750. Updates can be found at www.medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/transformation/. Communication channels include paid advertising on radio, TV, web and social media in English and Spanish. View the campaign at www.medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/transformation/managed-care-toolkit. There are provider resources on the NC Medicaid website- Medicaid.ncdhhs.gov. Help center at www.Medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/helpcenter.

Individuals with Medicare (due to age or disability) and Medicaid are NOT a part of Medicaid Transformation. If Medicare is an individual's primary coverage and if they need help, Senior PharmAssist (919-688-4772) is the neutral counseling site for Medicare. They are the SHIIP - Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program coordinating site for Durham County residents.

If you would like to request a Medicaid Transformation presentation or provide feedback, contact Medicaid.NCEngagement@dhhs.nc.gov or Michael.Leighs@ncdhhs.nc.gov or Debra.Farrington@dhhs.nc.gov.

<p>Partnership for a Healthy Durham Updates <i>Pam Diggs</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership overall and committee co-chair nominations will take place online in May and June. The overall Partnership co-chair position for Angel is available for the 2021-2023 term. Angel’s term is ending. Committee co-chair nominations and elections will take place through committee meetings and email lists. Marissa will email the overall co-chair nomination. Overall co-chair elections will take place by email in June 2021. • Partnership Member Directory next steps- Communications committee sent out a Partnership member directory survey in the spring, over 150 members have taken it. The membership directory will be protected through an email request for a password. Partnership members didn’t have any objections to that idea. • The 2020 Community Health Assessment will be finalized in May. Marissa will organize a virtual celebration. Further information will be shared at a future Partnership meeting. 	
<p>Announcements</p>	<p>Lincoln Community Health Center has a Community Vaccination Event April 24, 8 am-12 pm. Can schedule via 919-956-4034 and accepting walk-ins. Vaccination appointments also available every afternoon at Lincoln.</p>	
<p>Next meeting</p>	<p>July 21, 2021- noon to 1:00 pm</p>	