

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

July 20, 2021

Facilitator: Don Bradley


Meeting Outcomes

- Outcome 1: Outline plan to better engage populations served
- Outcome 2: Identify focus areas for 2021-2022

Participants: Don Bradley, Bria Miller, Brian Goings, Abby Rollinson, Charlene Harris, James Davis Jr., Kearston Ingraham

Project/Topic/Goal	Major Discussion Points	Action Steps & Those Responsible
Welcome & Icebreaker	Icebreaker: Did you get a pandemic pet or start a pandemic hobby/project? What will you do with them now that we are heading back to in-person work?	
Review of May Minutes – Don Bradley – 5 minutes	No amendments recommended.	
Introduce new Co-Chairs Brian Goings and Don Bradley- 5 minutes	<p>Brian works at Duke with populations ages 18-35. During his work in the HIV field for the last 15 years, he has encountered many people living with HIV who experience housing.</p> <p>Don Bradley’s interest in this group stems from his work with a Duke grant, the Practical Playbook (www.practicalplaybook.org), bringing groups together to address drivers of health. He teaches 3 courses at Duke and is always looking for projects for his Master of Biomedical Sciences (MBS) students.</p>	
Affordable Housing Implementation Committee Meeting Updates 10 minutes	<p>Forever Home Durham may be a helpful resource for committee members.</p> <p>James Davis attended the Affordable Housing Implementation meeting. It looks like housing initiatives related to the bond are moving along. The homes have not been completed but some of the preservation has started.</p>	

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	<p>There was reference to housing developments in downtown, the re-housing of residents in the Towers and Liberty Street Apartments, and Durham Housing Authority's outsourcing of maintenance requests. The downtown developments are slated to be mixed income (particularly the project on Main St. directly across from Durham Housing Authority). There were some issues with maintenance requests not being fulfilled or severely delayed due to the lack of communication. They will now utilize a third-party company as a communication tool.</p> <p>The Towers (Odom Towers) and Liberty Street apartments are set to be demolished. Another set of buildings are to be rebuilt there.</p> <p>The Duke Center for Law is presenting a webinar on COVID inequities and poverty. Don assumes that housing will also be covered in this conversation. The COVID Inequities and Poverty webinar information:</p> 	
<p>Improve engagement with populations served <i>All- 20 minutes</i></p>	<p>This group wants to do a better job engaging the community. Don Bradley shared the quote “Nothing for us without us is about us” as a reminder to keep the community at the table.</p> <p>Brian Goings reminded the group that in 2018 there was a plan of action that included a community survey. He asked for an update.</p> <p>James Davis mentioned a survey done by the City of Durham and suggested that we utilize that data.</p>	<p>Don will reach out to Donna Biederman to learn about existing efforts</p> <p>Bria will connect with Donna and Caressa for an update on the community survey.</p>

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	<p>Don mentioned the importance of getting a sense of who the homeless are. There is a generalization that all homeless folks have mental illness or drug dependency. This is not the case for most of the homeless population. We want to connect the unsheltered population to resources so they can get connected to services such as showers, shelter, etc. Don mentioned an example of a person who has a Ph.D. from Duke and is homeless as of January 2020. She goes out into the world during the day and does not have a place to stay at night.</p>	
<p>2021-2022 Planning <i>All- 20 minutes</i></p>	<p>What would you like from your Health and Housing Participation over the next year?</p> <p>Kearston Ingraham highlighted populations staying in hotels and motels. This is a type of housing instability that also impacts access to resources due to the lack of a physical address needed for Medicaid and other services.</p> <p>COVID protocols made it difficult to navigate white flag response (temperature is 32 degrees or lower). There were not enough blankets for the unsheltered winter 2020-2021. Two areas of impact we can focus on are 1) Keeping house insecure population warm in the colder months 2) Connecting house insecure population to a mailing address.</p> <p>James mentioned the intersection of housing and stress. Living in a community with gunshots, being sexually assaulted, and not knowing if you are going to make enough money to pay for housing are examples of housing related stress. There may be people who would not want to talk about what they must do with a landlord to keep housing. Doesn't know if surveys are the best thing to do right now because people feel that they</p>	<p>Don and Brian will work with Bria to try to bring speakers working with sex workers and those impacted by sexual violence.</p> <p>Kearston will email us about the Access to Care meeting August 2021.</p>

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	<p>are already being surveyed too frequently. It may be better to focus on building relationships.</p> <p>Bria Miller added that we may want to contact domestic violence organizations with housing and address confidentiality programs. They could have insight on existing resources that more unsheltered folx could utilize. It can also be helpful to connect with those who serve sex workers experiencing housing insecurity.</p> <p>We can also focus on how hard to reach populations can utilize programs like housing permanency readiness programs.</p> <p>Kearston Ingraham suggested having conversations with leadership in the Department of Health and Human Services about Medicaid and housing.</p>	
<p>Announcements <i>All – 5 minutes</i></p>	<p>There is a Men’s Health Screening Event September 25, 2021. Kearston Ingraham will send out the flyer when available.</p> <p>The moratorium for evictions is extended to August 31, 2021 in Durham, NC.</p> <p>Bria reminded everyone of the Quarterly meeting July 21, 2021 at noon.</p>	