

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham  
Health and Housing (H&H) Committee Meeting Zoom  
August 16, 2022 8:30 AM**

Present: Charlene Reiss, Bria Miller, L'Tanya Gilcrest (Durham County), Kimberly Monroe (Duke), Charita McCollers (Lincoln Health), Don Bradley (Duke), Angel Romero (Duke), Howard Eisenson (Lincoln Health and Duke), Caressa Harding (DHHS), Annette Rogers (PEACH), Lenin Martinez-Gallo (City of Durham, NIS), Natacha Rubio (Project Access), Catrina Lloyd (PEACH consultant), Gabryel Garcia Sampson (Duke Family Med Physician), Manuel Hyman		
Topic	Major Discussion	Recommendations and Action Steps
<b>Welcome/ Introductions/ Icebreaker –</b> <i>Charlene Reiss</i>	<i>What is one word or idea that you would like to focus on going into fall?</i>  Charlene Reiss welcomed the group and introduced the icebreaker.	
<b>Health Issues for People Experiencing Homelessness/Housing Insecurity presentation</b> <i>Charita McCullers</i> <i>Health Care for the Homeless Clinic</i> <i>Lincoln Community Health Center</i>	<p>Charita McCullers is a social worker at Lincoln Community Health Center. She has worked there for eleven years. Charita also chairs the policy and planning subcommittee of Homeless Service Advisory Council (HSAC) , advocating for system-level changes as it relates to the homeless community.</p> <p>Lincoln Community Health Center has had the Health Care for the Homeless Clinic for the last 30 years. It is a primary care clinic and takes walk-ins. They are open Monday-Friday. They have a medical doctor, substance abuse counselor, and psychiatrist on staff allowing them to respond to mental health needs and connect patients to other resources. They try to address social drivers of health while providing traditional health care services.</p> <p>The clinic practices trauma-informed care. When people do not have basic needs met, there is not space for medical care. They tend to focus on social aspects of health first, then physical health. Being unhoused impacts medication- if on insulin and are out in the heat, insulin does not work well because it needs to be kept cold. A person who is homeless has a life expectancy twenty years shorter than those housed. Charita is committed to being a “billboard for health and housing”. This group should focus on how to be billboards for health and housing.</p>	

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham**  
**Health and Housing (H&H) Committee Meeting Zoom**  
**August 16, 2022 8:30 AM**

	<p>In the clinic, many folks are from outside of Durham, particularly from rural communities. When they come to Lincoln, they tend to have high needs. There is not a medical record for most people who come for services. People who are homeless tend to move around a lot. The goal here is to create some stability. Identifying natural supports is very important. Sometimes staff members are the only support people have.</p> <p>They are seeing a lot of housing instability right now. The clinic works with people who are non-lease holders. The clinic has a reduced co-pay of \$1 if patients can show that they do not have a home. People can get their medications at Lincoln clinic as well. They are seeing a lot off first time homelessness now. It is worse than before the pandemic. There is a huge staffing turnover at Durham Housing Authority, impacting housing resources.</p> <p>The main housing resource in the community, DHA, is facing many barriers. Landlords are dropping out and not taking vouchers. Many people have vouchers, but they are expiring because there are not enough properties available.</p> <p>Push the message of the relationship between health and housing. HSAC needs an advocacy wing lead by those who are living with housing instability. Put real life at the forefront so that people are represented, not just numbers. The HSAC meetings are open, and people are encouraged to join. The policy and planning committee has openings.</p> <p>We need to look at multiple unit options and low-income tax credits options, not just DHA properties. Durham needs a housing assets map. Many people don't know what is available. Durham has a good amount of property for those ages 62 and older. These wait lists are not as long.</p>	
--	---	--

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham  
Health and Housing (H&H) Committee Meeting Zoom  
August 16, 2022 8:30 AM**

One policy focus is corporate social responsibility. What are these large businesses moving into Durham doing to make sure that also their lower paid employees have places to live? County commissioners are also on the policy and planning committee and support corporate social community.

A trauma informed community is needed. There is stigma around the unhoused population. People are against multiple family unit housing. Beyond trauma informed care, we need to practice kindness and create an environment that is inclusive and has the infrastructure to house people.

Questions and answers:

Q: How many SOAR workers are currently helping clients/patients apply for disability in Durham?

A: There are 2 SOAR workers in Durham.

Q: Is Dataworks working on an assets map?

A: It may exist from someone but isn't there intentionally. Bria asked Charita to email specific ideas for the assets map so we can see what we have and what can potentially be built.

An idea for affordable housing units-These are affordable modular homes for rent, 40% below market rate, that are being built by robots in Spain for the Madrid regional government. They are small and high quality.

<https://elpais.com/espana/madrid/2022-07-28/construidas-en-serie-y-un-40-mas-baratas-asi-son-las-casas-del-plan-de-vivienda-de-madrid.html>

Intentionality is needed. It is important to include those dealing with homelessness in advocacy. Would like people with the experience at the tables and pushing the message. This is important so we can accurately capture the needs.

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham  
Health and Housing (H&H) Committee Meeting Zoom  
August 16, 2022 8:30 AM**

	<p>Policy and Planning meets the 2nd Mondays of each month 10:30am-12pm via Zoom.</p> <p>We have so many resources here in Durham. Are we utilizing them well? We need to do research and bring specific advocacy asks to those with responsibility. Bring these issues to the voting public. Find a way to have forward momentum to solve these issues on a system level.</p> <p>Duke Health Summit- this question has been brought up about people going to the hospital then being discharged and not having a place to stay. This is an important piece but just one piece.</p> <p>At the systems level, in 2018 HUD requested that all Continuums of Care have coordinated entry for folks to be identified and the plan includes shelter. Due to COVID-19, it moved from congregate model to non-congregant model. Funding dried up and now there is less non-congregate space available. Those who are medically vulnerable have shelter space, etc. The average is 100 singles and 18 families that need this housing and cannot get any per week in Durham.</p> <p>HSAC meetings are typically on the 4th Wednesdays of each month 3-5pm on Zoom.</p>	
<p><b>Announcements</b></p>	<p>Logic Model for the last CHIPs (2018-2021): <a href="https://healthydurham.org/cms/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/PHD-Health-Housing-Logic-Model-082020.pdf">https://healthydurham.org/cms/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/PHD-Health-Housing-Logic-Model-082020.pdf</a></p> <p>Now think about what we can do about it. Next month we have Healthy Homes and Reinvestment partners coming to talk about their work. Data Works is coming in October.</p> <p>Triangle Empowerment Center has a Community Connections event August 30.</p>	

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham  
Health and Housing (H&H) Committee Meeting Zoom  
August 16, 2022 8:30 AM**

	<p>Please fill out the Communications and Directory survey for the Partnership. <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9G5JMZG">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9G5JMZG</a></p> <p>The Durham Transit Plan survey is open until August 19. <a href="https://engagedurham.com/durham-county-transit-plan/">https://engagedurham.com/durham-county-transit-plan/</a></p> <p>First Baptist Church West in Durham is having a COVID Vaccine &amp; Booster Bash 1901 Athens Ave 11-3 Saturday, August 20, 2022.</p>	
<p><b>Next Meeting:</b> Tuesday, September 20 at 8:30 AM</p>		

