

Partnership for a Healthy DurhamHealth and Housing Committee

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Minutes

01/18/2022

Facilitator: Don Bradley

Meeting Outcomes

Present: Don Bradley (Duke), Bria Miller (Durham County Department of Public Health), Lea Effird (Duke), Annette Rogers (PEACH), Angel Romero (Duke), Debra Clark Jones (Duke, Office of Community Health), Charita McCollers (Lincoln Community Health Center), Brian Goings (Duke)		
Project/Topic/Goal	Major Discussion Points	Recommendations & Action Steps
Welcome- Don- 2 minutes		
Introductions and Icebreaker- All- 10 minutes	What is your New Year resolution?	
Previous Meeting notes review- All- 5 minutes	The minutes were approved.	
Health & Housing Community Health Improvement Plans prioritization and planning- All- 35 minutes	<p>Don shared a document that outlines initiatives related to housing. These are evidence-based strategies from 2020 Community Health Assessment (CHA), 2018-2021 Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIP), Health and Housing meetings, and Community Health Rankings. The initiatives are also organized according to type of intervention (policy, systems, etc.). Don also included a tool called City Health for metrics/rankings. There is a section where participants can mark how excited they are to work on each initiative.</p> <p>Don opened it up to the committee for members to chime in on which initiatives stand out to them.</p>	

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Brian would like to start with policy. PEACH is working with City of Durham Neighborhood Preservation Program (helps those who have houses that have been coded). PEACH helps those with coded homes to fill out and submit the paperwork. They did 17 homes. Many of these homes are next to newly built homes. Some had been waiting 5 years and will finally get the repairs done. The repairs are done by volunteers. There is a shortage of volunteers right now.

There seems to be two- low-income families that need help with repairs. The other is rental homes or apartments and tenants have mold or other health hazards that the landlords are not addressing. This is a look at two gaps in services right now.

PEACH is under a grant where they are helping low income homes (tenants or landlords) to remove lead from their homes (renters or owners). Discuss planning health into planning for housing- look up correct wording.

Improve the health of housing for low income residents in Durham. Bring in someone from city zoning and help get the word out about the existing initiatives.

I agree, I think we should connect with any groups who are already doing the work and select those things that no one else is doing. Focus on coordinating and communicating what other groups are already doing and taking action where feasible.

Would like to get a series of folks to chat with this group and maybe getting a speaker at the larger Partnership meeting.

There is an initiative to Rebuilding the Triangle-
<https://www.rtriangle.org/>

Encourage health systems and community organizations to support remediation for low-income housing. There is a model from a university in the NE that sends a team to perform an

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evaluation of the housing. Could also encourage businesses to get involved. Possibly set a specific goal to help a certain number of houses- also extend it to schools (high schools and colleges).

Greensboro: Community Housing Solutions,
<https://chshousing.org/who-we-are/>

Compile a list of CBOs, etc... Create a table/comprehensive list of who is doing the work in housing in a centralized organization and host a networking event. The City or County could sponsor it. This could help us with advocacy and partnership creation.

The Health Summit- Duke would like to bring this back for these types of topics. Debra Jones' office organized this summit. They would want to elevate health and housing.

NCCARE360- Unite Us generates data on the services utilized. This could also help us to identify gaps in services. Some cases are accepted, others rejected. One reason referrals are rejected is due to lack of capacity. NCCARE360 workgroup initiatives could be transmitted to this group. Advocate for filling the identified gaps and where there is a lack of capacities with CBO's and discuss how this could be remedied.

Debra Jones- Duke's Office of Durham and Community Affairs has been working on a mapping project that captures the information you are describing, Lea. Happy to share the information that we've collected if you'd like to use it as a starting point. I will also check with other groups that may be collecting the same.

Brian Goings- Would like to see representatives from other groups working on health and housing in this meeting.

Homelessness- Don brought this to the group and asked if this is something we want to focus on. Homeless services is

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	<p>its own web, but does interface with healthy housing. Most organizations are housing first, meaning they connect folks with services that provide housing.</p> <p>Possibly talk to our local officials about what homelessness looks like in this community. Could look at expanding the definition to include those who are couch-surfing. There are folks living on disability funds- will their income raise now that the price of housing is rising.</p> <p>maybe an "at-risk of homelessness" category? this probably already exists, but may not be a part of services/conversations at a local level right now.</p> <p>Angel Romero- Received this today:REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Coordinated Entry with Diversion Pre-Application Workshop: January 28, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. Applications Due: February 21, 2022 at 4:00 P.M. The City of Durham, Community Development Department is soliciting proposals to serve as the central front door into Durham's homeless system.</p> <p>Do an assets and gaps analysis, then look at the document Don created to propose evidence-based interventions.</p>	
<p>Announcements/Closing- 5 minutes</p>	<p>Brian Goings- health and housing committee and access to care committee are co-sponsoring a presentation on radon in housing. Thursday, January 27 6"30-7:30, Radon Program Coordinator of HHS will speak about how folks can test for radon and what can be done.</p> <p>Angel Romero- distributed information to his neighbors about free radon testing kits for NC residents that can be ordered. Several thousand kits are available.</p> <p>Don will send a Doodle poll to identify a new meeting time.</p>	

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