

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham
Access to Care Committee
June 9, 2022
Minutes**

Access to Care: This committee’s activities include advocating for changes that will affect health care coverage for residents across all ages and developing community and agency-based strategies to make measurable improvements in access to care for the uninsured and underinsured residents of Durham.

Facilitated by: Kearston Ingraham & Kimberly Alexander

Present: Kim Shaw, Bria Miller, Angel Romero, Kearston Ingraham, Kimberly Alexander, Kimberly Monroe, Sonia Barnett, Mary Alvarado		
Topic	Major Discussion	Recommendations and Action Steps
Welcome, Introductions & Icebreaker	What are you looking forward to this summer?	
Review April Minutes	The minutes were approved.	
Medicaid Expansion & Legislative Updates in NC	<p>The Affordable Care Act expanded Medicaid. After 10 years, the NC Senate passed Medicaid expansion, but it now has to go to the House. Medical marijuana is also up for approval. The leader of the House stated that they would not move forward with that bill right now. It appears that the House plans to review the bill for Medicaid expansion next year.</p> <p>Are there any areas of concern or restriction on that funding that we should mobilize around before it goes to the House for consideration? Let’s name the things we should be more conscious of and make a plan. NC Justice Center researches these kinds of topics and can interpret the bill for us. It could be helpful to track to progression of the bills. This group can provide education by writing to legislators in support of Medicaid expansion with approval of Durham County Department of Public Health leadership.</p> <p>It is important that people know what their insurance plan covers and what it does not. There is still a gap in education when navigating insurance and Medicaid or Medicare. Much information is also needed on the medications are available with their coverage.</p>	<p>Kate Woomer-Deters, kate@ncjustice.org NC Justice Center</p> <p>Kearston would like to invite someone to educate the committee on how to inform patients with correct information on insurance.</p>

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Brochure	<p>Brochure- Community Health Workers and Community Health Ambassadors can help to distribute brochures in print. We need to think about updating the flyer and how to disseminate the information.</p> <p>Depending on what kind of insurance people are looking for, there are different places to access information. For Medicare, Pharmassist is the best place to go. For Medicaid, people must apply and qualify. Once you qualify, you can choose from five companies. The brochure needs to be updated to include Medicaid Transformation. For those uninsured, connect to health navigators who can give information on plans through the Affordable Care Act.</p>	
Co-chair Election	Kearston Ingraham will serve as a co-chair 2022-2023. There is still an opening for the other co-chair role. Please contact Bria Miller or Kearston Ingraham if you are interested in the role.	
Announcements & Other Topics	Participants expressed their gratitude for out-going co-chair Kimberly Alexander. Kimberly plans to stay active with the group, just in a different role.	
Meeting Adjourn		

*Next Meeting: July 14th, 2022