

Partnership for a Healthy Durham
Access to Care Committee
August 11, 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 & Bria Miller

Present: Kearston Ingraham, Brigit Carter, Elizabeth Brill, Bria Miller, Angel Romero, Marissa Mortiboy, Rose Perry, Tinesha (Lincoln), Kim Shaw, Debbie Royster, Ashley Bass-Mitchell		
Topic	Major Discussion	Recommendations and Action Steps
Welcome & Introductions & Icebreaker	What are your plans for the last weeks of summer?	
Review July Minutes	The minutes were approved.	
Medical Care Options in Durham Brochure	<p>Lincoln Health’s team is working on their updates now. They plan to submit their edits by tomorrow, August 12.</p> <p>During the meeting in July, the committee discussed how to display mental health resources in this brochure. Angel would like to keep the mental health resources listed separately, as is, but would like to talk to the mental health committee about best practices.</p> <p>Alliance Health is transitioning plans this fall. This would mean that eligibility requirements will change for their plans. Ashley Bass-Mitchell from Alliance Health will take the brochure and update their information.</p> <p>If someone is going through a mental health crisis and they call 911, they can ask for a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) officer, trained to respond to mental health crises.</p> <p>The City of Durham started a new department with social workers who respond to 911 calls. Durham also has an urgent care behavioral health clinic. Add Carolina Outreach Behavioral Health Urgent Care to the list of resources.</p>	<p>Add the 988 number and a description of the line.</p> <p>Share these resources with Fight for 15 and other social justice groups.</p> <p>Edits to the brochure are due August 26.</p>

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	<p>Bridget Carter can help to identify organizations to distribute this information to. If this brochure is given to human resources, or those working at lower wage jobs, it needs to include resources that are low to no cost. At many organizations, even those with employee-based insurance, many people can't afford health care, so we need to get information about these resources to workers.</p>	
<p>Outreach and Communication Strategy for Open Enrollment</p>	<p>2023 open enrollment starts November. Plan outreach or communication regarding the Open Enrollment period.</p> <p>Kearston asked if Lincoln can provide a presentation on open enrollment information. During open enrollment, Piedmont Health usually has extended hours/opportunities for enrollment. Tinesha will reach out to Piedmont Health for information on what they will provide this year. Some Community Health Workers (CHWs) can take a training to become navigators.</p> <p>The time to re-certify as an ACA counselor is usually in August and tends to take 8 hours. This committee can share information about this training and its due dates.</p> <p>Yesterday, Wake County shared the results of their Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) results. There were connections made between mental health funding and opioid use. They were looking at links between the homeless community and mental health.</p>	<p>Ask Sally Wilson about navigator training for CHWs and if the CHW group in Durham has been involved. Find out if there are any resources in Durham or nearby active.</p>
<p>Announcements & Other Topics</p>		
<p>Meeting Adjourn</p>		

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***Next Meeting:** September 8, 2022