

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham  
Access to Care Committee  
November 9, 2023  
Agenda**

**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:** Shelisa Howard-Martinez & Angel Romero Ruiz

**Attendees:** Musa Ali, Jaeson Smith, Edeia Lynch, Deborah Dolan, Catrina Lloyd, Bria Miller, Ashley, Gina Upchurch, Elizabeth Brill, Ismael Santillano, Debbie Royster, Valon Alford, Krista Kicsak, Helen Tripp, Jannice Verne

Topic	Major Discussion	Recommendations and Action Steps
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions &amp; Icebreaker</b>	Introductions in the chat. Name, organization & email address if this is your first time.  <b>Icebreaker</b> in chat box: If you could only pick one cozy fall clothing item, what would it be?	
<b>Review October Meeting Minutes</b>		
<b>2023 Affordable Care Act (ACA) Open Enrollment - Angela B. Cameron, Eastern Regional Director/Certified Marketplace Navigator NC Navigator Consortium Legal Aid of NC</b>	Discussion: Musa Ali from Lincoln and Deborah Dolan from Well Care answer questions about Medicaid and Marketplace plans, availability and counselors. 1. Changes in cost for affordability. Recommendation: look at the specifics of the coverage like cost of individual services, like tele-visits. 2.	
<b>Updates/ Announcements</b>	1. Flu Vaccination Guide completed for Durham County, annual update available in English, Spanish, and eventually Mandarin. a. Information for uninsured and underinsured b. List of clinics, pharmacies, and self-pay costs c. Vaccines for Children Program provides free vaccines for uninsured, pregnant women.	

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Ashley- Move More, Eat Smart campaign in partnership with Health and Human Services Dept             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Lunch and Learns</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Gina Upchurch- Senior Pharm Assist is focused on Medicare/Medicaid and does not support Marketplace plans. Also explained the complexity of plan options, issues with the Healthcare.gov website, and the effects of Medicare expansion on hospitals, providers, and premiums.</li> <li>4. Edeia Lynch- Provided updates on the CHW Roundtable and requests continuing support and promotion. CHWs have requested info about mental health training.</li> <li>5. Debbie Royster- Community Health Worker summit in Greensboro.</li> <li>6. Lincoln providing flu/COVID shots.</li> <li>7. Valon Alford- Requesting support for individuals with outstanding medical costs resulting from involuntary commitments. The committee will research and follow-up in the next meeting, may invite a rep from Patient Accounts, but a possible solution may be Charity Care.</li> <li>8. Access to Care Brochure-</li> </ol>	
<b>Meeting Adjourn</b>		

**\*Next Meeting:** December 14, 2023: 8:30-9:30am