

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham
Health and Housing (H&H) Committee Meeting Zoom
Tuesday, October 17, 2023**

Present: Bria Miller, Jess Bousquette (DCoDPH), Krista Kicsak (DCoDPH), Angel Romero Ruiz (Duke Health), Adrienne Trotman (DCoDSS), Natalie Barnes (Alliance Health), Vanessa Real Williams (Aging Well Durham), Charlene Reiss (Partners for Impact), Catrina Lloyd (DCoDPH), Marlene McAuley (Alliance Health), Marissa Mortiboy (DCoDPH), Debbie Royster (Duke Health), James Davis (City of Durham NIS), Tobin Freid, Kevin Obgonna

Topic	Major Discussion	Recommendations and Action Steps
<p>Welcome/ Introductions/ Icebreaker <i>Charlene Harris 8:30-8:40</i></p>	<p>Lightning round: Share one or two words that come to mind when you think of “healthy housing” (just a word or two)? Feel free to tell us more in the chat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working utilities • Safe and affordable • Playing outside • Clean air • Happy and safe • Quality of life • Safe and affordable • Toxin free • Peaceful and affordable • Walkable and safe • Hazard free • Safe and affordable • Warm and comfortable • Peaceful and supportive <p>The comprehensive plan for Durham has a section on housing policy that overlaps with the work of this committee.</p> <p>There was a webinar on health and housing related and covered topics like lead and asthma.</p>	<p>atrotman@dconc.gov thanks Adrienne Trotman</p> <p>Add Krista Kicsak, kkicsak@dconc.gov</p> <p>Please add: calloyd@dconc.gov and remove catrina@peachdurham.org</p>

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Lease to Home in Wake County- a landlord outreach program to incentivize landlords to take vouchers.

There are issues with health hazards in housing for immigrants or refugees coming to this area. James Davis will give us updates at the next meeting.

Durham County Sustainability office was awarded a \$1.5 million grant to do energy efficiency for low-income homes in Durham, Orange, and Granville Counties. They will focus on neighborhoods and build in workshops for DIYs people can do. This will be for renters and home owners. They are also working with mobile homes and manufactured homes. They, however, can't do apartments but people who live in apartments could participate in workshops. Workshops will include behavior changes, education, and projects. They don't have data on houses that need repairs but they do have data on the ages of houses. They have not yet selected any houses. A percentage of the funding must go towards particular census groups. <https://www.energy.gov/diversity/justice40-initiative>

- Durham has an extensive list of neighborhood associations. The Inter-neighborhood council may be a good way to connect with the neighborhoods directly. Angel can share the contact information if needed.
- Is there a component specifically covering landlord engagement? There is space for engagement and landlords would be a part of that. At the last meeting, we discussed reaching landlords and sharing that there is opportunity to make renovations for disabled folks.

Solarize the Triangle- they got funding from the city and county to install solar panels on low-income homes.

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	<p>They were awarded an Americore member. They will focus on community engagement related to urban heat island issues.</p>	
<p>Review September notes & Updates 8:40-8:50</p>	<p>The meeting minutes were approved.</p>	
<p>Health & Housing Symposium Planning All 8:50-9:20</p>	<p>Continuing discussion from September’s meeting: We want to bring people together so that we can: Identify an issue at the intersection of health and housing That the committee can impact (as a group of volunteers with other jobs) That we can see progress toward improvement That is not redundant with other efforts in the community Around an issue not being addressed by other efforts Possible target population and issue: Individuals with disabilities in rental housing Availability of housing for people with Housing Choice/Section 8 vouchers Accessibility of that housing – willingness of landlords to accept modifications being made to the property Question storming exercise: brainstorming with questions only – what do we need to know about this issue? Using the shared whiteboard, write your questions on sticky notes – one question per sticky note!</p> <p>Entering data into list of Durham Organizations Engaged in Health and/or Housing Work</p> <p>Charlene and Charlene launched a white board to capture information generated. This group is trying to figure out what questions they would like to answer as a result of the symposium. We have talked about families, people who receive SSI, people who have housing choice vouchers.</p>	

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The question storm around what we need to know around the availability of housing, accessibility of housing, and people with disabilities.

- Do you know which partners are working on the issue?
- What is the housing quality of homes for people with disabilities? What does the data tell you about need/most impacted?
- What are the barriers from people with disabilities getting housing fixed?
- How do the most impacted define healthy and safe housing?
- How simple (or not) is the process for finding ADA housing?
- Is there a need for maximum indoor temperature ordinance for rentals?
- How many landlords in Durham accept housing vouchers
- What resources are available?
- Do the minimum legal requirements actually provide safe and stable
- What are the consequences if a landlord does not modify their property according to ADA?
- Are there specific tenant rights for people with disabilities?
- How are aides/assistants part of housing access?
- Does the housing authority have an updated list of affordable housing units?
- What does affordable mean in Durham?
- What disability rights organizations and organizing groups do we need to talk to about this issue?
- Who else in Durham is working on this issue?
- In Durham, how many people with disabilities are living in housing that does not meet their needs for accessibility?
- How do we contact landlords and get them into conversation?
- Are we considering ADA the standard or the bare minimum?
- What are the status of the landlord roundtable?
- How are we defining accessibility?
- Is there some way to mediate before legal aid gets involved?

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- How aware is the community on housing vouchers?
- Who is doing work on indoor air quality, specifically CO?
- Can we pay those most impacted to be involved in planning the symposium and impact?
- How can commercial landlords/luxury apartments be brought into the conversation?
- How can we do better than the minimum that the ADA requires?
- How is the city preparing for the growth in the number of older adults (65+)?
- What is the takeaway from the symposium? What will this committee do to follow uptake action?
- What is the process for individuals with Housing Choice/Section 8 vouchers to find and secure housing in our area?
- Are there any barriers, such as discrimination, that voucher holders commonly face when trying to rent from private landlords?
- What incentives or support systems are available for landlords to encourage them to
- Are tenants with disabilities aware of their rights and the available resources to help them find accessible housing and make necessary modifications?
- Are there educational programs or resources available to inform both tenants and landlords about their rights and responsibilities

- What local organizations, advocacy groups, or governmental agencies are available to provide support and guidance to individuals with disabilities seeking rental housing or to landlords dealing with accessibility and modification issues?

Many of these questions overlap with questions that the (Physical Activity, Nutrition, and Food Access) PANFA committee has. Please join the PANFA committee meeting tomorrow at 9 to discuss those intersections.

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Next steps <i>All 9:20-9:30</i>		
Next Meeting: November 21, 2023 at 8:30 AM		

