

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham
Health and Housing (H&H) Committee Meeting Zoom
Tuesday, December 20, 2022**

Present: Brian Goings, Bria Miller, Charlene Harris (Alliance Health), Angel Romero, Catrina (PEACH), Debbie Royster, Charlene Reiss, Kimberly Monroe, Manuel Hyman		
Topic	Major Discussion	Recommendations and Action Steps
Welcome/ Introductions/ Icebreaker <i>Charlene Reiss 8:30-8:40</i>	<p>In 2-3 words, please share something you are glad you did (or did not do) in 2022 (Feel free to share longer story in the chat)</p>	
Review November Minutes & Updates All <i>8:40-8:45</i>	<p>The committee received the minutes prior to the meeting and no recommendations for changes were made.</p> <p>The Partnership was selected by Mayor O’Neal’s office to work on the Bloomberg Harvard Initiative. The Bloomberg Harvard Initiative brings representatives from organizations and institutions to solve difficult issues in cities. Members of Durham’s initiative are tasked with identifying a plan to address housing instability for justice involved individuals. Bria Miller is the representative from the Partnership that attends the meetings/activities and will provide updates to this committee and the Partnership. Bria hopes to hone in on the intersections of health and housing. Other topics such as mental health, substance use, trauma, and access to care are a part of those conversations.</p> <p>There is a bill on the floor to put a cap on the number of homes large corporations own which could impact housing prices. https://www.wsocvtv.com/news/local/us-senate-bill-would-limit-how-many-homes-corporate-landlords-can-own/PVPNDCJT55DB7CMBTPJ5FPRE6U/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=06930dc3-2a25-400d-8b64-84b88624ca59</p> <p>There are block grants focused on the intersections of trauma from natural disasters dealing with housing insecurities.</p> <p>The webinar, Housing and Hope for All: A Toolkit for COVID and Beyond is about housing and health. They put together this toolkit and shared it the webinar.</p>	<p>Angel will send the eviction report to Bria to send to the full group.</p> <p>Research project: are there outcomes we can see from the moratorium? Was there an impact on health? What can we take away from those lessons? Do we want to make a presentation or put something on white paper?</p>

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They talked about their data and tools from public health to build education and leverage around health and housing and helping stakeholders to understand why this is an issue. The webinar was recorded.

United Way has a healthy families section of funding available.

Angel Romero shared the presentation on evictions in Durham. This is the December 2022 chart. There was a spike in evictions in the summer. In November 457 summary ejectments and 168 writs of possessions were filed against tenants. Rick Soles had the most evictions filed. DataWorks created this report. In North Carolina, the legal term for eviction is “summary ejectment.” The case starts when the landlord files a document that is called a Complaint in Summary Ejectment, which is also called an “eviction complaint.” In an eviction case, the landlord is the plaintiff. The tenant is the defendant. A writ of possession, also known as a writ of eviction, is an order from the court after a landlord wins their eviction case. It allows the landlord to take back possession of their property and forces the current tenant/inhabitants out.

Kimberly Monroe shared that we are starting to see more white flag announcements. When that happens, congregations are reached out to for support. More people are being evicted and looking to link to resources. There are more people on the streets now. There was a conversation years ago about how to prevent evictions during the cold months- “Cold Weather Rule”. It would be interesting to see if this is a state level of local level decision. Here is an example from Missouri: <https://psc.mo.gov/Forms/Cold%20Weather%20Rule>

Is there something we could do to prevent evictions similar to the eviction moratorium during COVID? Are we seeing more evictions now that the moratoriums are going away?

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	<p>There is federal money coming for housing, but we are unsure of how it is being distributed amongst counties.</p> <p>Kimberly is doing strategic planning in her office and housing is a priority. Food is the issue of focus for the Durham Health Summit. We could look at the intersection of food and housing. Food Apartheid Identification (arcgis.com)</p>	
<p>CHIP Review and Brainstorming</p> <p><i>All 8:45-9:15</i></p>	<p>Gathering and disseminating shared resources about health & housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Topics, e.g. advocacy, safety, children - Platform - Audience - Dissemination methods <p>Healthy Housing Resources - Google Docs</p> <p>Charlene and Brian started a document with housing resources. This is a living document. This is an information hub that can inform who this committee will contact to share health and housing information with. They are encouraging people to add to this document. What do people need to know that supports our argument and grows our knowledge about what we need to know? We can also add what City Council can and cannot do around housing.</p> <p>We can also teach the community about advocacy and how to go about policy change. Demonstrate to people that they have a voice and tell others how they can be involved in policy changes.</p> <p>Opportunity: RADx-UP CDCC Community Collaboration Mini-Grant Program Removing barriers to COVID 19 testing and treatment What work needs to be done around housing and COVID 19 testing? Is anyone already doing work in this area that could be a partner?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These topics don't focus on housing 	<p>Charlene would like to meet with other people even outside of these meetings. Offered coffee meetings to brainstorm.</p>

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- This may be an opportunity to write a paper and have community members participate.
- Can use this study to teach people to engage with policy. Also teaches community organizations to make movement.
- Dr. Eisenson is interested in bringing the health and housing issue to public policy decision makers.
- This group can develop tools for other organizations to use for advocacy. We can collect the names of the groups in Durham doing community organizing and feed them/work with them to give them data around the health and housing piece. This also keeps us within the bounds of educating and not lobbying.

PEACH's focuses is primarily on environmental contaminants. They teach classes on lead and work with lead renovations. They don't have a focus on housing specifically.

Brian has resources on radon for Radon Awareness month. Brian will send this information to Bria following the meeting.

Brian asked Manuel and Charlene to share any information they have on how housing impacts mental health.

Next Meeting: January 17, 2023 at 8:30 AM

