

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham  
Health and Housing (H&H) Committee Meeting Zoom  
Tuesday, September 19, 2023**

| Present: Charlene Harris, Bria Miller, Charlene Reiss, Krista Kicsak, Manuel Hyman, Caressa Harding, Kimberly Monroe, Adrienne Trotman, Catrina Lloyd, Kevin Ogbonna, James Davis, Debbie Royster, Brian Goings, Tom Luben (US Environmental Protection Agency), Marlene McAuley |  |  |
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| Topic  | Major Discussion   | Recommendations and Action Steps   |
| <b>Welcome/ Introductions/ Icebreaker</b><br><i>Charlene Reiss 8:30-8:40</i>   | Lightning round: Share one or two words that describe your collaborative working style. On a team project, what's your strength (in a word or two)? Feel free to tell us more in the chat.   |  |
| <b>Review August meeting &amp; Updates/Announcements</b><br><i>8:40-8:50</i>   | NADPH is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting<br>Topic: Transforming Public Health Data Systems: Community Briefing<br>Time: Sep 19, 2023 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)<br>Join Zoom Meeting<br><a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86315322145?pwd=VkxIdTNHdHhKdFZCeVFNUUVic1JqUT09">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86315322145?pwd=VkxIdTNHdHhKdFZCeVFNUUVic1JqUT09</a> Meeting ID: 863 1532 2145 Passcode: 481932   |  |
| <b>Health &amp; Housing Symposium Planning</b><br><i>All 8:50-9:20</i>   | <p>The team continued the Health and Housing symposium planning from August's meeting:</p> <p>We want to bring people together so that we can identify an issue at the intersection of health and housing that meets the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An issue the committee can impact (as a group of volunteers with other jobs).</li> <li>• We can see progress toward improvement.</li> <li>• Is not redundant with other efforts in the community.</li> <li>• Addresses an issue not being addressed by other efforts</li> </ul> <p>Set boundaries around the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Narrow down the target population.</li> <li>• Define parameters.</li> <li>• Identify next steps.</li> </ul> <p>Entering data into <a href="#">list of Durham Organizations Engaged in Health and/or Housing Work</a></p> | <p>Add <a href="mailto:Luben.tom@epa.gov">Luben.tom@epa.gov</a> Tom Luben</p> <p>Ask DataWorks if they have data on the complaints.</p> <p>Everyone bring data related to health and housing to the next meeting.</p> <p>Kimberly Monroe will check to see what data Duke has.</p> |

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This group will identify some specific groups to focus on. One vulnerable population is children experiencing homelessness. One program focuses on children 0-6 experiencing homelessness. Focusing on this population would support families and could serve as an example of how to support other groups like the elderly. Charlene Harris' work focuses on people with mental illness or those with disabilities. They seek to connect them to safe, affordable housing in the community. Those families receive SSI and have limited income.

Question: do we have data that identifies the key populations having difficulty finding housing? Are we looking to fill a gap? Aging Well Durham is focused on seniors and housing. Duke is focused on housing of their patients.

An area we are missing is persons with disabilities who need repairs to their homes. Landlords only have to allow for the modifications, but don't have to pay to make the changes. There doesn't seem to be an organization that provides funding for those changes to be made. It could be something like lowering the peep hole so they could see out of it from a wheelchair, etc. Landlords need to be aware that they are required to allow for these modifications.

[PEACH has had funds for modifications, but have had issues with implementation because of the funding being used for other changes by landlords. A component of this is decreasing falls risk.](#)

[Local Fair Housing Act mandates certain things that must be followed. The education piece is very important.](#)

There are different managing groups coming in and building apartments. The management dictates what changes are made..

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There are several examples of tenants reporting issues and property managers not taking those reports seriously.

We also have to talk about the rights of the renters. There are people who have inadequate housing but don't report it due to fear of retaliation by the landlord.

Do we know of anyone who has data that shows which areas in Durham has the most complaints about safe housing? Are these public landlords or private landlords? It is important to know who we should be connecting with for accountability.

There are many apartments being built in Durham. Does anyone know if any of the units are being set aside as affordable units? The City of Durham's Neighborhood Improvement Services most likely has this information.

There is concern that people are being displaced and pushed to areas that are not safe.

Coalition on Affordable Housing and Transit meeting yesterday had candidates speaking. There is no law in Durham about requiring developers to provide a certain number or percentage of affordable housing units.

One educational opportunity would be informing landlords of the renters' rights.

Sometimes the units designed for people with disabilities are filled by folks who don't need those accommodations then when folks who need those accommodations come, they are not available.

Brian would like to see a component of the symposium being set up for people having specific issues being linked to services.

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|   | <p>This group wants to look at the data and include landlords in the conversation.</p> <p>This group will spend more time on the intersection of renters, renters' rights, accessibility, and those with disabilities receiving SSI.</p> <p>There are examples of pollutants being dumped in the soil and it is causing illness. There should be a practice of regularly testing units/housing/soil. Get the land tested for harmful chemicals.</p> <p>We can also use NCCARE360.</p> |  |
| <p><b>Next steps</b><br/><i>All 9:20-9:30</i></p>       |   |  |
| <p><b>Next Meeting:</b> October 17, 2023 at 8:30 AM</p> |   |  |

