

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

Present: Charlene Harris, Bria Miller, Charlene Reiss, Kimberly Monroe, Krista Kicsak, Grace Wang (Duke student), Jess Bousquette, Caressa Harding, John-Paul Zitta, Shelisa Howard-Martinez, Natalie Barnes, Vanessa Real Williams, Debbie Royster, James Davis Jr., Melva Henry (City of Durham), Don Bradley, Manuel Hyman, Catrina Lloyd		
Topic	Major Discussion	Recommendations and Action Steps
Welcome/ Introductions <i>Charlene Harris 8:30-8:40</i>	Lightning round: What are you glad you did or did not do in 2023? Share one or two words and feel free to tell us more in the chat.	
Housing Summit Proposal <i>James Davis 8:40-9:00</i>	<p>See attached proposal for a Housing Summit</p> <p>One-stop-shop collaboration around housing/health and housing. The proposal he submitted is an aspiration.</p> <p>There are intended outcomes, missions, logistics, etc. Partners and collaborators are also listed on the document.</p> <p>Would need a venue, staff capacity, and duration.</p> <p>The idea would be to convene folks from all of these different sectors in housing and putting the resource information together to later share with folks seeking housing resources.</p> <p>One concern is funding and how to keep this going more long term.</p> <p>There used to be a list of housing providing organizations that would be distributed. As they used to distribute them, they question was would they come.</p> <p>Consider reaching out to the different agencies listed and ask if anyone would be willing to fund the event.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bring providers together to learn about what each provider does. 2. Identify the barriers to people obtaining healthy, safe, affordable housing. 	<p>Invite Sally Wilson to this meeting in the future to discuss their program that connects unhoused folks to emergency medical services.</p> <p>Ask Breanna, President of Durham Congregations in Action DCIA to join a meeting in the future.</p>

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It may be most beneficial to start with the service providers before opening this to the those seeking housing.

Some residents were disgruntled because there were resource fairs around housing but there wasn't any affordable housing available.

Connect with land lords, developers, Habitat for Humanity, etc. Look for ways outside of the box to work on housing.

People are being pushed out of houses or outside of the areas with tents. Folks are trying to stay warm using lit barrels and are now being told that they can't do that because business owners not wanting it.

We also want to look at folks with disabilities and how they find housing, resources to make the accommodations they need, and how they get implemented.

Would BCBSNC or other potential funders be invited?

Bringing these folks together can address those who are in unsafe housing or housing that is unsafe for them.

We want to continue focusing on systems policy change around a specific question. We bring people together, focus on building relationships, and focus on answering a specific question.

Roundtable with guided questions

In the past, we have brought a small group of people together to build a plan around a specific issue.

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Mapping and figuring out what's going on at the system level. People need to know who is in charge of what, etc. Bring together the service providers and different organizations, engage in systems mapping. Pull in folks from Access to Care- think about who is in that group and see who we can bring into the Health and Housing symposium.

We want to strengthen the relationship between health and housing. Affordable housing has to be a part of the equation. Be clear about the relationship between health and housing and make sure that those providing housing realize that they are playing a role in health of Durham residents.

Access to Care is broad and encompasses housing. The connection is there and there's an opportunity to reengage.

Project Access had a program that identified unhoused individuals in need of medical attention. After that treatment, they had to be placed in housing conducive to their recovery then focus on long term housing. May be able to connect with them and discuss who they partnered with to provide medical care for those who are unhoused. This project still exists. It was very active in COVID in particular.

Faith-based organizations are also a part of this work. There is a need for more systemic changes.

Two things coming out of this conversations
How do we help people who need accommodations in rental housing
What services and systems need to change to better serve those who are unhoused and come out of medical services.

Charlene proposed that we host two meetings in 2024. Both of these meetings would be small. We keep it low budget and low stress and invite organizations.

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	<p>First, let people know the question we're trying to answer. Second is where people go when they come out of medical facilities who are housing unstable. Identify the points in the system where we can actually make change.</p> <p>Maybe call it a lunch and learn, encourage people to bring their own lunch. Could be an avenue to get several things done in one spot. The service providers can meet and discuss what they offer together.</p> <p>Shelisa offered Aging Well Durham as a location for a meeting in 2024.</p> <p>Find out who is still working on these issues and what the work is.</p> <p>Consider looking at the document James provided and inviting those folks to H&H meetings in the future or going to their meetings. Go to the people and get the information we want. Give the list, have people from this committee to get the info and bring it back to this group.</p> <p>Keep in mind that there are responsible landlords and irresponsible landlords. We need to be sure that we are open and collaborative with landlords as we go into having these conversations. Be curious with landlords and ask about what issues they have/what are they facing.</p> <p>Shoot for March to have an unpretentious, low budget place to have a meeting. In January, start talking about what this will look like. Bring people in the room and map out an answer around a specific question.</p> <p>Plan, do, study, act</p>	
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<p>Health & Housing Symposium Planning <i>All 9:00-9:25</i></p>	<p>Data on health and housing needs of our community: What do we need to know? What data can we already access? What data exists and needs work to access? What data needs to be found or collected?</p> <p>Entering data into list of Durham Organizations Engaged in Health and/or Housing Work</p>	
<p>Next steps <i>All 9:20-9:30</i></p>		
<p>Updates</p>	<p>Please add your updates to the chat!</p>	
<p>Next Meeting: January 16, 2024 at 8:30 AM</p>		

