



**Partnership for a
Healthy Durham**

Partnership for a Healthy Durham Quarterly Meeting

January 18, 2023

12-1 pm via Zoom

Minutes

Facilitated by: Kimberly Monroe

Topic	Major discussion points	Action steps and responsible parties
<p>Welcome <i>Kimberly Monroe, Partnership for a Healthy Durham Co- Chair, Duke Health</i></p>	<p>Kimberly Monroe welcomed participants and introduced the agenda.</p>	
<p>Durham County COVID-19, RSV, and Flu Update <i>Dr. Jeffrey Jenks, Medical and Laboratory Director, Durham County</i></p>	<p>Durham County is in the high community level based on COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. Durham County has 243 COVID-19 cases per 100,000 residents per week. We have had over 100,000 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Durham County since the beginning of this pandemic. Omicron sub-variants have been most prevalent in the past year. We are not capturing the majority of COVID-19 cases due to many people testing at home. A couple of weeks ago, we peaked at over 20% positivity rate, but are now at 13% positivity rate. When measuring COVID-19 hospitalizations, this encompasses everyone hospitalized and tested positive for COVID-19. Individuals do not have to be hospitalized because of COVID-19 to be</p>	

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included in this statistic. The vast majority of people hospitalized and have COVID-19 have three to four other illnesses that contribute to their hospitalization. Many did not know that they had COVID-19 until they were tested after being admitted to the hospital.

We have two sites where SARS-CcV-2 virus is being measured in wastewater. In South Durham, rates are stabilizing and North Durham virus copies in wastewater are going down. The BQ and XBB variants are of most concern. These variants are particularly infectious. The circulating subvariants, being in cold and flu season, and people gathering for the holidays were reasons for the peak in early January.

Vaccinations are down 82% in January 2023 compared to December 2022. Third dose administration accounts for 42% of vaccinations given in January so far. We are seeing a steady decrease in vaccinations in the community over the past five months.

Durham County Department of Public Health's vaccination clinic is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00am-4:00pm. Vaccines remain one of our best protections against severe illness. Pfizer and Moderna bivalent boosters are widely available.

MPOX, formerly known as MonkeyPox, increased then decreased in North Carolina. Right now, case numbers are down. Those who are eligible should get vaccinated. We will continue to see cases. Most cases are in men ages 18-49. The Black population and those living with HIV have been hit particularly hard, making up 50% of cases.

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) peaked in October and November of 2022. Flu has mirrored the RSV surge. The flu is down compared to what we normally see at this point.

Question: Are the national high rates of COVID-19 deaths unvaccinated people or people with co-morbidities?

Answer: The data is difficult to interpret. In North Carolina, a COVID-19 death is a death with COVID-19 listed, even if a secondary cause. Those who have been vaccinated or had

	<p>COVID-19 have some protection, making it less likely to die due to COVID-19. Most of those who are dying and have COVID-19 most likely have co-morbidities and are unvaccinated.</p> <p>Question: Is there something being put in place to address health problems arising from extra boosters?</p> <p>Answer: If you get the booster early, it does not benefit the individual. It also will not cause any health problems.</p>	
<p>Partnership Updates</p> <p><i>Health and Housing</i></p> <p><i>Access to Care</i></p> <p><i>Communications</i></p> <p><i>Physical Activity, Nutrition, and Food Access</i></p> <p><i>Mental Health</i></p> <p><i>Racial Equity Task Force</i></p>	<p>Physical Activity, Nutrition, and Food Access (PANFA)</p> <p><i>Kat Combs, Raina Bunnag Goldstein, Nasim Youssefi</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical activity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updating Healthy Mile Trail signage ○ Re-engaging exercise prescription efforts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identifying community driven initiatives ▪ Safe Routes to Schools funding (Durham Public Schools, Bike Durham, City of Durham Transportation, Durham County Department of Public Health) • School Nutrition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working with the School Nutrition Services team at Durham Public Schools (DPS) as they are updating their menu to incorporate student, staff and family feedback including more culturally relevant and local food items. ○ Stay tuned for opportunities to participate in this process. ○ Taste of NC lunch is Thursday, January 19, at all DPS schools. They will serve catfish, chicken BBQ, collard greens, hushpuppies, and apples. • Food Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Double Bucks program has received funding from Duke Office of Community Health to ensure the program continues. The program will 	

expand to the Black Farmers' Market at both of their locations in Durham and Raleigh.

- They are seeking additional funds to sustain the program for the next three years.
- The Duke Endowment Grant
 - The first year of the grant was the planning phase. Duke Health and the Partnership's PANFA committee were awarded \$100,000 for January 1-December 31, 2022.
 - PANFA hosted racial equity and food justice training for the PANFA committee. They have held 3 of 4 trainings in the series provided by Communities in Partnership (CIP) and will begin process of consulting with PANFA and Partnership following the training series. CIP will provide recommendations for the committee to become more community rooted, practice power sharing, and operationalize racial equity. This will also inform our systems-level work.
 - One goal is to become a more community-rooted committee. Leadership identified community cafés as a strategy to authentically engage/co-create plans with community members and recruit community members to participate in the ongoing work. We have begun working with a contractor to plan three community conversations in Durham throughout 2023.
 - The committee will also support community projects serving those most impacted by health issues.

Communications

Angel Romero-Ruiz and Katie Lipe

- Other committee co-chairs have presented at monthly Communications committee meetings to provide an overview of each committee's communication needs and present an update on priorities.

- Based on feedback from our Communications Survey last summer, the committee created a “Member Spotlight” in the newsletter to feature different Partnership members each month.
- The committee continues making improvement with meeting notices, sharing committee updates, and efficiently distributing information to Partnership members and external partners.

Health and Housing

Brian Goings and Charlene Reiss

- The committee is reviewing the Health and Housing Community Health Improvement Plans to identify concrete actions to take in 2023.
 - The goal is to support organizations already doing good work in Durham by adding value rather than duplicating efforts.
- Health and Housing is creating a Resource List of agencies, websites, information related to the intersection of health and housing.
 - They are also identifying best ways to share the resource list and with whom.
- The group is focusing on affordable housing and also on housing for those who can least afford housing.

Mental Health

Ashley Bass-Mitchell and Armenous Dobson

- Community Resiliency Model training joint workgroup
 - The Mental Health committee and Durham ACE’s Response Team (DART) have created a joint workgroup designed to recruiting 5-10 community health advocates to participate in a Community Resilience Model Teacher Learning Collaborative. [The Community Resiliency Model \(CRM\)® Workshops](#) introduces participants to six wellness skills to restore or increase resilience. The purpose of the training is to increase social, emotional, and mental health

skills and information within our community by way of community health advocates.

- Meetings with presentations on 988 mental health line
 - During these meetings, members received state-wide and Durham-specific data on the utilization of the 988 line.

Access to Care

Angel Romero

- Durham County Medical Options brochure
 - This tool for community-based organizations and faith-based organizations provides information on medical options at low cost or no cost.
 - Brochures in Spanish will be distributed to Comunidad Latina through Community Health Workers.
- Access to Care initiatives with faith-based communities
 - Planning to develop a survey for faith leaders to assess needs related to accessing healthcare and health insurance
- Transitioning leadership
 - Angel Romero will now be the chair of Access to Care. The co-chair role is vacant. Please contact Bria Miller or Angel Romero if you are interested in being co-chair of this committee.

Racial Equity Task Force

Najla McClain

- Meeting Frequency: January, March, May, July, September, November
- Name change & charge: The Racial Equity Task Force work of developing racial equity principles was completed in 2018.
 - Members are curious about new goals and need to define their work.
 - They are considering a name change.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The goal is to navigate partnership committee engagement, report successes, sharing tools resources if committee identifies areas of work that need improvement • Their plan now is to work with committees: to identify root causes of inequality specific to Durham and investigate need for policy or process changes. 	
<p>Community Health Assessment Update <i>Bria Miller</i></p>	<p>We have completed the county-wide sample of the Durham County Community Health Assessment. The goal was to collect 180 surveys and the team collected a total 205. This will allow us to compare about twelve years of CHA data. The next Quarterly meeting will consist of a CHA data presentation and a panel discussion on the evolution of health in Durham County. The Comunidad Latina survey sample will begin January 23, 2023. Contractors will administer surveys and volunteers are welcome. Email Savannah Carrico or Bria Miller if you are interested in volunteering or know of a good site in the community to conduct surveys. Sites such as community events, food distributions locations, and churches are ideal for collecting surveys.</p> <p>The 2023 CHA writing process will begin soon. The plan is to host writers training in March. We are considering cutting down some parts of the CHA. Bria launched a survey to capture which sections of the CHA attendees use most often. This is one determining factor in deciding which sections we will keep. All aspects of health are important, but we need to determine which are of most interest right now.</p>	
<p>Assessment of Preferences for Future Meetings <i>Bria Miller</i></p>	<p>Since 2020, all Partnership meetings have been virtual. Bria launched a survey to gauge the group's preference between having meetings in-person, virtual, or hybrid. The results will determine how Quarterly meetings will convene going forward.</p> <p>LATIN-19 is hosting a COVID-19 and flu vaccine event at Walgreens this Saturday. Signe up here https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084aada928a02-clinica#/.</p>	

	<p>NC Medassist over the counter medication giveaway is 12:00pm-4:00pm on 1/27/2023 in Wellons Village in front of Sunny's Beauty Supply, Durham, NC.</p> <p>Durham Health Summit is March 9 at the Marriot hotel. The topic is Food Security: The Urgency of Now.</p>	
Next meeting	April 12, 2023- noon to 1:00 pm	