



**Partnership for a
Healthy Durham**

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham Quarterly Meeting
April 20, 2022
12-1 pm via Zoom
Minutes**

Facilitated by: Jeff Howell

| Topic | Major discussion points | Action steps and responsible parties |
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| <p>Welcome <i>Jeff Howell, Partnership for a Healthy Durham Co- Chair, United Way of the Triangle</i></p> | <p>Jeff Howell welcomed participants and introduced the agenda.</p> | |
| <p>African American COVID Taskforce Plus (AACT+) Vaccine Equity <i>Leatrice Martin</i></p> | <p>AACT+ seeks to advance health equity and mitigate the impact of structural racism and social barriers heightened by COVID-19. This vision is to have mobilized communities that are enabled to support positive sustainable change and improve health equity. The group’s values align with Duke, as they are a hub within Duke’s Clinical Translational Science Institute. These include trustworthiness, integrity, mutual respect, partnerships, and innovation. This is a space of networking that bidirectionally connects resource to organizations. While doing vaccine outreach, they also address social determinants of health. AACT+ develops strategies to reach community members directly to increase vaccination rates in communities of color.</p> <p>The group focuses on advocacy, research and funding partnership, social justice, lead with community-based organizations that lead. Workgroups are forming around sharing information and networking, communications promotions and marketing, research and funding partnerships, and education and outreach.</p> | |

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| | <p>AACT+ meets every Tuesday at noon. Contact Leatrice Martin at leatrice.martin@duke.edu if you would like to join the AACT+ listserv.</p> | |
| <p>LATIN-19 Vaccine Equity <i>Dr. Viviana Martinez-Bianchi</i> <i>Lea Efird</i> <i>Jen DeCoste-Lopez</i></p> | <p>LATIN-19 began in March of 2020 in response to COVID-19. The groups every Wednesday at noon. LATIN-19's addresses health disparities experienced by the Hispanic or Latin community. Their mission is to improve the health and wellness of diverse Latina communities to bring sustainable solutions.</p> <p>The group's key initiatives include multisector interdisciplinary convenings, mobile literacy, vaccination equity, mental health, youth ambassadors, and more. LATIN-19 hosted community-based vaccination events using rapid tests and follow-up information.</p> <p>LATIN-19 Community Consultation Studies are listening sessions for health researchers interested in community feedback that could inform their work. These sessions take place via Zoom and participants are compensated. There are opportunities to engage in English and Spanish.</p> <p>LATIN-19 is partnering with Durham County Department of Public Health's Bull City Strong health literacy program. 71% of Hispanic or Latin folks in Durham have received at least one dose of a COVID vaccine, of those, 93% received their second dose.</p> <p>LATIN-19 and ISLA are partnering to present the Latinx Youth Ambassadors program to empower Latinx youth to be ambassadors to communicate with families in their communities to share information about the vaccine and help stop the spread of COVID-19. Youth ambassadors create and launch a social media campaign to promote COVID vaccinations. This program lasts 12 weeks and each student receives a \$300 stipend.</p> | |

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| <p>COVID-19 and Vaccinations Updates <i>Rodney Jenkins, Durham County Department of Public Health, Health Director</i></p> | <p>Durham County’s mask mandate was lifted March 7. Durham Public Schools is making masking optional. The current community level in Durham is low. As a result of some spring break activities there is a small increased in cases. Hospitalization rates continue to be low.</p> <p>For seven weeks, the positivity rate has been below five percent. The percent lab positivity for 3/27-4/2 is 4.4%. This is an increase of 68.2% since the prior week. There was a significant spike in January 2022 due to the Omicron variant.</p> <p>Cases are under-represented among all racial and ethnic groups being monitored. Most of the cases in April were among those age 29 and younger. Durham County administered 557,953 doses since January 2021. This was a collaborative effort of many organizations and groups across the county.</p> <p>Durham County began tracking breakthrough cases during the Omicron surge. The BA2 Omicron subvariant is the dominant stain in the United States right now. This strain is not as pervasive as the original. Pfizer boosters are now available for those aged 12 and up.</p> <p>Data is available at Public Health Coronavirus Data (arcgis.com)</p> | |
| <p>9-8-8 National Mental Health Crisis and Suicide Response Number <i>Lisa DeCiantas, NC Department of Health and Human Services, Adult Mental Health Human Services Program Consultant</i></p> | <p>Federal legislation mandated the rollout of the 9-8-8 mental health and suicide crisis number by July 2022. This national initiative includes an easy to remember three digit number. This number is available by phone call and text. The National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act directed the US Federal Communications Commissions in conjunctions with other agencies to study the issues.</p> <p>There is a critical need for connecting during this crisis. The National Suicide Prevention Hotline will rebrand themselves. Instead they will be the suicide and crisis lifeline for help through any mental health or substance crisis, not limited to suicide ideation and threats. The 988 number will be available 24/7. Over 60% of the current calls are non-suicide seeking linkage to behavioral health resources. DHHS is working with REAL Crisis Inc. to build capacity to meet the volume demand. The service will</p> | |

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| | <p>also include follow up service for those with mild or high needs. A major focus is connecting those who need additional care to mental health resources in their community. The crisis continuum in NC includes prevent, intervene early, respond and stabilize.</p> <p>9-8-8 goes live July 16, 2022. There is one call center in NC working with communities throughout the state to ensure that callers are connected to the support they need.</p> <p>Questions: What languages are accessible through the line? When folks call, they can dial 2 and connect to a Spanish language line. There is also access to language line for all calls. Chat and text is available in Spanish.</p> <p>What support will local communities get for the rollout? They are developing a communication plan. They are working to educate the community gradually now.</p> | |
| <p>Overall Partnership Update <i>Bria Miller</i></p> | <p>Nominations for Overall Co-Chair of the Partnership is now open. There is one seat open that is currently occupied by Pam Diggs. In order to be eligible, they must have been active with the Partnership for at least one year. Those who work at United Way of the Triangle are ineligible because current continuing Co-Chair, Jeff Howell, is employed by this organization.</p> | |
| <p>Partnership Committee and Taskforce Updates <i>Co-Chairs and Group Leaders</i></p> | <p>Communications Committee, Katie Lipe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed Community Health Improvement Plans • Focused on improving communication across Partnership committees and taskforces • Administer annual communications survey <p>Access to Care Committee, Kearston Ingraham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group is working to reducing the digital health divide which includes digital literacy, includes access to internet, devices, and education on use of devices and digital health platforms • Reviewed 2020 Community Health Assessment listening session infographics <p>Health and Housing Committee, Brian Goings</p> | <p>The questions will be answered in Q&A form with the meeting minutes.</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building and expanding list of community partners working in the area of health and housing. This group seeks to collaborate and coordinate more often and more effectively going forward. • Working with other committees on areas that intersect <p>Physical Activities, Nutrition, and Food Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning World Hunger Day • Repainting Healthy Mile Trails • Continue strategizing around Healthy Mile Trails <p>NCCARE360 Taskforce, Isa Granados</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Striving for equitable engagement • Inviting new and existing community-based organizations in Durham • The next meeting is May 19 at noon • Contact Isa Granados at egranados@dconc.gov | |
| Next meeting | July 20, 2022- noon to 1:00 pm | |