

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham
Access to Care Committee
Durham County Human Services Building, 414 East Main Street
August 13, 2020
AGENDA**

Facilitators: Kimberly Alexander and Kearston Ingraham

Access to Care: This committee's activities include advocating for changes that will affect health care coverage for residents across all ages and developing community and agency-based strategies to make measurable improvements in access to care for the uninsured and underinsured residents of Durham.

Present: Kimberly Alexander, Charita McCollers, Sally Wilson, Angel Romero, Keyanna Terry, Alix Adrian, Kearston Ingraham, Angeloe Burch, Alexandria Ayala, Shelisa Howard-Martinez, Tiarney Ritchwood, Barbara Johnston, Gina Upchurch, Allysha Maragh-Bass, Kimberly Monroe, Elizabeth Brill, Angelo Moore, Ashley Bass-Mitchell, Marissa Mortiboy, Carla Huff, Debbie Royster, Ismael Santillano <i>Guest: Andrew Herrera</i>			
Project/Topic/Goal	Major Discussion Points	Recommendations	Action Steps
Welcome, Introductions, & Check-in <i>Kimberly, Kearston & All</i>	Are you in transition due to school starting and potentially returning to the office?		
Review & Approve July Minutes <i>Kimberly, Kearston & All</i>	Kimberly Alexander or Kearston Ingraham will send out the minutes to the committee for review. Send any edits to the minutes to Marissa Mortiboy.		
Community Health Workers <i>Sally Wilson, Project Access of Durham County Andrew Herrera, Curamericas</i>	Curamericas recently received a grant from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) to work with Community Health Workers (CHWs) around COVID related needs. Andrew Herrera is the Executive Director of Curamericas, which is based in Raleigh. The NC DHHS grant was released in July and the application process moved quickly. Curamericas went through their existing partners and recommendations. The original start date was August 1 but funds were awarded August 7. The purpose of the grant is to deploy 150 CHWs in 25 counties across the state. Details are still in the process of being finalized.		

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	<p>The key is for CHWs to provide services to their neighbors and communities through training and access to technology. As part of the grant, each Community-Based Organization (CBO) will continue their normal activities and add COVID. The funds need to be spent by December 30, 2020. The State mandates that grant recipients work with their local health departments.</p> <p>The CHWs as part of this grant will implement NCCare360. The outcome measures will be how many people have you served and how many have received services, in addition to others. The State has decided the primary focus will be Latinx and African American communities because they are most impacted.</p> <p>It is up to agencies to work to keep CHWs safe. There is no requirement to meet people face to face. Most of the work will take place virtually. The grant will support CHWs, not provide financial support for clients. CHWs will have to think creatively, problem solve and elevate concerns to their supervisors. There will be a learning curve. The role of the CHW is to link people to services through NCCare360 and close the loop.</p> <p>This is a short-term sprint. This doesn't allow for long-term planning for sustainability. Curamericas has thought about how to build capacity of organizations through training but organizations are stretched. Andrew will continue to advocate for sustainability planning at the state level.</p> <p>Curamericas is not comfortable mandating how each CBO operates. They think of this as a grass roots initiative to providing funding, training and resources to CBOs. Client identification is still in development. CBOs will work with clients. The health departments may be involved in providing referrals. Curamericas is still in talks with multiple CBOs and are working on finalizing contracts.</p>		
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	<p>Andrew would like to continue to attend the Access to Care meetings. Contact Andrew at andrew@curamericas.org or 919.801.0612. He wants to hear from people and will answer questions.</p> <p>Sally has submitted a letter of support for the grant on behalf of Project Access of Durham County. Project Access is currently thinking through whether this grant can support the work of CHWs through the efforts of the Durham Partnership for Seniors and More COVID group.</p>		
Announcements	<p>Angel Romero will be doing two Duke-Durham Neighborhood Health Initiative presentations via Zoom. This is an introduction to the Durham Neighborhood Compass and the Community Health Indicators and how health outcomes vary depending on where you live . Dates are Monday, August 17 at 9:00 am and Wednesday, August 19 at 9 as well. If interested, let Angel know.</p> <p>The Latino Health Roundtable meets monthly. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 18. They focus on healthcare long-term issues. The Durham County Sheriff has agreed to participate in the next meeting.</p> <p>Angel Romero would like to share what the LiveWell Wake Access to Care is doing at a future meeting.</p> <p>The Duke Cancer Institute will share information soon about the annual Men’s Health Initiative. There will be changes due to COVID.</p>		