

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham  
Health and Housing Committee**

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**July 21, 2020**

**MINUTES**

**Facilitator: Donna Biederman**

**Meeting Outcomes**

- Outcome 1: Explore opportunities to include members of marginalized communities/populations
- Outcome 2: Revisit action plan and determine adjustments needed due to COVID-19
- Increase understanding of the homeless coordinated entry process (potential – guest speaker not yet confirmed)

<b>Present:</b> Donna Biederman, Caressa Harding, Charlene Reiss, Tamar Chukrun, Charlene Harris, Raman Nohria, Don Bradley, Marissa Mortiboy, Amie Koch			
<b>Project/Topic/Goal</b>	<b>Major Discussion Points</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>Action Steps</b>
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	What are you doing to stay cool in this hot weather?		
<b>Review of June Minutes</b>	There were no changes to the June minutes. Caressa Harding and Donna Biederman are continuing as committee co-chairs for the 2020-2021 term.		
<b>Coordinated Entry Guest speaker (not yet confirmed)</b>	The person from Coordinated Entry is available to speak at the August meeting.		
<b>Increasing representation of marginalized persons Caressa Harding / group discussion</b>	<p>Because we have been doing everything virtually, there has been more effort to make sure the work we do impacts the people who would benefit. Those who are most impacted are not represented. Caressa Harding has received feedback that there is not enough representation on the committee from people in marginalized groups.</p> <p>The committee needs to hear whether what we're working on is helpful to the community and work with them. This would be challenging because we're meeting virtually.</p> <p>Marissa shared this issue is something being discussed by the Partnership Steering committee. All committee struggling with this.</p>		<p>Donna will reach out to Tammy Jacobs and Ashanti Brown with DHA to see if resident councils are still meeting.</p> <p>Tamar will reach out to CEF about their participation</p>

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	<p>People have told Donna they would rather not attend meetings because the information is not relevant, but would like to provide input or make recommendations.</p> <p>The committee suggested ideas to work with the community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change meeting times to evenings</li> <li>• Partner with Durham Housing Authority (DHA) to recruit community members</li> <li>• Attend the DHA resident council president meeting to introduce ourselves and see how we can support them</li> <li>• Reach out to Community Health Workers (CHWs) working with DHA sites ask if they want us to attend their meetings regularly</li> <li>• Reach out to the Community Empowerment Fund (CEF) because they do advocacy work and involve their clients</li> </ul> <p>What does success look like? What tangible would make attending meetings worth resident's time? Ensure what we're planning for health and housing has the residents' voice and lived experience.</p>		<p>with the committee.</p>
<p><b>Revisit action plan</b> <i>Donna Biederman / group discussion (if guest speaker not available)</i></p>	<p>Marissa has asked the State whether committees need to redo action plans due to the impact of COVID. She is waiting on a response.</p> <p>Issues not on action plans- school children without internet access or computers in DHA or other marginalized communities, housing for Latinx population who can't safely isolate due to housing situations and homeless populations and COVID outbreaks.</p> <p>Donna shared that hotels not renting rooms to people with COVID. Donna has been making calls to identify space. She shared that hotel rooms should be able to be rented without disclosing COVID status.</p> <p>Are there creative ways to house people? With Alliance Health's help, County was able to rent duplexes for housing COVID patients but the units aren't handicap accessible or ready.</p>	<p>Ask someone from Duke Infectious Disease to speak about disease and reasonable approaches to housing.</p> <p>Donna suggested Dr. Nick Turner as a speaker.</p> <p>Donna suggested Hanaleah Hoberman with City of Durham and Kweli Rashied-</p>	<p>Donna, Charlene Reiss, Caressa Don, Tamar when available will make up the workgroup.</p> <p>Donna will send an email out to the committee to have a small workgroup meeting about the action plan.</p>

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	<p>COVID has taken a highlighter to all of the inequities in our society. Charlene Reiss shared that COVID can raise visibility of the work we were planning to do. COVID can help us take action on our action plan which includes helping people understand link between housing and health.</p>	<p>Henry with Durham County as future speakers.</p>	<p>Donna will reach out to Kelly Warring to hold a meeting within the next two weeks.</p>
<p><b>Announcements</b> <i>All</i></p>	<p>Durham County Government is asking any interested nonprofit based in and serving the Durham community to complete a short form online to request reusable cloth face masks. Masks are to be used primarily for nonprofit staff and volunteers. Once mask requests are received and reviewed, County staff will contact nonprofit representatives with further instructions on scheduling a pickup appointment. Contactless, drive-through mask distribution events will take place at the Durham Convention Center on select dates through July. Masks will be available while supplies last. Submit an interest form at <a href="http://www.dconc.gov/nonprofitmasks">http://www.dconc.gov/nonprofitmasks</a>. More information here: <a href="https://www.dconc.gov/Home/Components/News/News/7837/31?backlist=%2f">https://www.dconc.gov/Home/Components/News/News/7837/31?backlist=%2f</a></p> <p>Charlene Reiss is making masks and Tamar can help get masks to clients or the community.</p>		
<p><b>Next Meeting:</b> August 18, 2020, 8:30 am</p>			