

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham  
Access to Care Committee  
Zoom  
October 8, 2020  
MINUTES**

**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.

<b>Present:</b> Keyanna Terry, Kimberly Alexander-Bratcher, Angel Romero, Ashley Bass-Mitchell, Barbara Johnston, Nadia Aguilera-Funez, Jerry Henderson, Mahsa Taskindoust, Elizabeth Brill, Marissa Mortiboy, Kearston Ingraham, Zamir Brown <i>Guests:</i> Allysha Maragh-Bass, Douglas K Griffin, Jamillae Stockett			
Project/Topic/Goal	Major Discussion Points	Recommendations	Action Steps
<b>Welcome, Introductions, &amp; Check-in</b> <i>Kimberly, Kearston &amp; All</i>	What is something that is bringing you joy?		
<b>HIV/STI Work in Durham</b> <i>Jamillae Stockett, Durham County Department of Public Health Allysha Maragh-Bass, FHI360, Dr. Barbara Johnston, Lincoln Community Health Center</i>	<p>Dr. Barbara Johnston has been part of the Access to Care committee HIV/STI efforts for several years. With a grant between 2016 and 2018, the former Partnership HIV/STI committee was able to hold events in partnership with LGBTQ+ Center, El Centro Hispano, NCCU, Durham Public Schools, etc. and develop a series of educational videos. There hasn’t been anyone dedicated to this work for the last couple years and work has stopped. There needs to be a structure to move this work forward.</p> <p>Douglas Griffin created a full-length feature film on HIV, Thicker Than Blood. It has been screened at national film festivals. The film comes with a discussion guide. He realized about four years ago that no one was talking about HIV anymore. The goal is to bring folks into the cinema, entertain them and show a story about a Black family and issues they are dealing with. The after-movie panel usually includes someone who is an expert in HIV, someone who is HIV+ and a representative from the LGBTQ+ community. Douglas offered showing</p>	<p>Dr. Barbara Johnston recommended pulling groups together to discuss HIV efforts.</p> <p>Include Brian Goings-Reid in these conversations.</p> <p>Kearston Ingraham and Barbara suggested contacts to assist with the technical aspects of showing the film.</p>	<p>Send Marissa Mortiboy, Kimberly Alexander and Kearston an email if you would like to be part of the HIV workgroup.</p> <p>Plan activities for World AIDS Day.</p> <p>Jamillae will take the lead to organize the HIV work.</p>

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<p>the film and having a panel has part of World AIDS Day activities. He hosted a similar event in 2019 with food and drinks. The discussion takes about an hour after the film. Douglas included a pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) expert in the panel for last year's event.</p> <p>The film was shown virtually for the Atlanta Pride event. There were some glitches during the showing. Good technicians would need to be on hand to help things run smoothly. Multiple committee members praised the film. The trailer for Thicker Than Blood is on Facebook- <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5SebjzCq-OE&amp;fbclid=IwAR2_0Jz56jWdbv2kORet4P-yUhYoYMIRYpGBZxAluChDqqmg4BJx-Pk1B-M">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5SebjzCq-OE&amp;fbclid=IwAR2_0Jz56jWdbv2kORet4P-yUhYoYMIRYpGBZxAluChDqqmg4BJx-Pk1B-M</a>.</p> <p>The Lincoln Community Health Center has seen a drop in PrEP patients. This is part of a larger trend. The goals are to reduce stigma and get more HIV positive patients into care. Reasons for reduced use of PrEP includes the closing of clinics in spring 2020 due to COVID and resources shifting due to COVID-19 response.</p> <p>Jamillae Stockett will be part of a meeting with Mayor Schewel on October 25 to reintroduce Fast Track Cities to him. He signed the original proclamation to have Durham as a Fast Track City. The meeting is to reenergize the effort. The purpose of <a href="#">Fast Track Cities</a> is to get cities involved and issue a directive to ramp up HIV response. There are three target goals, 90/90/90 by 2030. Ninety percent of people living with HIV know their status, 90% of people with HIV in treatment and 90% of those achieving viral suppression. Four strategies include PrEP coverage, testing, identifying people who do test positive and getting them into therapy, talking with people about barriers and getting them back into treatment. Jamillae is collecting data to get an overall picture of HIV statistics of who is on PrEP, deaths, etc. Jamillae will have a meeting to develop a plan to keep Durham on track for 90/90/90. The lowest areas are PrEP and viral suppression. Ramp up education, testing and discuss home-based testing kits.</p>	<p>Kearston shared about NC Department of Health and Human Services data sources for HIV data and doing a data request for Durham County and NC. The data is for patients in care.</p> <p>Think about holistic needs. People with long-term HIV may also be dealing with chronic illnesses.</p> <p>Invite ReCity and Triangle Empowerment Center to participate in the film showing and panel discussion.</p> <p>Include someone from UNC in the committee efforts.</p> <p>Include COVID screening as part of future HIV screenings.</p>	<p>Allysha Maragh-Bass can link the committee to an organization to help with social media.</p>
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	<p>Dr. Maragh-Bass shared that the Thicker Than Blood screening and panel discussion is a good idea. FHI360 has a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Community Approaches to Reducing Sexually Transmitted Diseases (CARS) grant focused on HIV in Durham. The grant is for people of color who identify as LGBTQ+ ages 15-24. This is not research but focused on activities. The community advisory board includes community organizations.</p> <p>FHI360 can help link Durham to other Fast Track Cities and home testing interventions. Dr. Maragh-Bass will share her email with Jamillae to share data.</p> <p>Durham Knows met with Steve Schewel when he was a council member. He suggested getting prominent people in Durham to test in Durham. Barbara suggested getting prominent people to home test as part of National HIV Testing Day in June.</p>	<p>Douglas Griffin suggested being creative to use COVID funding sources to address underlying health conditions including HIV.</p>	
<p><b>Announcements</b></p>	<p>There are COVID-19 Social Support funds available for people who meet the criteria. The client must live in Region 3—Durham, Granville or Vance County. Covered services include food assistance (i.e. healthy food box, healthy meal, and medically tailored meal), private transportation to/from testing sites, non-congregate shelter, medical visits and sites to acquire food (if delivery is not feasible), COVID-19 relief payment to assist individual and/or family with basic living expenses while in isolation or quarantine, medication delivery (prescription only) or COVID-19 supplies (i.e. masks, hand sanitizer).</p> <p>Angel shared the flu vaccine flyer developed after the September meeting. It lists the clinics and pharmacies to get the vaccine. Share the information widely to share as widely as possible. Share the flu flyer with others doing activities around other health activities such as Breast Cancer Awareness.</p> <p>Send announcements to Kearston and Kimberly to share with the committee.</p>		<p>Marissa Mortiboy will post the flu vaccine flyer to the website to share the link. She will also share in the October Partnership newsletter.</p>

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