

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham
Steering Committee
June 21, 2021
Minutes**

Facilitated by: Angel Ruiz

| Participants: Angel Romero, Donna Biederman, Sofia Edelman, Heather Mountz, Pam Diggs, Jeff Howell, Caressa Harding, Kimberly Alexander, Ashley Bass-Mitchell, Kearston Ingraham, Bria Miller, Marissa Mortiboy, Mel Downey-Piper, Tara Ilsley | | |
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| Topic | Major Discussion | Recommendations and Action Steps |
| Welcome/Icebreaker | If you could kill any fashion trend forever, what would it be? | Kearston Ingraham requested invitations to other committee meetings to stay up to date on other initiatives. Angel suggested reaching out to the co-chairs or to the coordinator, Bria Miller, to be added to those lists. |
| Review May Minutes | No changes. | |
| Grants <i>Marissa Mortiboy</i> | <p>The Duke endowment is a 1-year grant we are pursuing to shift the culture of the Partnership. This endowment could lead to a 3-year grant for implementation. We will utilize the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) as the framework for centering the community. This grant would start in January, adding funds for the implementation of the CHIP.</p> <p>This application includes frameworks of equity and anti-racism. It also covers outcomes of the evidence-based work we have done around obesity and chronic illness as well as specific projects, such as coolers purchased for Durham County Public Schools.</p> <p>Funding for the following are included, but not limited to, compensation for community partner participation, multi-lingual literature and engagement, racial equity training for Steering Committee and committee members, and a full-time</p> | <p>Kearston Ingraham will participate in the evaluation aspects of the grant. She would like the grant to include outreach for chronic diseases, more closely aligned with her work.</p> <p>Bria Miller, Heather Mountz, Mel Downey-Piper, Tara Ilsley, and Kearston Ingraham will assist with reviewing the grants.</p> |

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| | <p>contracted position to aid with building partnerships. The City Office on Youth is also involved. The grant is due July 7, 2021.</p> <p>The Center for Disease Control and Prevention grant is due July 6, 2021 and is very similar. Much of the information and data used is from the 2020 Community Health Assessment. This 1-year planning grant is an opportunity for a systems change approach.</p> | <p>The goals it to have a draft by Thursday, July 1.</p> |
| <p>Items for July Quarterly Meeting <i>All</i></p> | <p>Pam Diggs will facilitate the quarterly meeting in July. The agenda will include readiness while returning to campus, safety when re-engaging in regular activities, committee presentations, celebrating the 2020 Community Health Assessment, acknowledging accomplishments over the past year, introduce the new Partnership Coordinator, Bria Miller, and acknowledge transitions. The July meeting will be 12:00-1:30, 30 minutes longer than normally scheduled.</p> <p>Heather Mountz suggested we discuss vaccine hesitancy and removing barriers from accessing the vaccine. Angel Romero responded by saying we can invite groups already working to reduce vaccine hesitancy (LATIN-19 and African American 19 Plus).</p> <p>Angel Romero added that 32 school nurses are in the budget for Durham Public Schools (DPS) and asked if we should advocate for more school nurses. Mel Downey-Piper added that there are more children with difficult to manage health now.</p> | <p>Connect with a speaker from North Carolina Central University.</p> <p>Pam asks that those who have contact with the leaders of African American 19 and LATIN-19 invite them to the Quarterly Meeting.</p> <p>Kearston Ingraham will reach out to speakers who can address the importance of school nurses for health outcomes of students.</p> |
| <p>Racial Equity Tool <i>Jeff Howell and Mel Downey-Piper</i></p> | <p>The Racial Equity Task Force is waiting to receive information and revisions from some committees. Obesity Diabetes and Food Access has submitted their information. Access to Care has not yet completed their portion but plans to revisit it at the next meeting. Health and Housing is not sure if their revisions have been submitted.</p> | <p>Mel Downey-Piper will compile the information they have from the racial equity assessment so far and send it out to the group.</p> |

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| | <p>Jeff Howell asked what resources or support is needed in terms of communicating the racial equity principles and implementation. He also highlighted the importance of sustainability and accountability. We need to consider how everyday equity implementation looks. The racial task force could have a consulting role in the Partnership, ensuring that equity is embedded in the committees. Decide if we are going to use a specific racial equity impact assessment tool. Right now, we are using the positive approach but need to think about where we want to go in the future and what tools we want to utilize for different aspects of the Partnership.</p> <p>Several members expressed their desire to have more information about the happenings in other committees.</p> | <p>Committees that have not submitted their information will revisit the assessment in their next meeting.</p> <p>The Racial Equity Task Force will discuss sustainability and next steps at their next meeting.</p> |
| <p>Co-chair check-in <i>All</i></p> | <p>The Mental Health Committee created a Mental Health and Wellbeing Resources brochure. There are 500 copies in both English and Spanish.</p> <p>Angel will be a Co-Chair of the Communications Committee. He is working to recruit another Co-Chair.</p> | <p>Kearston Ingraham suggested having the mental health brochure available in Mandarin. She will connect Sofia to someone who can translate it.</p> |
| <p>Election Results <i>Bria Miller</i></p> | <p>Committee Co-Chair results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to Care: Kearston Ingraham and Kimberly Alexander • Health and Housing: Brian Goings and Don Bradley • Obesity Diabetes & Food Access: Mel Downey- Piper and Raina Bunnag • Mental Health: Sofia Edelman and Ashley Bass-Mitchell • Communications: Angel Romero and TBD • Overall Co-Chair: Pam Diggs and TBA | <p>Bria Miller will follow-up with overall Partnership Co-Chair nominations Wednesday.</p> |
| <p>Co-chair Acknowledgements <i>Pam Diggs and Bria Miller</i></p> | <p>Pam Diggs and Bria Miller acknowledged the outgoing co-chairs, Donna Biederman, Caressa Harding, Jeff Howell, Tara Ilsley, Heather Mountz, and Angel Romero. The co-chairs reflected on the work they were most proud of in the last year.</p> | |
| <p>Announcements</p> | <p>Mel Downey-Piper sent out information on coalition building.</p> | |

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| <i>All</i> | | |
| Next Meeting: August 16, 2021, 3:30 pm | | |