



**Partnership for a
Healthy Durham**

Partnership for a Healthy Durham Quarterly Meeting

October 19, 2022

12-1 pm via Zoom

Minutes

Facilitated by: Jeff Howell

Topic	Major discussion points	Action steps and responsible parties
<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>COVID-19 and Monkey Pox in Durham County Update <i>Kristen Patterson, Deputy Health</i></p>	<p>There have been 95,023 cases of COVID-19 in Durham County since March 2020. The 7DMA of 10/17 is 28 this is a decrease of 26.3% since 10/10. Durham County is considered in low transmission by the CDC's metrics, with 107.94 covid cases per 100,000 residents and 4.5% staffed inpatient beds being occupied by patients with COVID-19. There is a decrease in new admissions to hospitals for COVID-19 in the past 7 days.</p>	

<p><i>Director, Durham County Department of Public Health</i></p>	<p>Durham County has administered 616,972 COVID-19 vaccines since January 2021. About sixty-nine percent of Durham County residents are fully vaccinated. The Black or African American population is the least vaccinated at 58.63% while 75.52% of white residents have been vaccinated.</p> <p>Forty-three Monkeypox cases have been confirmed in Durham County as on October 17, 2022. One hundred percent of the cases are among males with seventy two percent of those identifying as Black or African American.</p>	
<p>Partnership Committee Updates</p> <p><i>Health and Housing</i></p> <p><i>Access to Care</i></p> <p><i>Communications</i></p> <p><i>Physical Activity, Nutrition, and Food Access</i></p> <p><i>Mental Health</i></p>	<p>Health and Housing, Charlene Reiss and Brian Goings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee invited representatives from community agencies to present information about their work around health and housing. Recent presenters include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Healthy Homes at the UNC Institute for the Environment ○ Healthcare for the Homeless Clinic at Lincoln Community Health Center ○ DataWorks NC • The Committee is gathering data to determine how best to support and add value to the work already being done in the community. <p>Access to Care, Kearston Ingraham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee continues working to identify clear pathways to connect individuals with care across community organizations. • Member are updating the Durham County Health Options brochure. • The committee is also working with Faith-Based organizations to improve Digital Health Literacy. <p>Communications, Angel Romero and Katie Lipe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee is implementing recommendations from the Communications and Directory survey, including new newsletter features of members, website updates, and more. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are also reviewing processes for committee updates. • The committee plans to host future communications training opportunities. <p>Physical Activity, Nutrition, and Food Access (PANFA), Kat Combs, Raina Bunnag, Nasim Youssefi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PANFA hosted a White Narratives in Food Systems training with Jen Zuckerman October 11, 2022. This training is preparing the committee to work with racial equity and food justice consultants from Communities in Partnership. • PANFA is having conversations about how to find sustainable funding for the Double Bucks program. • Co-Chairs began meeting about Community Cafes, a model centered in co-creating interventions with community members. <p>Mental Health, Armenous Dobson and Ashley Bass-Mitchell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mental Health committee meets tomorrow, October 20 2pm-3pm. • Lisa Diciantis will join the meeting tomorrow and give an update on the 988 mental health line. 	
<p>Call for Community Health Assessment Volunteers</p> <p><i>Bria Miller</i></p> <p><i>Don Bradley</i></p>	<p>The Durham County Community Health Assessment is still going. We need volunteers to go door-to-door to administer the survey. Volunteer shifts are available Wednesdays through Saturdays, 10am-6pm. Half shifts are also available 1:30pm-6pm Wednesdays through Fridays. Our goal is have a total of 640 surveys complete, 420 community wide and 210 Comunidad Latina. To reach this goal, we need your help. We have completed about 30% of the community wide surveys. This is a great opportunity to connect with colleagues and community members. This method allows us to reach people we normally would not, and gives us the most representative sample of Durham. While out surveying Bria and her partner as the survey question, what people, places, or things make your community a good place to live. The person responded that you all out here administering this survey and being</p>	

	<p>empathetic make this community a good place to live. He continued by saying that as an x-convict, people don't normally ask for his opinion, so he appreciated the opportunity.</p> <p>Don Bradley also had good experiences out in the community. He enjoyed spending time with colleagues and hearing about other people's experiences.</p> <p>Please sign up to volunteer. There is a virtual training available in English and Spanish and only takes about 30 minutes to complete.</p>	
<p>Address from Durham's Mayor <i>Mayor Elaine O'Neal</i></p>	<p>Mayor O'Neal began her address by acknowledging the door-to-door Community Health Assessment survey. The City of Durham needs to know who needs housing and how much housing. This requires help from neighbors.</p> <p>There is a push to get stable housing for those who have been convicted of felonies. The lack of housing for those who have been convicted of felonies impacts crime rates. We have to provide avenues for people to have safe and healthy housing. One innovative method for responding to crime is sending Violence Interrupters to communities. Groups in Durham hire violence interrupters to do outreach in communities most impacted by gun violence in Durham.</p> <p>Transportation continues to be a major issue. They are now making crucial decisions about a regional rail that would run from Johnston County to Orange County and cost about 3.2 billion dollars and would take 11-12 years to build.</p> <p>Question: What do you want us to know about the use of Spot Shotter and how it would be used.</p> <p>Answer: Spot Shotter, much like our telephones and computers, is an evolving technology that gives us a means to communicate. The plan is to try Spot Shotter in a particular part of Durham. The request was made by the Chancellor of North Carolina Central University (NCCU). Mayor O'Neal voted yes after the chancellor made the request following murders on NCCU's campus.</p>	

	<p>Question/concern: There are concerns about over policing in certain communities. Can you address this concern?</p> <p>Answer: Mayor O’Neal has had a close view of the police departments in Durham when she served as a judge. Durham has not had the issues that a lot of other police departments have had. Some communities say they do not have enough police and others say they have enough. Durham Police Department still is not fully staffed. They have lots of vacancies which would make over policing difficult.</p> <p>Question: What mental health initiatives is the City implementing or planning?</p> <p>Answer: The Holistic Empathetic Assistance Response (HEART) Team is an excellent new community department. This team along with others help to respond to homeless populations. They are still new but so far it is going well.</p> <p>Question: How can the Partnership help with your initiatives?</p> <p>Answer: She needs people going to communities finding out what people are actually experiencing. She did not know that Durham did not have transitional housing for families. The Partnership could help by pulling a lot of the community conversations together. Another project that would be helpful is finding out where the vacant properties are in Durham.</p>	
Next meeting	January 18, 2023- noon to 1:00 pm	