

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham
Health and Housing (H&H) Committee Meeting Zoom
Tuesday, January 16, 2024**

Present: Charlene Reiss, Charlene Harris, Bria Miller, Krista Kicsak, Natalie Barnes, Catrina Lloyd, Sally Wilson, John-Paul Zitta, Angel Romero, Tobin Freid, Melba Henry, Caressa Harding, Cliff Gajda, Brian Goings, James E. Davis Jr.		
Topic	Major Discussion	Recommendations and Action Steps
Welcome/ Introductions <i>Charlene Reiss 8:30-8:40</i>	Lightning round: What one or two words describe your intention for 2024? Share one or two words and feel free to tell us more in the chat.	
Cliff Gajda, Alliance Health <i>8:40 – 9:05</i>	<p>Cliff Gajda, the Supportive Housing Manager at Alliance Health, discusses working with landlords in Durham to minimize separations for individuals with housing vouchers and a history of mental illness.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Helpful Terminology: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. TCL- Transition to Community Living b. TCLV- Transition to Community Living Voucher c. SPMI- Severe and Persistent Mental Illness d. CRH- Central Regional Hospital (State Psych Facility in Butner) e. IDD- Individual with Developmental Disabilities f. ROI- Release of Information g. DHA- Durham Housing Authority h. COC- Continuum of Care i. SSA- Social Security Benefits j. DHHS- Department of Health and Human Services k. DOJ- Department of Justice <p>Cliff's works focuses on TCL- a DOJ settlement. DHHS has a priority with TCL and targeted units. Twenty percent of units are set aside for DHHS. After 30 days, unoccupied units go on the apartment list (two years). A workaround for a SPMI client with a voucher can be referred to Alliance care workers to get on a targeted unit in the first 30 days.</p>	*Cliff can provide a list of landlords/property managers that he has worked with.

Partnership for a Healthy Durham
Health and Housing (H&H) Committee Meeting Zoom
Tuesday, January 16, 2024

The waitlist is generally two years- some properties like Avon Crossing, may move faster. But connecting providers and property managers makes it easier to place people in housing, whether it's targeted housing or not, because they have a contact in case of issues.

People with SPMI with any disability including IDD are accepted by Alliance and they also work with Indian Affair Vouchers. For targeted there must be a provider in place. A voucher will be needed for targeted housing.

Pick 5 property managers and build a relationship. Follow-up, even if there aren't issues. Maintaining housing may be more difficult than obtaining it. Subsidies paid by Alliance delay evictions, in some cases as long as two years, but that is not the ideal scenario. With mainstream vouchers, failure to recertify or even open mail, sometimes stops the vouchers and creates barriers.

2. Key Points:

- a. Targeted units that accept vouchers, usually have a two-year wait-list; 60-70% of TCL are without targeted units.
- b. Some properties (Avon) move faster, some are income based.
- c. Building a relationship between providers and property managers helps the process.
- d. Property Managers want to avoid eviction and court.
- e. There are legal guidelines for reasonable accommodations, a reasonable accommodation should always be submitted in case of denials.
- f. Homeless individuals with a Care Manager can be referred to start the process of obtaining a voucher and will need a voucher for Targeted Housing.
- g. A ROI is required at lease signing, as well as a reasonable accommodations letter.
- h. Individuals without a diagnosis or care manager will have a more difficult time and a longer wait (DHA two-five-year wait and may prefer SSA).

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham
Health and Housing (H&H) Committee Meeting Zoom
Tuesday, January 16, 2024**

<p>Health & Housing Round-table Discussions Planning <i>Charlene Harris 9:05-9:25</i></p>	<p>In the December meeting, there was a proposal for an event to discuss the systemic issues with housing for individuals with disabilities and the issues that renters face with receiving accommodations.</p> <p>Proposal: Round table discussions on Housing and Health At the Human Services Building Wednesday, March 20th 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Estimated 30 people from service organizations, rental agencies* *Starting with professionals only before inviting community members with housing concerns</p> <p>Follow-up gatherings: April 17 and May 22</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: Identify small group of committee members to work outside of monthly H&H meetings to finalize details of roundtable gatherings</p> <p>Enter data into the list of Durham Organizations Engaged in Health and/or Housing Work</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. James, Caressa and Melba would like to join the planning committee- The committee would like about five members who work on the ground in Durham. 2. Sally suggests the Unlocking Doors Initiative (Housing for New Hope), which serves the homeless. They may be having a similar activity around the same time. 3. Agenda/Topics- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Background on the committee and the relationship between health and housing b. Brainstorming and activity about what healthy housing looks like- for example, having a mixed group at each round table and giving each table two questions to discuss and report back 	<p>*Recruit at least two committee members and identify meeting times- Charlene R. will reach out in the next two weeks.</p> <p>*Create a pocket terminology guide to ensure mutual understanding- Melba</p> <p>*Reach out to Unlocking Doors- Charlene R. will contact Courtney at Housing for New Hope.</p>
--	---	--

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham
Health and Housing (H&H) Committee Meeting Zoom
Tuesday, January 16, 2024**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Ongoing conversations regarding renters and issues with landlords and accommodations d. Identifying and addressing issues as a community e. Not duplicating efforts of others f. Getting input and moving to targeted solutions. <p>4. Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Include industry experts- so that there is background and data b. Have a mutual understanding. For example, defining targeted housing, types of vouchers, kinds of wait-lists. c. Use the correct language- for example accommodations vs modifications d. Create a pocket guide- Melba volunteered to work on a guide 	
Next steps <i>All 9:25-9:30</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Charlene R. will identify meeting times in the next two weeks for the planning committee to meet. 2. Outreach to Unlocking Doors- Courtney@housingfornewhope.org 	
Updates	<p>Please add your updates to the chat!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. James- Afghan Community Support Event: https://centersforafghansupport.org/raleigh-durham/ 2. Tobin- Community Change Grant opportunity for housing and stability of communities: https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/inflation-reduction-act-community-change-grants-program. If anyone wants to chat about the grant opportunity contact: tfreid@dconc.gov 3. Partnership Access to Care Meeting ☐ Time: Jan 11, 2024 08:30 AM 	
Next Meeting:	February 20, 2024 at 8:30 AM	

