

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham  
Access to Care Committee**

**November 14, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. @ Zoom/Virtual**

**AGENDA**

**Facilitators: Edeia Lynch and Angel Romero Ruiz**

**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> Edeia Lynch, Bria Miller, Angel Romero, Brad Caison-Candido, Scott Brummel, Zal, Sierra Elrahal, Shelisa Howard-Martinez, Tinesha Smith, Krista Kicsak, Elizabeth Brill			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Project/Topic/Goal</b>	<b>Major Discussion Points</b>	<b>Recommendations &amp; Action Steps</b>
<b>9:00-9:05</b>	Welcome and introductions.  Icebreaker: Would you rather go for a nature walk or watch a football game?		
<b>9:05 - 9:10</b>	Review minutes  The meeting minutes are approved.		
<b>9:10-9:15</b>	Lincoln Community Health Center Tinesha Smith is the Director of Operations. They have nine locations in Durham. The substance abuse facility is currently on hold. The Live Well location closed in July. Those providers moved to the Lakewood location. They are an Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), meaning they see the insured and uninsured.  NC Navigator Consortium They have been seeing things go slowly. It started November 1 and goes through mid-January. They haven’t had their usual volume. They aren’t sure if this is a good thing or a bad thing. The marketplace has increased its prices. A client was paying \$16 for a plan per month last year and this year it went up to \$180. The patient asked if there would be any deals coming up. There’s a realization that people are “shopping” for health plans similar to the way they would shop at grocery stores.		

	<p>Brad Caison-Candido Brad is Durham County Department of Public Health's new HIV Navigator. He is strategy oriented. His initiative is Fast Track Cities. This is a global initiative to reduce the number of HIV cases to zero. Brad will host information sessions on Fast Track Cities throughout November and December. There will be opportunities to continue education, opportunities for organizations doing HIV work to come together. He is looking to build a council of at least 30 people- allied health, research, and community members.</p> <p>Health Care Options for the Uninsured brochure distribution update: Angel's office printed some copies in English and Spanish. They have been distributed to some health centers and food distribution sites.</p>		
<p><b>9:15-9:45</b></p>	<p>Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIPs) – group discussion. <a href="https://jamboard.google.com/d/1aJL3WINfbadVxjGmHc7qGWi8ID0NeStg6yg2Wd7c-Eo/viewer?f=0">https://jamboard.google.com/d/1aJL3WINfbadVxjGmHc7qGWi8ID0NeStg6yg2Wd7c-Eo/viewer?f=0</a></p> <p>Edeia shared the document to review the proposed timeline for the next year.</p> <p>"Older adults" are anyone 50 years and older. So GenX and Millennials are in the mix. Sexual-Reproductive healthcare is primary healthcare.</p> <p>Physical Activity, Nutrition, Food Access (PANFA) collaboration with Walk with a Doc. <a href="#">Walk with a Doc – Walk with a Doc</a></p> <p>PANFA has a Storywalk project in the works. The frames have space that the book pages won't fully take up. This could be space to put resources/information in. Krista will be working on those and can add healthcare resources. The first StoryWalk will be at Solite Park.</p> <p>From here, the co-chairs will work to organize the timeline in a Word document or PowerPoint.</p>		
<p><b>9:45 -9:55</b></p>	<p>Announcements</p> <p>Healthy Opportunities- a program available for the Medicaid population with health-related social needs. It is available in eastern and western NC but not in Durham. The program ended but an extension was approved for another three months. The idea is for this to be implemented throughout the entire state of NC. A group of</p>		

	<p>Community-Based Organizations have been meeting monthly. It started as the seven counties but now it has expanded.</p> <p>Free at-home COVID tests are available again via USPS - <a href="https://faq.usps.com/s/article/At-Home-COVID-19-Test-Kits">https://faq.usps.com/s/article/At-Home-COVID-19-Test-Kits</a></p> <p>Covidtests.org have a list of the COVID test expiration dates that have been extended.</p>		
<b>9:50-10:00</b>	Adjourn		
<b>Next meeting: Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 9:00 am via Zoom.</b>			