

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

April 16th, 2026 - 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Virtual

AGENDA

Facilitators: Edeia Lynch

Access to Care: This committee’s activities include advocating 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.

Present: Bria Miller, Edeia Lynch, Angel Romero, Sierra Elrahal, Jaemin Kim, Charita McCollers, Shelisa Howard-Martinez			
Time	Project/Topic/Goal	Major Discussion Points	Recommendations & Action Steps
Intro	Due to the meeting date change, there’s a smaller number of people at the meeting. The group decided to briefly discuss a couple of topics.		
Affordable Care Act – Sierra E.	<p>Many individuals are unhappy with their current Marketplace health coverage. Some have dropped their plans, while others are trying to re-enroll, and several were auto-renewed without realizing it. People have also been receiving misleading Marketplace letters stating they are not eligible for Medicaid, even when they actually are. As a result, some discover they have both Medicaid and a Marketplace plan at the same time. The NC Navigator Consortium has been helping community members file appeals, but only one appeal has been successful this year, and many people do not know that appealing is even an option. Some individuals are withdrawing from Medicaid unnecessarily, making it difficult to get back on the program. There may be value in sharing public messaging encouraging anyone who finds themselves with both Medicaid and a Marketplace plan to contact an NC Navigator Consortium navigator for assistance.</p> <p>Charita has encountered several cases where people with Medicaid were fraudulently enrolled in Marketplace plans. One sign</p>		Have Sierra to come back in May for the regularly scheduled meeting.

	<p>of fraud was that the phone number on the letters never reached a real person when called. These incidents were able to be reported as fraud. Any confirmed false or fraudulent enrollment should be reported to the North Carolina Attorney General's office, and it may be worthwhile to explore legal options for individuals who receive incorrect or misleading Marketplace information.</p>		
<p>CHW Roundtable updates</p>	<p>The CHW Roundtable is a quarterly meeting where community health workers can network and learn about topics they're interested in. Each year, the group hosts a CHW networking event, and this year's panel discussion will focus on access to care. Sierra will serve as one of the panelists. The event will take place on April 30 and May 1 at Durham Tech, and although registration has closed, it will be a bilingual event with continued opportunities for volunteers. The gathering will include food, line dancing, and information about advocacy. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Edeia at elynych@dconc.gov.</p> <p>Next time, the group will discuss Walk with an Expert.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CHW Networking Event - CHW Roundtable meetings 	
<p>Announcements & adjourn</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An RFP from the city to create a daytime program for unsheltered residents was awarded to Urban Ministries. The program is scheduled to open on April 27. An open house will be held on April 22 from 11–2 in the café. The site will offer case management, supportive services, showers, and laundry facilities. ○ A social worker at Alliance Medical Ministry supports the Walk With a Doc program, which meets monthly on Saturdays. ○ The next Quarterly Partnership meeting will be Wednesday, May 6 at noon at the Stanford L. Warren Library. ○ The next Access to Care committee meeting for this group is scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2026, from 9:00–10:00 AM. 		