

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

June 12, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. @ Zoom/Virtual

Minutes

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.

Present: Angel Romero, Edeia Lynch, Karin Szymanski, Howard, Hayley Morris, Tra Tran, Brad Caison,			
Time	Project/Topic/Goal	Major Discussion Points	Recommendations & Action Steps
9:00-9:05	Welcome and introductions. Favorite summertime snack/food.	Sharing in chat.	
9:05-9:10	Review minutes	Reviewed and no updates. Group approved.	Approved
9:10-9:15	Partnership and Access to Care link	Co-chair overall voting as well as Access to Care election is now. Place in the chat is the overall co-chair voting link. Please vote for both as soon as they are available. Angel is in his last month. He thanked the group for his time and will be staying as member. Create a workgroup focused on NCCARE360 so we can have that time.	Will send out link for Access to Care voting as soon as it is available
9:15-9:25	Priorities for year one	Shown year one priorities to the group and is needed will email out to group. Durham County does have a mobile unit so this was updated in the document. 1. Root Causes of provider and capacity shortages- Not enough providers/appointments were discussed as to why this was added as priority, or needing to wait weeks for an appointment. Discussion – Project Access meeting last week and this was not brought up. Can this group more formally engage with this group to streamline communication and work. Idea – can we use	Email document out to the group. Angel will connect with Sally this month but new chairs will need to follow up after election change.

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		<p>volunteers that are qualified physicians? Issues to address but we should get right people in the conversation.</p> <p>Sally Wilson does attend some of our meetings from Project Access. Important point because they provide access to specialty care in Durham County.</p> <p>Project Access – can someone serve on Board from Access to Care so strengthen connections/overlap.</p> <p>Provider focus groups. Community Health Assessment work also is meeting with Providers to get feedback. Trying to include a wide range of representation and feedback.</p> <p>2. Use network of care database to increase healthcare and health insurance access –</p> <p>Navigators funding is cut by 90% so unsure of their work in future. Legal Aid usually runs meeting regarding access but with funding situation that might be changing. Sierra attends but not in attendance today. Group can follow up with her for update.</p> <p>Ask if anyone in group has a mailing list that we can use to send information. Question – does anyone reach out regarding all of the insurance changes as that would be an important group to reach out to.</p> <p>INC (Inter-Neighborhood Council) and Partners Against Crime but this latter might be changing names.</p> <p>El Centro (Rubi Morales), Latin 19 (general email) has a newsletter that comes out monthly and a good connection. Tra Tran also has The Hive that is in different languages.</p>	<p>Howard is open to asking Sally about this opportunity.</p> <p>Edeia has a listserv and can share from Bull City Durham.</p> <p>Tra is open to assisting with information distribution.</p>
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		<p>She is open to facilitating information exchange. Audio translation is usually needed.</p> <p>Lincoln does not have a newsletter.</p> <p>Brad also might be able to disseminate information (Medicaid, Prep etc).</p> <p>Access to Care pamphlets are available and if members would like to distribute please reach out to the partnership so we can get some copies. In English and Spanish.</p> <p>3. Biased in Access to Care – leave this for next meeting so we have ample time to discuss.</p>	<p>Access to Care pamphlets are available for members to distribute.</p>
9:25-9:30	NCCARE360 updates	<p>Hayley update – Unite Us update. We are technology tool that powers NCCARE360. Foundation for Health Leadership and Innovation is the overseers of the platform. New technology update in system has occurred recently. Unite Us has a team focused on resource mapping, targeted work and three priority regions and one is the Triangle. Also has good data to share on trends and what people need and if they are getting connected. Reviewed some of the dashboard data to the group.</p>	<p>Hayley will send snapshots of the screens and can share ¼ or monthly overviews of the data. Angel will be in touch as a workgroup specific to NCCARE360 needs to be created broken out from Access to Care</p>
9:30-9:40	CHW networker event update	<p>Thank you to the presenters and the group for helping with planning. 43 CHW attended.</p>	
9:40-9:45	In-person meeting discussion for August		
9:45 -9:55	Announcements	<p>Phone blitz to call Senators is happening right now. Regarding Medicaid and FNS. 5 Days for this blitz.</p>	<p>Howard to reach out to his contact to see if they need anymore constituents to participate</p>

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9:55-10:00	Adjourn		
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Next meeting: Thursday, July 10th, 2025, at 9:00 am via Zoom.