

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham  
Health and Housing (H&H) Committee Meeting Zoom  
Tuesday, March 25, 2025**

Present: Bria Miller, James Davis (City of Durham), Clarence Taylor (private landlord), Charlene Reiss (Partners for Impact), Manuel Hyman (Alliance Health), Caressa Harding (NCDHHS), Cynthia Williams (CAHT), Sally Wilson (Project Access), Elshona Hudson, Uzuri Holder, Krista Kicsak		
Topic	Major Discussion	Recommendations and Action Steps
<b>Welcome/ Introductions</b> <i>Charlene 8:30-8:40</i>	Lightning round: Your name, your affiliation, and now that it's spring, what is 1-2 words to describe something good to do with the extra sunlight in the evenings? 1-2 word only, please!	
<b>Co-Chair for 2025-26</b> <i>Charlene 8:40-8:45</i>	Please nominate yourself or another Committee member to take Charlene's place as co-chair. New term starts July 1.	
<b>County funding opportunities</b> <i>James 8:45-9:10</i>	<p>Updates on three efforts funded by Durham County Public Health:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Falls prevention training for food delivery volunteers/staff The co-chairs had a good conversation with Helen Tripp from Durham County EMS. They only do falls assessments for people who they have served because they have fallen. She had good resources to share with us. She could use six community paramedics to do falls prevention but only has funding for two. This could be a good opportunity for advocacy. Meals on Wheels would like to have this training for their volunteers. This is more of an information session so they know who needs a fall assessment and are equipped with brochures that can get the person the assessment and intervention needed. Consider masters level or doctoral students who could provide this training. Sally will let us know if she has any leads. We want to be sure not to put the volunteers in the role of a case manager. The volunteer will not be responsible for following up on the individual's behalf.</li> <li>2. Lead testing kits</li> <li>3. Home repair labs</li> </ol> <p>City Council is going through its budget process. CAHT is telling the City that additional money needs to be set aside for the remediation of lead in the soil of the parks. There will be some funds earmarked for the remediation of the soil in the parks. James is unsure of the amount. There is an informational sheet coming that may have information on the different streams of revenue.</p>	<p>Ask if the money can be used on food.</p> <p>For Home Repair Labs- connect with Habitat for Humanity and consider connecting folks in their homes or soon to be in their homes who could benefit from this information.</p> <p>For lead testing- reach out to the Durham Affairs on Black People and churches.</p>

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	Finalizing plans and assigning roles	
<p><b>Duke Health Summit</b> <i>Charlene 9:10-9:30</i></p>	<p>Partnering with Duke Health to host a “mini-summit;</p> <p>The next planning meeting is March 26 at 11:00 AM on Zoom.</p> <p>The summit is planned for May 14 9am-2pm at the Mist Water Treatment Facility. It will be an action-oriented day. We will imagine the program we want and spend the rest of the time working on how to make that happen. We are working on the “project access for construction” for people who need modifications for their homes to make them more live-able, focused more on people with disabilities and people aging in place. Project Access is funded by the County and fundraising. All of the medical care is donated. They pay for staff to coordinate the work and prescription medication.</p> <p>Ideas for messaging on the invitation to make people want to attend the event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Here is what we brainstormed as the purpose: To bring leaders together to strategize how to foster a city where our most vulnerable residents have safe and adequate housing that supports their health and wellbeing *(BURDEN OF CHANGE ON THE SYSTEMS, NOT THE INDIVIDUALS)</li> <li>● We want folks beyond those normally at the table</li> <li>● This is one step towards making local changes for our residents.</li> <li>● We don’t want members of our community to suffer.</li> <li>● Talk about the uncertainty of the times and encourage how to have conversations about what challenges individuals are having and how it impacts relationships between landlords and tenants.</li> <li>● Could also emphasize that Durham is pooling resources and knowledge from all public-private stakeholders to improve and create a local supportive system for safe housing, including landlords and lenders.</li> <li>● Have Duke students come up with elevated pitches for specific audiences- from Caressa.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turnover costs tenants money. If tenants don't have to leave, it will stabilize their income.</li> </ul>	
<b>Updates and announcements</b>	<p>Please put your announcements and updates into the chat!</p> <p>Healthy Opportunities Pilots (HOPs)- unsure of whether it will be expanded to Durham It would pay for things that contribute to the social drivers of health. These services would be paid for by Medicaid.</p> <p>SEAT community meeting is likely to happen again. It was a space for wellbeing and support.</p> <p>We are starting to see more connections between groups.</p> <p>Emerging Strategy- book that talks about the ecosystems. It's the relationships between components that makes the ecosystem. Emergent Strategy: <a href="https://adriennemareebrown.net/book/emergent-strategy/">https://adriennemareebrown.net/book/emergent-strategy/</a></p>	
<b>Next Committee Meeting:</b>	April 22, 2025 at 8:30 AM on Zoom	
<b>Next Partnership Quarterly Meeting</b>	Wednesday, April 23, 2025 from 12:00-3:00 at Durham County Public Health	

