

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham  
Health and Housing (H&H) Committee Meeting Zoom  
Tuesday, April 22, 2025**

Present:		
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 at this super-busy time of year, in 1-2 words describe what you do to take your mind off all that you need to get done when you want to relax. 1-2 words 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>	Updates on three efforts funded by Durham County Public Health: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Falls prevention training for food delivery volunteers/staff</li> <li>2. Lead testing kits</li> <li>3. Home repair labs</li> </ol> Finalizing plans and assigning roles	
<b>Duke Health Summit</b> <i>Charlene 9:10-9:30</i>	<a href="#">Summit on Healthy Housing</a> : Wednesday, May 14, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM <a href="#">Mist Lake Facility</a> , 1600 Mist Lake Drive  Updates from planning sessions Getting <a href="#">invitations</a> out to participants Reviewing list of organizations/individuals to invite  Next planning meeting: April 24 at 11:00 AM on zoom	
<b>Updates and announcements</b>	Please put your announcements and updates into the chat!	
<b>Next Committee Meeting:</b>	May 27, 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	

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**Quick recap**

The committee discussed leadership changes, ongoing initiatives, and upcoming events, including a summit on rental housing safety and a fall prevention education session. They also addressed the challenges of conducting falls risk assessments for seniors at home and the importance of educating high school students about legal complexities related to their proposed ordinance. The group emphasized the need to focus on organizations and agencies that can affect systemic change and discussed plans for an upcoming event focused on ensuring safe and healthy homes for Durham residents.

**Next steps**

All committee members to register for the summit through the Eventbrite link if planning to attend.

All committee members to send out the summit invitation to relevant contacts and organizations.

Krista to add information about not bringing bottled water to the Eventbrite event details.

Krista to check Eventbrite settings for automatic reminders and discuss with Charlene.

Cynthia to follow up with Riverside High School students about their participation in the summit.

James to connect with Riverside High School students to discuss their proposed ordinance and provide context on current regulations.

Charlene and James to finalize details for the falls prevention information session.

Bria to launch the nomination process for the new committee co-chair at the quarterly partnership meeting.

Bria to consult with the committee on the best ways to distribute lead testing kits once received.

Bria to follow up on getting 5 people signed up for the home repair labs training.

Charlene to double-check with Scott about consent for photos and videos at the summit.

All committee members to think of ideas to make the summit more impactful and fun.

**Summary**

**Leadership Changes and Community Initiatives**

The committee discusses leadership changes, with Charlene's term as co-chair ending and nominations for a new co-chair opening soon. James emphasizes the importance of the role and the ongoing work on their Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

The group also plans to discuss their efforts on fall prevention, lead testing kits, and home repair labs, with Bria and James prepared to provide updates on these initiatives.

**Committee Initiatives: Fall Prevention & Repair**

The committee discusses three initiatives: a fall prevention education session for Meals on Wheels volunteers, home lead testing kits, and home repair labs. The fall prevention session is nearly ready, with James and Bria coordinating details and inviting committee members to attend. Lead testing kits have been purchased, and the committee will decide on distribution methods later. For the home repair labs, Bria reports that they can sponsor five people for training sessions, with the first two sessions open to

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committee members. The committee aims to start the home repair labs by the first week of May and is working on finding participants.

#### Community Paramedics and Falls Risk Assessments

Charlene discusses the challenges of conducting falls risk assessments for seniors at home, noting that community paramedics are limited in capacity and can only assess those who have already fallen. She suggests advocating for more community paramedics as a potential solution. The group is organizing a training session, working on logistics such as finding chairs and preparing materials. Charlene also mentions an upcoming summit and asks attendees to register through Eventbrite for catering purposes.

#### Mist Lake Meeting Logistics Discussed

The group discusses logistics for an upcoming meeting at the Mist Lake water facility, including directions, parking, and sign-in procedures. James advises against bringing bottled water due to facility policy. Charlene and Krista plan to update the Eventbrite invitation with this information. Cynthia inquires about attendance capacity and presents a proposal from Riverside High School students who want to advocate for an ordinance addressing unsafe housing conditions before evictions. Charlene expresses interest in having the students present their initiative at the meeting.

#### High School Students' Housing Ordinance

The group discusses allowing high school students to attend the summit and distribute information about their proposed ordinance addressing unsafe housing conditions and landlord retaliation. Cynthia mentions contacting the State Attorney General's office for a letter of support, but they offered to send a speaker instead. Charlene agrees with Cynthia that a letter would be more appropriate given the full agenda. The group also clarifies that the students' proposed ordinance focuses on ensuring landlords address code violations before evicting tenants, rather than solely addressing affordability issues.

#### High School Students' Presentation Opportunity

The group discusses allowing high school students to present information at an upcoming meeting. They agree to give the students a brief opportunity to speak and hand out materials. James emphasizes the importance of educating the students about the legal complexities of their proposal, particularly regarding tenant rights and state legislation. Cynthia notes that the students are aware of potential state-level obstacles but are questioning why Durham can't implement similar measures to Charlotte. Charlene suggests James meet with the students before the meeting on the 14th to ensure everyone is on the same page.

#### Rental Housing Safety Summit Planning

Charlene discusses the upcoming summit on rental housing safety, emphasizing the need to focus on organizations and agencies that can affect systemic change rather than individual residents. She encourages committee members to invite relevant stakeholders and share the invitation. James and Mimi clarify that the target audience should be those working at a systems level, not individual residents. Bryan suggests adding language to the event page about curating the attendee list, but Charlene feels this is premature. The group agrees to emphasize in the invitation that the summit aims to design a new system rather than solve individual problems.

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Event Planning and Consent Discussion

The group discusses plans for an upcoming event focused on ensuring safe and healthy homes for Durham residents. Charlene outlines the agenda, which includes first-person stories, data presentation, and a creative design sprint to develop action steps. Cynthia raises the importance of obtaining consent for taking pictures and videos during the event due to concerns about deep fakes and AI. Bria suggests a verbal consent approach instead of formal forms to streamline the process.

Summit Planning and Upcoming Dates

The group discusses plans for an upcoming summit, with James and Charlene encouraging members to forward invitations to their contacts. They emphasize the importance of building relationships during the event and welcome ideas to make it more impactful and fun. Brian shares information about a nonprofit called Variety that provides free home renovations for families with disabled children. He also announces his acceptance into a PhD program focusing on health policy and housing law. The meeting concludes with a reminder of upcoming dates, including the summit on May 14th and the next committee meeting on the day after Memorial Day.

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