

Partnership for a Healthy Durham
Health and Housing (H&H) Committee Meeting Zoom
Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Present: Bria Miller (DCoDPH), Shelisa Howard-Martinez (Aging Well Durham), Manuel Hyman (Alliance Health), Charlene Reiss (community member), Uzuri Holder (Duke Violence Prevention), Natalie Barnes (Alliance Health), Marlene McAuley (Alliance Health), Caressa Harding (NCDHHS), James Davis Jr. (City of Durham), Angel Romero (Duke PHMO)		
Item	Major Discussion	Recommendations and Action Steps
Welcome/ Introductions 8:30-8:40	Lightning round: Your name, your affiliation, answer to the icebreaker question – summer is here. What’s your favorite way to rest, relax, and recharge? 1-2 words only, please!	
Health & Housing Committee 2026-27 Co-Chair Recruitment 8:40-8:50 <i>Bria & James</i>	The Health & Housing Committee needs a new co-Chair starting July 1, 2026. Please nominate yourself or others!	
Community Health Assessment writers needed 8:50-9:00 <i>Bria</i>	Writers are needed for the upcoming 2026 Community Health Assessment. The 2023 CHA is available on the Partnership for a Healthy Durham website. The Durham County Department of Public Health, Duke Health, and the Partnership for a Healthy Durham are beginning preparations for the 2026 Community Health Assessment (CHA) writing process, and we are seeking skilled and committed writers. This is a unique process in which subject matter experts come together to create a well-rounded, comprehensive picture of the health topics impacting our community. The CHA writing period will take place from July through December 2026. Writers will help translate complex data, community themes, and public health findings into clear and engaging sections of the final report. Your expertise and perspective would be a valuable contribution to this collaborative effort. If you are interested in participating please complete this form which includes sections and training opportunities. www.surveymonkey.com/share/29f69960-df05-47d4-8faa-2bc05079defc	

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Round Table Recap 9:00-9:10 <i>Charlene</i>	The Health and Housing Committee hosted three roundtable discussions to look at the ecosystem that supports people’s health. Through those conversations, we created a map of our community systems, and the group spent a lot of time focusing on the parts that really shape our health and well-being. We’d like to identify and strengthen “third places” — spaces where people can share their stories, connect, and learn from one another. The idea is to partner with groups that are already doing this work, help build civic engagement skills, and support the community-led efforts that are already underway. People really appreciated the systems map and the sheet outlining the committee’s interests. There are clear overlaps with the comprehensive aging plan, which could open the door for more collaboration moving forward.	
CHIP Review 9:10-9:25 <i>Uzuri</i>	Review of the Health & Housing Community Health Improvement Plan – what are our goals, what have we accomplished, what can we do next? Progress with CHIPS We’ve made solid progress across several initiatives: • We distributed lead testing kits throughout the committee, along with our partners in Southern Pines and Alliance Health. • We continued our partnership with Southern Pines to support lead abatement work. • The committee sponsored 10 Habitat for Humanity participants to complete the Home Repairs Lab series. • PANFA installed new playscapes at schools and along walking trails, creating more spaces for kids and families to enjoy. • We hosted a falls-prevention seminar for Meals on Wheels staff through a recorded video session. • We printed and distributed falls-risk brochures to community members to help raise awareness and support prevention. • The initiative to help neighbors connect—sparked during the roundtable discussions—will support and strengthen the neighbor-to-neighbor campaign.	In July, focus on which of the CHIPS to change based on the changes we’ve seen in our community. What else do we want to accomplish with our current CHIP? Angel will present Find Help at the meeting in July.

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	Areas where progress is still needed • We need to address policy issues that affect people with disabilities and those living with mental health challenges. • There's ongoing work required to better support tenants and address fears of landlord retaliation. • James may be able to connect us with staff from the Durham City Human Relations Committee, who are already working on concerns related to landlord retaliation and could be helpful partners. There's also interest in creating spaces where groups of tenants can come together to talk about their needs, rights, and shared challenges. • We need to continue building strong relationships with organizations that support healthy housing conditions. Other successes • It's important that we keep supporting existing efforts while also paying attention to where new advocacy is needed. • We successfully held the Health and Housing Summit, but there's more to build on from that momentum. • We've been able to bring conversations about accessibility into broader discussions about affordable housing, and we want to keep pushing that work forward.	
Updates and announcements <i>9:25-9:30</i>	The City of Durham and Durham County are partnering to develop a new violence-reduction strategy, and the official kick-off is tomorrow. There's a live webinar you can register for if you'd like to join. The City of Durham also received a grant that allows homeowners to apply for funding to build a tiny home on their property. Even though it's called a grant, it actually functions as a low-interest loan. Here's the program link: https://www.durhamnc.gov/5527/ADU-Pilot-Program	

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	We also want to acknowledge James for the incredible work done as co-chair. We're truly grateful for the time and energy contributed, and we're sad to see this chapter wrap up for them.	
Next meeting: July 28, 2026 at 8:30 AM on Zoom		

