

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham  
Health and Housing (H&H) Committee Meeting Zoom  
Tuesday, June 24, 2025**

Present: Bria Miller, James Davis Jr., Charlene Reiss, Krista Kicsak, Charlene Harris, Angel Romero Ruiz, Scott Brummel, Caressa Harding, Marlene McAuley, Cynthia Williams, John-Paul Zitta, Sydney, Bryan Fox		
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 besides sitting in the air conditioner, what are your strategies for beating the heat?	
<b>County funding opportunities</b> <i>Bria 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- Sherise Johnson recorded training for Meals on Wheels staff. We were also able to purchase food for the staff to eat while they viewed the recording and discussed the content. They are trying to find other funding sources because they have lost money through grants. They are looking for opportunities to cater food to bring in some revenue.</li> <li>2. Lead testing kits</li> </ol> <p>Home repair labs- five people from Habitat for Humanity are going through the HRL series. We purchased registration for those five people.</p> <p>Printing falls prevention assessment brochures. They should be available this Thursday, June 26.</p> <p>Ann Rebeck from People’s Alliance has ideas about where we could distributed lead testing kits.</p> <p>Evaluation has not yet been sent out from the Healthy Housing committee. Charlene would like to send the evaluation with an invitation to a follow-up conversation. James would like to share information about the content they covered in the Healthy Housing summit. There is information we could use from the Mentimeter. Scott has the big Post-Its with notes and the PowerPoint notes.</p> <p>CANN and several other organizations are preparing for candidate forums for the election in the Fall. They are collecting questions from key constituencies. Would this group be considered a key constituency to come up with questions based on what we learned in the summit. If allowed, Charlene would like to add questions about housing accessibility.</p>	
<b>Looking back, looking forward</b> <i>James 9:10-9:30</i>	<p>2024-25 Year in Review – what did we accomplish this year?</p> <p>2025-26 What are our priorities for the coming year?</p>	

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Have we developed a dissemination plan for data? It would be helpful to discuss how we share data and that data being used for advocacy. There is a spreadsheet with a tab for a communication campaign. We haven't yet started filling in that information.

Going forward, we will need a person in each committee who focuses on communications efforts for that committee. The Communications committee is on pause. The Communications Committee developed a resource guide with the different communication outlets available.

James- one of the items on the CHIP is to disseminate information to those.... the initiatives are to build relationships with those supporting healthy housing conditions. Bring the organizations in to be a part of the Partnership. We need to tie our work to the CHIPs. We could create a workgroup focused on dissemination.

Bria prepares the State of the County Health report and submits it every year that we do not submit a CHA. In that report, we share our progress with the CHIPs for the previous year. For example

Groups are highlighting the increase in collaboration on housing related initiatives in Durham.

Try to work with Don Bradley's students in the future. Give them credit for their work.

After the first full year of the CHIP, have a comprehensive review of the CHIPs progress.

Sydney can connect us with students who can help with the work. There are lots of opportunities to work across committees in the Partnership.

Priorities for 2025-2026

- Make sure we have a solid succession of our leadership

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• James would like Charlene and Bria to draft a letter to the City about the importance of having someone from the City’s housing and engagement as a partner in this Health and Housing Committee. James is unsure about whether he will be able to continue in his role as co-chair.</li> <li>• Wants to continue with making progress on the CHIP.</li> <li>• We should collaborate with other committees.</li> <li>• Look at funding.</li> <li>• Encourage more PANFA folks to participate in this call and encourage Health and Housing to join PANFA.</li> <li>• Plan for a follow-up with the summit. Consider having the follow up meeting in July. Charlene and James will decide on a date.</li> <li>• Bryan- getting folks from AARP with the livability index and another group. Bryan will connect with Charlene and James about this in an email. Other committees and Aging Well Durham would probably be good to include.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Updates and announcements</b></p>	<p>There are state funding cuts in regards to the Civil Rights Division of Administrative Hearings. They enforce laws related to discrimination in housing and employment. The City of Durham enforces discrimination in housing in Durham. It could impact us locally. This work would go to HUD, however, HUD has undergone cuts.</p> <p>The homeless end of the housing continuum has lost money and are reducing services. Is there any understanding of how this will affect the current and future health of Durham residents during periods like the current heat threat? Does this group have a leading voice on this issue?</p> <p>The Ellerbee Creek association disbanded. They were primarily were focused on water and tree conservation. They disbanded because of funding cuts and shrinking as an organization. CAHT is trying to figure out who will be the leading</p>	

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	<p>voice in water and tree conservation. If you know what groups these are, please let Cynthia know.</p> <p>Cynthia may be stepping away from her role at CAHT. She will try to make sure that someone from CAHT continues being a part of this committee. T was a pleasure working with everyone from this committee.</p>	
<b>Next Committee Meeting:</b>	July 22, 2025 at 8:30 AM on Zoom	

