

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham
Health and Housing (H&H) Committee Meeting Zoom
Tuesday, August 20, 2024
Minutes**

Present: Charlene Reiss, Bria Miller, Manuel Hyman, James Davis Jr, Sydney Seeger, Samantha Smith, Kenton Spencer, Sally Wilson, Krista Kicsak, Elshona Hudson, Melva Henry, Jesika Gore (Community Empowerment Fund), Cynthia Williams, Caressa Harding, Kelly Hicks, John-Paul Zitta, Angel Romero, Bryan Fox		
Topic	Major Discussion	Recommendations and Action Steps
Welcome/ Introductions <i>Charlene Reiss 8:30-8:40</i>	Lightning round: Your name, your affiliation, and one fun thing you did in Durham or North Carolina this summer. 1-2 words only, please!	
Aging Well Durham <i>Migdalia De'Leon 8:40-8:50</i>	Introduction to Aging Well Durham. Aging Well Durham is unable to come today and will come back in September.	
Scheduling 2024-25 <i>Charlene 8:50-9:00</i>	Moving monthly meetings to the FOURTH Tuesday of the month Scheduling three to four in-person meetings 2024-2025.	The co-chairs will send out a poll to see when they should have the meetings in person.
2025-27 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) <i>James Davis 9:00-9:25</i>	<p>Review completed Health & Housing Committee's Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) for 2025-2027.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brainstorm with Aging Well Durham about partnering for mutual benefit and to achieve goals in CHIP and Durham's Comprehensive Aging Plan. <p>The work this committee has done on the CHIPs is on the Jamboard https://jamboard.google.com/d/1SxzVdQSWuGe2OAcYulu_L78IJLkZRtIyzcqbqAqNFr4/viewer?f=0</p> <p>The results statement is: All residents of Durham County, particularly those who are experiencing disadvantage due to rising costs and a lack of high-quality affordable housing, live in safe, accessible homes and in communities that support their health and well-being throughout their lifespans.</p> <p>This committee decided to collaborate with the Mental Health Committee.</p> <p>Charlene discussed the current draft of the CHIPs and planning a timeline. Charlene has started developing a logic model based on the new CHIPs.</p>	<p>Partner with Durham Housing Authority for their seniors.</p> <p>Partner with Central Piedmont Community Action's Weatherization Assistance Program (energy efficiency) https://www.cpcanc.org/</p>

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Objective 1: Individuals have safe and adequate housing (free from interior hazards) that supports their health and wellbeing.

Strategies:

- Identify the organizations that provide services for healthy housing conditions (lead abatement, child lead testing, fix electrical issues, install play equipment, energy efficiency).
- Connect with organizations providing health adjacent resources to people's homes to share healthy housing resources directly to those who need it.
 - Collaborate with the Access to Care committee and work with CHWs to share the resources and ensure that people are actually connected to those services.
 - Measure success: Do CHWs feel like they have more supports/resources that they can provide?
 - Measure success based on the referrals they are receiving.
- Launch a neighbor-to-neighbor campaign that encourages people to care about the conditions of their neighbors.
 - Healthy housing is everyone's issue (hashtag, stickers, t-shirts).
 - Host community conversations on this and encourage neighborhood associations to continue their own.
 - The goal is to reduce toxic individualism. (Get this trending)

Objective 2: Durham has appropriate housing policies and procedures.

Strategies:

- Partner with the Coalition on Affordable Housing by providing them with data and presentations to advocate for specific interventions and funding.
- Identify existing community plans, dashboards and measurement tools to share for advocacy efforts.
- Review existing roadmaps, strategic plans, priority lists and goals of institutions. (chamber of commerce, City of Durham, Downtown Durham Inc.
- Connect with employers to help advocate for change.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop policy agendas that focus on people with disabilities and people with mental health issues. • Address tenants’ fear of retaliation, and actual retaliation, of landlords if they report unsafe housing conditions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Research information about landlords’ sentiment around tenants being fearful of landlord retaliation. <p>Objective 3: Durham has adequate and appropriate housing resources for all residents to have safe and adequate housing.</p> <p>Strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build relationships with organizations that support healthy housing conditions. • Support the existing efforts and identify existing gaps that need advocacy. • Bring these organizations in to be a part of the Partnership/ a part of our network of connection. • Utilize existing methods for sharing information from other organizations. • Help to identify funding sources that would support the work to meet the needs of those who need healthy housing resources. <p>How can we solidify partnership? Is there a way to add accountability?</p> <p>Are the results over the three years going to be fed into the Planning Commission for consideration when evaluating future real estate development or as part of the "new neighbor" introduction to a community after moving in? Like the old welcome basket concept.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coalition on Affordable Housing and Transit will help Health and Housing with this. <p>Understand that the businesses are a part of the community. Organizations are also a part of the community.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting: September 224, 2024 at 8:30 AM</p>		

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