

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham
Health and Housing (H&H) Committee Meeting Zoom
Tuesday, September 24, 2024**

Present: James Davis Jr., Bria Miller, Charlene Reiss, Melva Henry, Cynthia Williams, Jesika Gore, Elshona Hudson, Krista Kicsak, Uzuri Holder		
Topic	Major Discussion	Recommendations and Action Steps
Welcome/ Introductions <i>Charlene Reiss 8:30-8:40</i>	<p>Lightning round: Your name, your affiliation, and on the theme of reducing toxic individualism, what is one thing or area where you are good at asking for or providing help? 1-2 words only, please!</p> <p>Cynthia with Coalition for Affordable Housing and Transit thanked Charlene for her work. She said that it has allowed CAHT to make connections they otherwise wouldn't have made and to focus more on health with housing.</p>	
BRAINSTORM: Other Strategic Plans/ Road Maps/ Comprehensive Plans in Durham <i>Charlene Reiss 8:40 – 8:55</i>	<p>Brainstorming other strategic plans, road maps, comprehensive plans, future visioning documents from other agencies and offices in Durham that might overlap with the Partnership's work – Health & Housing, Mental Health, Access to Care, Physical Activity, Nutrition, & Food Access, addressing systemic racism and inequities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Durham Office of Community Development - Comprehensive Plan and Annual Action Plan • Includes block grants, HOPWA • CAHT - pulling together a database of data sources • Javiera Caballero - kicking off a task force to look at housing strategy for next 5-10 years - comprehensive plan • Joint Durham Housing Initiative Task Force • 40 organizations - city, county, nonprofits, Duke, DTCC, NCCU, grassroots orgs • City of Durham updating its Racial Equity Action Plan • Community Empowerment Fund strategic plan https://communityempowermentfund.org/strategic_plan/ • Alliance Health is drafting a strategic plan 	
2025-27 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)	<p>Continue review of Health & Housing Committee's Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) for 2025-27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy development to achieve our goals 	<p>Add air quality as a focus as well.</p>

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James Davis 9:00-9:25

James reviewed Health and Housing's Community Health Improvement Plan for 2025-2027.

Results Statement: all residents in 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.

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

Objective 2: Advocate for health promoting housing policies and procedures.

Objective 3: Strengthen the network of those providing housing resources to promote safe and adequate housing for people who live in Durham.

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 connected to those services.
 - Measure success: Do CHWs feel like they have more supports/resources that they can provide?
 - Measure the number of healthy housing resource tools distributed through CHWs.
 - Share health and housing resources using MailChimp and utilize those analytics.

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- 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)
 - Frame this as a grassroots initiative.
 - Keep Durham Beautiful
 - Healthy Mile Trails- building relationships with neighborhoods

Objective 2: Advocate for health promoting 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 with neighborhood organizations, grassroots movements, and community-based organizations for advocacy efforts.
- Review existing roadmaps, strategic plans, priority lists and goals of institutions. (chamber of commerce, City of Durham, Downtown Durham Inc.
- Develop policy agendas that focus on people with disabilities and people with mental health issues.
- Research tenants’ fear of retaliation, and actual retaliation, of landlords if they report unsafe housing conditions.
 - Research information about landlords’ sentiment around tenants being fearful of landlord retaliation.

Objective 3: Durham has adequate and appropriate housing resources for all residents to have safe and adequate housing.

Strategies:

- 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.

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- 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.

Cynthia attended a healthy air conference highlighted that with the housing developments across major cities, there is a concern with air quality. As housing density increases, the quality of the air decreases. The noise pollution which can cause disturbances of brain activity increases. Those that are monitoring air quality are looking to get more people involved.

CAHT has been tasked with engaging with landlords and have discussions about relationships with tenants. Javiera is collecting data on this.

Hope Renovations from Chapel Hill is asking for connections into Durham. They want to help seniors with home improvements and improve healthy home conditions.

Encourage our officials to look at houses more holistically. Not only do we need affordable housing units, but we also need healthy housing conditions.

Add the CHIP to a Google document and allow committee members to contribute to it (add action steps by using comments).

Knowing that a City Council member, Javiera Caballero, is focusing on Health and Housing, can we schedule a meeting or presentation with the council?

James also asked if anyone is good with Gant charts and could start creating a timeline for calendar year 2025.

Jessika's organization has held space for tenant unions. Tenants Shout Out is another partnership they are working on. They hold space for people to have meetings in their office.

Deeds for Deeds is a part of Urban Durham Realty that helps people become homeowners.

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Updates and announcements 9:25-9:30	In 2017, Durham adopted Vision Zero. They are now seeking to draft an action plan and are seeking input from the community. Tuesday, October 1 44:30-6:30, they are having an open forum for Durham residents at the armory.	
Next Meeting: October 22, 2024 at 8:30 AM		

