

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham – Physical Activity, Nutrition and Food Access Committee (PANFA)**

**Location: Zoom**

**Wednesday, June 18th, 2025**

[Zoom-9am](#)

Facilitated by: Krista Kicsak, Kia Campbell, Scott Brummel

**Present:** Scott Brummel, Sharon Roane, Tita Nieves, El Pueblo, Alex Hurdle, Carlee Nicoll, Kia Campbell, Bria Miller, John Tallmadge, Ileana Vink, Carlee Nicoll, Mike Peterson, Jacquelyn Beam Blackwell, Bonita Green, Chelsea (AWD), Angel Romero, Binta Watkins, Helena Cragg, Kat Combs, Irma Ramos, Monica Drasal Hinton, Manuel Hyman, Samad Rangoonwala

Project/Topic/Goal	Major discussion points	Action steps
<p><b>Welcome &amp; Icebreaker</b> (5 minutes)</p>		
<p><b>Updates on Projects and from Partners</b> (5 minutes)</p>	<p>Samuel Greene Sr. Community Garden (2421 Cheek Rd) has been doing heavier planting this year, including planting more vegetables for the community, as well as some environmental impact projects. On June 27<sup>th</sup>, they are creating a native pollinator garden and are looking for more volunteers! There is also a Juneteenth event at Lakeview Park on Dearborn Dr <b>this Saturday</b>. For more information and to sign up, visit <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4DACA62FA7FDC07-57157070-june#/">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4DACA62FA7FDC07-57157070-june#/</a></p> <p>Feed My Sheep has opened a food pantry at JJ Henderson housing development, just for the residents. They had their first opening yesterday with 15 residents coming by. Residents have the opportunity to get food items as well as personal hygiene items, to name a few.</p> <p>Sharon Roane at Families &amp; Communities Rising (FCR) and Headstart joined for the first time and extended an invitation to their upcoming partnership meeting. She emphasized that FCR wants to build intentional partnerships with the community and local organizations. If you are interested in attending the meeting or connecting with her, reach out at <a href="mailto:sroane@fcrinc.org">sroane@fcrinc.org</a></p> <p>Root Causes will be hosting an appreciation cookout for those working in food volunteerism in July. Keep an eye out for more information.</p> <p>The City of Durham just passed their next budget and has approved fare free transit for another year, meaning that everyone can ride the public buses for free.</p>	

This Saturday, Bike Durham is partnering with the Black Farmer's Market and Coco Drip on a Combine trip to Juneteenth Freedom and Legacy Fest, where people will be able to learn how to utilize the public transit system. Those interested should register beforehand and meet at Durham Station at noon: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/transit-trip-freedom-legacy-fest?source=PANFA&>

**Updates on Food Security Policies**  
(15 minutes)

Scott Brummel went over current news related to food security policies and programs and shared links that can help educate the public. The proposed federal bill plans to eliminate SNAP-Ed (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education) funding, make changes to SNAP eligibility and benefits, as well as decrease funding for things like Medicaid. These programs fund efforts around Durham County, including the DINE program (Durham's Innovative Nutrition Education).

DINE is collecting success stories of how it has impacted our communities. If you have worked with DINE before and would like to share anything, please do so at

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=owBqwQIWwEeywnLYY140I65bbrOZiMdluOeLHO6fG3pUMkQ3SVJGQlpNOU43MIhKTEdZVEJIWUNLSy4u>

Links:

Summary of the proposed bill:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c0eqpz23I9jo>

Questions/Comments

- 1) Is there an approximate number of people that would be affected by these changes in Durham?
  - a. State level data is available at <https://frac.org/research/resource-library/snap-state-fact-sheets>
  - b. The DINE team has a graphic of impact from their work: <https://www.dcopublichealth.org/services/nutrition/dine/dine-impact>
- 2) It would be helpful if there was a quick social media graphic that shared what people can do to take action/a specific 'Call to Action'
  - a. This falls under advocacy, which County and City employees cannot do. If private citizens or organizations would like to create something like this, they can.

<p><b>Report Out World Hunger Day and Food Tour</b> (10 minutes)</p>	<p>The County Extension Office hosted the fourth annual World Hunger Day (WHD) on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. There were about 2300 attendees, which is more than ever before, over 50 tabling organizations representing all parts of the food system, and over 60 volunteers helped throughout the day. 400 food truck vouchers were given to families to purchase a meal and over 300 grocery gift cards were handed out.</p> <p>Tita Nieves was in attendance and was impressed with the amount of giving that was going on. Jacquelyn Beam Blackwell was so excited with how successful the event was and all that came because of it.</p> <hr/> <p>PANFA partnered with the County Extension Office, Durham Congregations in Action (DCIA), Duke Health, Kind Kitchen Group, and Bread for the World to put on a food tour at the end of May. The tour took 32 people around to various examples of the food system, including Urban Community AgriNomics (UCAN), Part and Parcel, CANDOR, and Farmer Foodshare. There was also an optional racial wealth gap simulation at the end. Participants had a lot of great feedback about the tour and it's impact.</p> <p>Chelsea (Aging Well Durham) attended and thought it was really good and that it was a great introduction to how everyone works together in Durham and there are lots of pockets of information and resources related to food.</p>	
<p><b>Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIPs) Workgroups</b> (20 minutes)</p>	<p>Participants had the opportunity to join one of two workgroups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Food Access and School Nutrition</li> <li>2) Physical Activity</li> </ol> <p>In the <b>food access and school nutrition</b> workgroup, there were a few new people joining for the first time. Due to this, the majority of time was spent updating them on the CHIPs process and the objectives/strategies created.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Physical Activity</b> Krista Kicsak provided updates to the group on the strategies for physical activity and most of the discussion was spent on the strategy of having safety related messages/signage and transportation signage placed.</p>	<p>Krista will reach out to INC/Mimi Kessler and Mac Mosely/James Davis with I as well as Ileana Vink about working with the libraries a with Merrick-Moore.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Despite reaching out to Partners Against Crime (PAC) groups, the Bicycle &amp; Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC), and Durham-Duke Neighborhood Partnership (DDNP) groups, the only input received was from a couple of community members.</li> <li>• John recommended reaching out to the Inter Neighborhood Council (INC) and Mimi Kessler.</li> <li>• Neighborhood Improvement Services (NIS) has also been working on the equitable green infrastructure neighbors' work, so they would be a good group to check in, as well</li> <li>• DINE has been doing some work with the libraries, especially the Main library and Stanford L Warren, both of which have large amounts of pedestrian traffic. The librarians were wonderful and would be a good group to reach out to</li> <li>• Due to City restructuring, PAC groups may change. Bria went to a PAC 4 meeting on Saturday and has some connections. Jeff Forde and Macklyn Mosely normally go to those meetings, as well. Bria suggested showing up in person would be the best avenue, at least for PAC 4.</li> <li>• John also suggested reaching out to Stephen B at Merrick-Moore Elementary, as they do a great job of integrating physical activity throughout the day</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Wrap-Up</b> (5 minutes)</p>	<p>Kia Campbell and Scott Brummel shared that the Communications Committee is asking for there to be one communications liaison from each committee to help communicate news and happenings of each committee. If you are interested in this, please let one of the co-chairs or Krista know.</p> <p>Helena Cragg also suggested syncing up communications with other avenues, such as the Office on Youth, as they send communications often.</p>	
<p><b>Next Meeting(s)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In person food access and nutrition meeting Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 414 East Main St (public health building) at 12:30pm.</li> <li>• No physical activity workgroup on Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>	

