

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

Location: [Zoom](#)

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

9am-10am

Facilitated by: Sicily Johnson

Present: Sicily Sierra (Co-Chair, Kind Kitchen Group), Liv Gladlin (PANFA Specialist), Bria Miller, Raina Bunnag, Meghan Brown, John Tallmadge (Bike Durham), Mike Peterson (BCBSNC), Greg Pagett (SHARE Table), Angel Romero (Duke), Tricia Smar, Kia Campbell (End Hunger Durham, Believers United for Progress, Parktown Food Hub), Jessica Davidson, Bonita Green (Merrick-Moore CDC), Ileana Vink, Bre (DCIA), Jennifer Allen (Community Partnered Research Network), Don Bradley, Jovanna Rozario, Lauren Grove, Megan Marquis, Jasmine St Denny, Jacquelyn Beam Blackwell (End Hunger Durham), Elim Lee, Kelly Warnock, Marlene McAuley, Chelsea Hawkins

Meeting Goals:

- Reconnect after month away and with new PANFA Specialist
- Receive SHARE Table updates and learn how we can support this work
- Determine what work on Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIPs) strategies to prioritize completing by April 2027

Project/Topic/Goal	Major discussion points	Action steps and Responsible Person(s)
Welcome & Community-Building (10 mins)	• Share name and community affiliation (organization or relationship to Durham) • What's one thing we should know about how you're doing to help this meeting be successful? Or, what's one thing bringing you joy right now? • Introduce Liv (PANFA Specialist) and re-introduce Meghan (Co-Chair)!	
Review June Meeting Minutes (2 mins)	• Reviewed and approved	
SHARE Table Presentation (10 mins)	Meghan and Greg provided an update on the SHARE table project and details included: • Up to 50% of food served to elementary school students goes into the trash • Durham Public Schools (DPS) food budget = \$15 million • There is currently a pilot at Hillendale, where students put unopened food items on a cart that gets moved to the front office or other accessible location • So far, they have found that both students and teachers are using the cart	• Liv: Share slides via email • PANFA members: reach out to Greg (gmpagett@gmail.com) and Meghan (mebrown@dconc.gov) with interest in partnering to secure funding, recruit volunteers

- There is no cost to DPS for this. It does require a cart for each school (\$1000/school) and 24 hours of education per school
- They are currently averaging ~60 pounds (lbs) of recovered food each day (about 14% of food served), which comes to an average of \$206 saved/day. This would amount to 10,800 lbs/year and \$37,500 saved.
- Next steps:
 - Implementing at new school this month: Forest View
 - Gathering commitments from other churches to support expansion to 16 schools
- The ask for the PANFA committee is to partner with Meghan and Greg to look for funding and recruit volunteers

Questions

- Does this add work for school staff?

They have encountered some of these pushbacks, but staff at the pilot school have really bought into making the program work. It also facilitates work that office staff is often already doing and one school even uses student ambassadors to manage some of it.

- What's the 24 hours of education for?

The training is for adults to know how to run the program, as well as for students to know how to engage with the program

- Is the food recovered something kids don't want? What about nutritional value?

DPS School Nutrition Services (SNS) is required to balance nutritional value and acceptability. Part of data collection for this work is to determine what

	kids are “wasting” and report back to SNS so hopefully they’ll be open to changing products. Kids are required to take certain items to meet USDA guidelines. Contact information for the team: Greg: gmpagett@gmail.com Meghan: mebrown@dconc.gov	
Reflect and Connect: How does your work align with the PANFA CHIPS? (10 mins)	The group used Google Sheets to fill in progress towards the Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIPs). This information is on the <i>Progress and Achievements</i> tab of this sheet. Please help fact-check Column C (action taken) and add to Columns E (action planned) and G (initiatives outside of PANFA) Updates include: - The group hasn’t done work on strategy 2d yet (<i>expand reach of End Hung Durham’s food pantry list and Durham Food Resource Map</i>). Ideas for work on this included: - Sending info out in PANFA partners’ newsletters (i.e. Durham County, Aging Well Durham) - School newsletters - Banners on the bottom of PANFA partner websites - Partner with folks doing downtown business canvassing (Breastfeed Durham, Adverse Childhood Experiences & Resiliency (ACER) team) - Strategy 3g (<i>Promote engagement with the City of Durham’s Vision Zero team through social media, emails, and newsletters</i>)	- Chelsea/Aging Well Durham, Raina/Durham County, and other PANFA members: include link to food resources in newsletters and/or on websites - Food pantries: Food Pantries – End Hunger Durham - Durham Food Resource Map: Food Resources in Durham, North Carolina - All PANFA members: before the next meeting, fill in anything we’re missing in the Progress and Achievements tab of this spreadsheet: 2025-2027 CHIPs Strategies and Contact Information.xlsx - Google Sheets

	○ Vision Zero could benefit from integrating Department of Transportation's (DOT) data ○ Lauren shared DOT's prioritization map, which shows projects evaluated for the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP): https://ncdot.publicinput.com/p8map#H170375 ○ If anyone has questions regarding Vision Zero, please reach out to Lauren at lauren.grove@durhamnc.gov	
Discuss in work groups: Which CHIPs should be prioritized for the next 8 months? (15 mins)	The group broke out into work groups to discuss CHIP prioritization • Which CHIP strategies have the group made the most and least progress on? ○ There has been good progress on food pantry collaboration, fundraising, and collaborative grant writing	
Share out (8 mins)	Come back together and share out.	
Document decisions and action items and announcements (5 mins)	• Workgroup meetings will restart soon • Anyone interested in applying to the PANFA mini grant opportunity needs to do so by Friday, August 21 at 5pm! Link to application: https://form.jotform.com/healthydurham/mini-grant-application • Volunteers are needed for the Durham Bulls and Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina (BCBSNC) food drive • Volunteers are needed to help sort food on Tuesday, 9/8, 2-5pm at the LGBTQ Center. Contact Kelly Warnock: kwarnock@dconc.gov if interested in helping ○ Volunteers support by assisting with things like checking expiration dates	• Liv: email link to member survey • Chelsea (Aging Well Durham), Raina (Durham County Cooperative Extension), and other PANFA members: please include link to food resources in newsletters and/or on websites ○ Food pantries: Food Pantries – End Hunger Durham ○ Durham Food Resource Map: Food Resources in Durham, North Carolina • Apply to the mini grant by Friday, August 21 at 5pm: https://form.jotform.com/healthydurham/mini-grant-application

	and sorting food for sharing with 15 food pantries • Liv will reshare the Google form to collect info about how to connect with PANFA members/support your work (share it out again, with an end date, encourage anyone that doesn't reach out to fill out the survey, then Kia and Liv will start aggregating the data) • Communities in Partnership is seeking support at the City Council meeting on Monday, 8/17 at 7pm to advocate for maintaining their space on S Driver St: CIP Community Support Sign-Up	• If you haven't done so, fill out the member survey by Friday, August 28: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScx9eR15ZQSEeW29Gn4rDVzy4AywDhp-IW9F1FzVIFu4yDf6A/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=103345627063141617989 • Register to be a vendor at Move-A-Bull City by Saturday, August 29 (Become a Partner — Move-A-Bull City) for the event on October 4 • Reach out to Kelly (kwarnock@dconc.gov) to volunteer with Everyone Eats food drive on Tuesday, September 8 • Reach out to Angel Romero (angel.romero@duke.edu) for a findhelp.org demo
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