

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham
Access to Care Committee
December 14, 2023
Minutes**

Access to Care: This committee’s activities include advocating for changes that will affect health care coverage for residents across all ages and developing community and agency-based strategies to make measurable improvements in access to care for the uninsured and underinsured residents of Durham.

Facilitated by: Shelisa Howard-Martinez & Angel Romero Ruiz

Attendees: Bria Miller, Catrina Lloyd, Deborah Dolan, Jess Bousquette, Elizabeth Brill, Dr. Letitia Johnson-Arnold, Mary Vinson, Dr. Rosalie Bocelli, Gina Upchurch, Victoria Mosey, Kiara Thompkins, Sally Wilson, Debbie Royster, Edeia Lynch, Jaeson Smith, Kevin Ogbonna, Francisco Guzman, Angelo Moore, Sharon Munoz,(Latin-19), Brenda Mallory

Topic	Major Discussion	Recommendations and Action Steps
Welcome & Introductions & Icebreaker	<p>Introductions in the chat. Name, organization & email address if this is your first time.</p> <p>Icebreaker in chat box: One word or short phrase to describe your 2023.</p>	
Review November Minutes		
Access to Care Brochure – Language about Medicaid Expansion	<p>Angel- Review, note: will be reformatted by graphic design company, will be translated into Spanish, in printed and digital format</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revision to reflect Medicaid Expansion <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. NC Health Choice now combined with Medicaid b. Gina- Person first language correction “individuals with low-income,” Medicaid is public health insurance and covers individuals & families, add “pick a managed care plan if no Medicare,” charity care vs hardship (Angel will confirm), update income from 200 to 250% of federal poverty level, add SHIP program- will edit language, c. Deborah- Suggest a general term to describe services, group decides to provide examples with simpler language d. Discuss hospital visit vs admission e. Kiara- Therapist instead of counselor f. Victoria- Avoid the confusion of Medicare language; instead, call the enrollment broker for managed care eligibility 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> g. Jaeson- question about separating Medicaid and Medicare brochures; will review Medicare section of brochure h. New LCHC satellite clinic in Lakewood Shopping Center i. Sally- “Project Access” bolded or in blue; HELP section, add “a service of PADC”. j. Elizabeth- Samaritan added Friday hours 9-1 	
<p>Revisiting and Optimizing the Access to Care CHIP Interventions</p>	<p>Shelisa- CHIP slides and discussion moved to January meeting.</p>	
<p>Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sharon (Latin-19)- Offered Spanish translation services, rates determined by and paid to Latin-19 2. Edeia- Community Health Worker Roundtable, forming small planning team, January meeting cancelled. Meetings resume Feb 2024, first Wednesday at 10 am. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86380303623?pwd=eml3dCt3WkdHZk1oaGczbi9BUUdQQT09 3. Gina- Senior Pharm Assist, low-income subsidy increased from partial to full, and prescription cost capped t \$3500, special enrollment periods available due to government error, Medicare counseling is import, please refer to SPA 4. Dr. Johnson-Arnold- Enrollment for CHW courses: https://www.durhamtech.edu/continuing-education/community-health-worker-continuing-education-program Behavioral Health Courses https://www.durhamtech.edu/programs-pathways/behavioral-health-non-credit 5. Access to Care- January meeting moved from 2nd to 3rd Thursday 	
<p>Meeting Adjourn</p>		

***Next Meeting:** January 18, 2024: 8:30-9:30am