

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham
Access to Care Committee
February 8, 2024
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: Victoria Mosey, Krista Kicsak, Kimberly Alexander, Elizabeth Brill, Uma Bhat, Tinesha Smith, Nancy Santos, Jaeson Smith, Kimberly Monroe, Leyka, Debra Dolan, Sally Wilson, Rose Perry, Edea Lynch, Bria Miller, Catrina Lloyd

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): What’s something you really enjoy doing outside of work?</p>	
Review January Minutes	Minutes approved and will be sent post meeting.	
Announcements- Angel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Latin-19 Vaccine Campaign- Mondays (9 to 5) and Saturdays (9 to 1) in February, at 200 N. LaSalle St., Durham, 27705. By appointment only: https://tinyurl.com/L19VaccineCampaign 2. Welcome Baby Giving Closet- Fridays, 9 am-1 pm, 721 Foster St., Durham, 27701. For more info: 919-560-7150 3. Community Support Circle- Friday, February 9th, 6-7 pm, El Futuro, 2020 Chapel Hill Rd., Durham and El Futuro’s Facebook Live. 4. Dr. Nicole Diggs (NCCU) and DPH survey on COVID impact on African American households, \$30 gift card for participation (1 per home): https://tinyurl.com/nc-covidimpact 5. US Census Bureau Webinar- February 8th at 2 pm ET. An Overview of Hispanics in America. 6. Department of Public Health Webinar Series- Several topics, the full list will be provided. 7. Women’s Health Awareness Event- April 13th, 8 am-5 pm, Hillside High School. Free registration. For more info: 919-541-3852, WHA@niehs.nih.gov 8. UNC Gillings School of Global Health- 45th Annual Minority Health Conference, February 23rd, 9 am-4 pm. Building Blocks of Well-being. Shelisa will send the flyer and link. 9. Mary-Ann Black Symposium at Durham Convention Center- Free event with a meal. 3 pm-6 pm. Kimberly A. will provide the link. 	

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	<p>10. Annual Community Health Summit at Durham Convention Center on March 28th, focus on food- Kimberly M. will provide the save the date.</p> <p>11. Railcare Health/SHAC, Event. February 17th, 10 am-2 pm, Free Health screenings at the United Methodist Church in Carboro. Leyka will share the details.</p>	
<p>Jamboard Meeting Suggestions Review and Additions</p>	<p>Angel shared slides regarding the Access to Care meeting topics, based on the committee’s Jamboard suggestions.</p> <p>A tentative lists of guests has been created. We will create a schedule of guests to participate in committee meetings.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safety Net Series- Guests will provide an overview of their organization and services. The committee will become familiar with the work or organizations like Lincoln Community Health Center (LCHC), Samaritan Clinic, Project Access of DC, El Futuro, etc. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Enhanced Services- IIH- Intensive In Home, ACT- Assertive Community Treatment, CST- Community Support Team Services. <p>Angel noticed a new clinic has opened in the Lakewood area. It will be good to get updates on the clinics and their services.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Supporting the Community Health Worker (CHW) Workforce Development 3. Distribution of the Access to Care Insured/Underinsured brochure <p>Angel believes there should also be a discussion of recruiting for meetings. There used to be representatives from various organizations. Department of Social Services (DSS) participation is important because they approve Medicaid applications and LCHC is important also.</p> <p>Nancy Santos and Emma Perry from DSS will be attending these meetings.</p> <p>Debra Dolan with Wellcare would like to be added to participate in the Safety Net series and offer info on Medicaid/Medicare. She also recommends Insight Human Services and will forward the contact info for Kyle Smith, Program Manager.</p>	

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	<p>Shelisa suggests Legal Aid NC for the Safety Net series who also provides guidance to recipients of Medicaid.</p> <p>Angel will come up with a schedule of guests and invite them to present.</p>	
<p>Distribution of Access to Care Brochure</p>	<p>Angel would like input on distribution to agencies that have contact with patients needing resources for the uninsured/underinsured. The layout is in progress and it will hopefully be ready soon. Alliance will receive the digital version to print as needed. Other orgs with case/care managers may want the same. The layout will work in a digital format also. Other ideas are requested.</p> <p>Kimberly M.- Last time many brochures were distributed in churches and the library. Some people have asked when the brochure will be available again. Tabling at events and upcoming (monthly) health events at church will be good locations. The Community Health Coalition can help distribute.</p> <p>Krista suggested the Farmer’s Market, when they reopen.</p> <p>Shelisa suggested Cooperative Extension- their website has resources for uninsured.</p>	
<p>Individuals or Organizations to Approach for Joining the Access to Care Committee</p>	<p>Shelisa led a discussion of who should be invited to join the meetings. Committee members made suggestions:</p> <p>Kimberly M.- Durham’s Partnership for Children and HeadStart, Literacy Council</p> <p>Angel- Aging Well Durham (AWD), Golden Life (Formerly led by Joyce Briggs, DHA), the Diaper Bank (children, infants, and adults, including period supplies)</p> <p>Shelisa- Can share about AWD and the Master Aging Plan, which has a community support services domain.</p> <p>Debra- will send contact info for Equity Before Birth (Joy Spencer), and HEART (Tameka Brown) who work with youth and Joy.</p>	

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	<p>Angel would like to start scheduling and asks representatives that are present for a commitment.</p> <p>Shelisa inquired about other topics for discussion.</p> <p>Bria requests an update on CHW Workgroup/Roundtable from Sally/Edeia. Shelisa explains that we are trying to align their work with this committee.</p> <p>Edeia- Roundtable going well. Last meeting 18-22 attendees. Latisha Arnold-Johnson from Durham Tech spoke about continuing work after the course/certification. There are also discussions of free/affordable trainings, planning, brainstorming topics and networking options, and after the current cohort (8) almost 120 CHWs will have been trained. Edeia will send a flyer to be shared with the listserv and requests resources for free/affordable training.</p> <p>Sally- The CHW Workgroup continues to meet setting goals for the year, discussing increasing paid opportunities. Strategic planning for the year is being finalized.</p> <p>Nancy- Medicaid expansion, increase in applicants, 2000+ in December, the expansion has allowed for people, who were not previously able, to qualify. Doing outreach to Durham Rescue Mission and LCHC. Updating website to share where to go and apply. E-pass encouraged, but single adults may not be familiar and can come onsite for help. DSS had a job fair in Oct 2023, adding 22 workers to help with the eligibility/application process. Elizabeth and Shelisa thanks Nancy for the efforts.</p> <p>Uma, a student, introduced herself and requested interesting stories from organizations. Angel suggested that organizations contact her. Edeia shared a story about a CHW who was hesitant to get vaccinated but was able to two years later and to be more informed when speaking with the community after attending a program on misinformation.</p>	
Meeting Adjourn		

***Next Meeting:** March 14, 2024: 8:30-9:30am