

Partnership for a Healthy Durham Quarterly meeting

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

12 – 1:30 pm, Stanford L. Warren Library 1201 Fayetteville St, Durham, NC 27707

The meeting will be livestreamed on the [Partnership Facebook page](#) if the meeting exceeds the 100-person capacity.

Minutes

Topic	Discussion Points	Action Item(s)
Welcome <i>Kimberly Monroe</i>		
Federal Priorities and Homelessness Services <i>Anthony Henderson, City of Durham Community Safety Department</i>	• \$2.8 million was asked for and received \$3 million. That goes to many organizations including the city. • Housing awards were going to be two-year awards. Work would be evaluated to see if it was in alignment with Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI) work. • In July, there was a call for new providers to enter the space and compete for Housing and Urban Development (HUD) dollars. Before, HUD had strict reporting requirements for how the money was being spent and who was being served. • Executive Order HB1 ○ The City attorney reviewed the order. They communicated with partners about how the changes might impact their work. ○ “ending crime and disorder on American streets” ○ They wanted people who receive funds to report their findings to law	



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	enforcement. • August ○ SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR) closed their portal. That information is, however, available locally. ○ COC application process could have taken 6 months but was due in one week. ○ Your city, state, etc. must align with the federal directive. Anything not awarded September 30 will be canceled. • There have been mass firings across agencies including HUD. • Durham continual care is an annual membership group. No cost to join. They share updates. • Series of questions ○ Will there be a difference in response time as new Notice Of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) come out? ○ Will there be changes in eligibility? ○ Will the new providers be forced treatment providers? ○ How will our neighbors be impacted? • No longer homelessness team. Now the Housing Opportunities and Pathways Engagement (HOPE) team.	
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	○ Working with a group called Community Solutions • Are seeking non-federal funding opportunities. Potential action item- build a list of non-federal funding sources	
Policy Changes to Medicaid <i>Monica Fuller Johnson, NC Department of Health and Human Services</i>	• For now, Medicaid is the same and expansion continues. • Work or community engagement requirements will change ○ Includes people with disabilities, veterans, • There will be biannual checks • As of October 1, refugees are no longer eligible for Medicaid • How we can prepare ○ Encourage people to look out for official changes ○ Medicaid ambassadors- organizations help people to complete applications ▪ Can help people to understand the new rules ▪ Can help to keep people informed ▪ Can inform people of Medicaid benefits even when they are going to agencies seeking other benefits	



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	• Budget ○ We needed \$819 million to fully fund Medicaid 2025-2026 FY, Still a huge gap. We're managing the short fall while trying to protect the most vulnerable. ○ \$319 million shortfall ○ \$0 of the request was granted. ○ We can't legally use the state funds to fill the gap. ○ Since 2019 there was an offset by federal covid funds. ○ They had to make reductions- focused on children, the elderly, and those receiving behavioral health care. ○ Wanted to minimize impacts on providers. ○ Two options- reduce provider rates and reduce additional services ○ Some services will see 3%-10%-80% reductions ○ Human impact of the rate reduction ▪ Financial impacts on providers ▪ Many providers may stop seeing Medicaid patients ▪ Reducing what we pay to help plans by 1.5% • GLP1 drugs for weight loss and INC were cut	
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	• GLP 1s will still be available for those with other health issues like diabetes ▪ Fewer staff and resources ▪ Lost tools like Healthy Opportunities Pilot (HOP) ▪ Being asked to implement new federal mandates without funding to implement them. • NC Medicaid is facing a series of pressures ○ Underfunded administratively ○ Don't have full funding to keep the programs stable ○ Cuts to provider taxes ○ Inadequate funding for operations ▪ Supporting providers and beneficiaries ▪ Service delays ○ Public and legislative support could erode • IS the office of the Medicaid ombudsman been eliminated? No but it will come back under DHHS after December 31. ○ The program will still exist but with less people. ○ Continue encouraging people to enroll in Medicaid.	
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	○ Almost 1/3 of NC's population is enrolled in Medicaid.	
Partnership Committee Updates <i>Committee Co-Chairs</i>	● Access to Care ○ Brad Caison- covid vaccine availability and guidelines. Had a presentation by Dr. Jenks. Working with a workgroup to create materials that are easy to understand the updates to vaccines. Support healthcare safety nets like Samaritan Health and Lincoln. ● Health and Housing ○ Uzuri and James- there was a Healthy Housing summit earlier this year sponsored by Duke. The committee has been meeting and discussing next steps. They are looking to re-establish the roundtable discussions. Looking for the best outcomes possible for the CHIP. ● Mental Health ○ Eboni Quick- mental health training series, also planning a series for youth. Planning an in-person meeting December 2 for a hands-only CPR training and how to navigate the holidays. The committee did a mindfulness meet-ups where they used inspirational rocks and took a walk to distribute those walks.	



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	• PANFA ○ Kia and Sicily- focused on building community and creating more community within PANFA. They had a wonderful meeting yesterday evening in person. They are trying to provide an opportunity for other folks who want to be plugged into the work to come and participate. Discussed how folks are dealing with changes. Where are people finding joy. ○ Revisiting what coalition means. Talking about what people can do in their own spheres to impact change. • SEAT ○ They recently adjusted their name to come into alignment with the new policies. ○ They continue meeting and doing gaps analysis with PANFA. ○ They have done two community connections meetings they are open to everyone. They start at 3:00-4:30. ○ The next one is November 4th. We incorporate movement into those gatherings. ○ Focusing on making and sustaining community.	
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Announcements		
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I. Announcements

- Email announcements to Bria Miller at briamiller@dconc.gov to share in a post meeting wrap-up

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