**Access Network of Care October 29, 2015**

**Durham County Health Department, Durham, NC**

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| **Funded Provider Programs** | **State Programs** | **Other Programs** |
| Wake County Human Services (Care Network Lead Agency) (RWB, EC, PF, HOPWA, CAPUS, MAI, RWC) | Karen Best, Natasha Bowen, John Brown, Katie Horstmann, Michael McNeill, Yvonne Torres | HIV Prevention  | Eric Davis | ACRA | Brenda Ruffin |
| Alliance of AIDS Services – Carolina (PF) | Hector Selgado |  |  |  |  |
| Durham County Health Department (PF) | Annette Carrington | AIDS Care Program | Patrick Church | Triangle Empowerment / Safe Spaces | Miguel Hunter |
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| Duke Partners in Caring (HOPWA, PF, RWB) | Amber Esters, Artie Hendricks, Rhonda Hormenoo,  |  |  |  |  |
| Duke Adult ID (RWB, EC) | Kara McGee |  |  | My Sister’s Keeper | Sharon Leach |
| Duke Pediatric ID (RWB, RWD) | Julieta Giner, Mary McLees-Lane |  |  |  |  |
| El Centro Hispano (PF) | Maritza Chirinos, Fiorella Horna |  |  |  |  |
| Healing with CAARe, Inc (RWB, PF, CAPUS, MAI) | Betty Finoh, Carolyn Hinton, Stephanie Riley |  |  |  |  |
| Lincoln Community Health Center | Jason Ferrell |  |  |  |  |
| Strengthening the Black Family (PF) | Linda Riggins |  |  |  |  |
| UNC – Adult ID (RWB, RWC) | Cassandra White |  |  |  |  |
| WECAHC (RWB, PF) | Ricky Duck, Stacy Duck |  |  |  |  |
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**Welcome/Introductions/Housekeeping**

Michael McNeill welcomed the network meeting. Introductions were made among those present. Michael thanked Durham County for hosting the meeting.

**Review of August Notes:**

No changes were noted during the meeting; however, the following corrections were offered subsequent to the meeting:

“Artie Hendricks reminded the network that the Durham MSA (Durham, Orange, Chatham and Person counties) now qualify to receive their HOPWA dollars directly from HUD. The City of Durham Office of Community Development will be the grantee for those services. Artie has been working with the City of Durham Community Development Office on a plan for going forward. For the time being, Duke has permission to continue services for the next 6 months. The contract with the state will be amended effective 1/1/16 to continue service Vance, Granville, Warren and Lee Counties. The City of Durham has requested that the existing number of vouchers be kept level. Duke is attempting to transfer one Granville County TBRA person onto another program.”

**Open Comment**

* Hector Selgado announced that the Alliance of AIDS Services – Carolina will host a meet and greet at the LGBTQ Center of Durham immediately following the network meeting (beginning at 4:00)
* The Alliance of AIDS Services – Carolina will offer a Prep 101 and Prep 102 session November 2. The session is a two part series open to providers. Please email Hector Selgado with your intent to attend
* El Centro Hispano will host a Fiest De la Salud (Celebration of Health) event on Saturday, November 7, 2015 at the Holton Career and Resource Center, 401 N. Drive Street, Durham, NC 27703
* Healing with CAARe, Inc. will host a gala at the Duke Inn on December 4, 2015. Emails will be forthcoming.
* UNC will hops a Community Consultation: Biomedical HIV Prevention event on November 20, 2015 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Durham County Health Department Conference Room B.
* Julieta Giner announced that about 250-300 individuals attended the Clinical Research Training on October 22, 2015 at the UNC Friday Center.
* Julieta Giner also stated that the Duke AIDS Research and Treatment Center Community Advisory Board’s end of year forum, "Wrap it Up" will be December 7, 2015 at the Trent Hall Duke Global Health Institute, 310 Trent Dr., Durham, NC, Room 040, from 5:45 P - 8 P. The event will be open to the community. Speaker topics will include - Women with HIV and aging; Men's health; and, planning ahead for end of life. A light dinner and refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Julia Giner at 919-668-4844
* WECAHN announced that their bi-lingual case manager would be starting Monday, November 2, 2015.
* Karen Best of Wake County Human Services reminded the region that Syphilis has dramatically increased this year. She asked that programs remember to test, test, test.

**AIDS Care Program**

Patrick Church stated that the state would be working jointly with prevention over the next several months to update the Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need.

**Prevention Update**

Eric Davis stated that the prevention unit was working to get requested data out to programs particularly as they prepare for their joint RFA in 2016. The unit is also working on guidance for linkage to care.

**Wake County Human Services – Prevention presentation**

Yvonne Torres, Natasha Bowen and Katie Horstmann presented about the HIV prevention program at WCHS. The program receives ITTS and Substance Abuse Testing funds. The program includes services from testing to identification to linkage into care: from outreach, counseling and testing, health education, DIS (both county and state), bridge counseling and long-term case management. Services are available in both Spanish and English and include Hepatitis C testing.

**2015-2016 Budget to Date**

* Michael McNeill indicated that, since last meeting the network has submitted 3 realignments to the state as well as the 2016-2017 Ryan White Part B budget.
* $100,000: Michael McNeill reported that the network submitted the following budget for the region’s additional $100,000 (to be spent by March 31, 2016) based upon the network’s budget meeting discussions:
	+ $466 Office Supplies
	+ $39,517 Labs (2 agencies: $19,760 and $19,757 respectfully)
	+ $469 Vein finder
	+ $34,689 Oral Health Care
	+ $3,903 MCM Mileage
	+ $13,196 Emergency Financial Assistance
	+ $7,760 Medical Transportation

**Needs Assessment**

Michael McNeill stated that he had downloaded the list of questions for the region’s needs assessment. The PDF was longer than 40 pages so he is having the questions recast in another format for distribution and review. It was suggested and consented upon to use the same questions as they would make an excellent comparison to the previous assessment. It was also suggested that the region examine some of the language in the questions as they were difficult for some clients to understand previously.

Michael also stated that the network, per previous discussions, had requested funds for 9 focus groups:

* Medical providers
* Other service providers
* Northern Rural Group
* Southern Rural Group
* Women
* Latino/a
* Teen/Youth
* Transgender
* MSM (especially of color)

**CAREWare**

Michael McNeill stated that CAREWare’s latest upgrade now includes a “Ryan White Eligibility” field along with an “Eligibility History” hyperlink. The change stems from a change in the Ryan White Services Report client level reporting requirements that now requests all Ryan White funded agencies (who must submit an RSR) to report “eligible clients who received an eligible service.” Currently, not all programs have access to the “Eligibility History” hyperlink. The AIDS Care Program will eventually activate that field for all programs. However, in the interim, Michael, UNC and the state are working together to attempt to figure out the usefulness and functionality of the new (eventually required) feature.

**HOWPA Update**

Artie Hendricks stated that Duke was close to finalizing the contract with the city of Durham for January – June. The city has decited that what Duke is currently doing will continue through June 30. The state had been funding services to avoid a disruption of services with the transition of direct funding from HUD to the state to a stream of HUD to the Durham Housing Authority. However, as contracts progress, Duke has backed those funds out of the state’s contract. The early indication is that the DHA will allow services for 2016-2017. It is Duke’s intent to make any changes as unnoticeable to clients as possible.

Our Duke program is requesting 3 vouchers for either Lee, Vance, Warren or Granville counties.

**2015 Meetings**

* **November 19, 2015** PREVENTION/CARE RFA MEETING **(date corrected from previous notes)**
* December 10, 2015 Duke Pediatric ID