

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT DURHAM BECOMING A MEDICAID HEALTHY OPPORTUNITIES
COMMUNITY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH
PROPOSAL TO NCDHHS**

WHEREAS, social determinants of health (SDOH) are the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age that affect a wide range of health, functioning, and quality-of-life outcomes and risks; and

WHEREAS, social determinants of health are shaped by the distribution of money, power, and resources throughout local neighborhoods, communities, counties, regions and the state; and

WHEREAS, health equity is the assurance of the conditions for optimal health for all people; and

WHEREAS, achieving healthy equity requires valuing all individual and populations equally, recognizing and rectifying historical injustices and providing resources according to need; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina’s Medicaid Transformation includes the Healthy Opportunities Pilot (HOP) that identify 4 reimbursable Social determinants of health: housing, food, transportation and interpersonal violence (IPV) with up to \$650 million of potential funding that can improve health equity; and

WHEREAS, many Durham human service organizations (HSOs) providing services within each of the four SDOH categories comprise a fragile ecosystem due to high demand and lack of abundant resources; and

WHEREAS, the NC DHHS HOP initiative can enhance the capacity of Durham HSO’s serving its most vulnerable populations as well as improve the infrastructure and ecosystem of each of the 4 major SDOH categories; and

WHEREAS, Duke University and Duke’s Medicaid Clinically Integrated Network (CIN) along with the Durham County Mangers’ Office and Durham County HSOs formed a County-wide Advisory Committee to guide the development of the response to the HOP RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Durham County Advisory Committee has aligned with 5 additional counties - Wake, Granville, Vance, Warren and Franklin (WD4C) - to submit a response to the NC Medicaid HOP RFP; and

WHEREAS, the alignment of urban and rural counties enhances the resilience of each county and region.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, the members of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby urge the entire Durham County community to be supportive of strategies that strengthen individual, family, community and HSOs to alleviate the effects of health inequities by increasing the capacity of our HSOs to better serve more individuals through the WD4C HOP; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution are shared broadly throughout the community; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Durham Board of County Commissioners endorse the development of County-wide WD4C Advisory Committee comprised of representatives from health, food, housing, transportation, and interpersonal violence providers along with respective leadership from the County Manager’s office and County and City agencies.

The 12th day November 2019.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair

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