

**Benchmark Activity: 41.2: The local board of health shall take actions to foster local health department partnership-building efforts and staff interactions with the community.**

**Durham County Board of Health  
Agenda Item Summary**

Meeting Date: December 10, 2015

Agenda Item Subject: Duke Center for Community and Population  
Health Improvement

Attachment (s): N/A

Staff / Board Member/**Individual** Reporting: Dr. Ebony Boulware

Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_ Action  
            X   Information only  
          \_\_\_\_\_ Information with possible action

**Objectives:**

To provide an overview of the Duke Center for Community and Population Health Improvement and collaborative opportunities for DCoDPH.

**Summary Information:**

During the October meeting, the Board of Health voted to support the department’s requests to Duke University Health System and Lincoln Community Health Center to work with us to design and produce HIPAA compliant community level reports that will better inform us of community needs and program effectiveness. This work will be done in collaboration with Duke Center for Community and Population Health Improvement. Dr. Ebony Boulware the director of the center will provide an overview of the Center and collaborative opportunities for DCoDPH.

At Duke, Dr. Boulware is Professor of Medicine, Professor in the Department of Community and Family Medicine, Affiliate of the Center for Biobehavioral Health Disparities Research, Chief, Division of General Internal Medicine in the Department of Medicine, Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Science, and Director, Duke Clinical and Translational Science Award.

“Dr. Boulware is a general internist and clinical researcher devoted to improving quality and equity in the health care and health of people affected by chronic illnesses such as chronic kidney disease, hypertension, and cardiovascular disease. She has studied the influence of medical, social, community,

and health system factors on these conditions. She seeks to improve health through practical approaches and pragmatic interventions that are informed by patient and community needs.”

**Recommended Action:**

- Approve
- Approve & forward to Board of Commissioners for action
- Approve & forward to \_\_\_\_\_
- Accept as information
- Revise & schedule for future action
- Other (details): \_\_\_\_\_