

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: March 10, 2016

Agenda Item Subject: Mayor’s Poverty Reduction Initiative (PRI)
Health Task Force Community Health Workers
(CHW) Pilot Program

Attachment (s): None

Staff or Board Member Reporting: Joanne Pierce, Deputy Health Director

Purpose: _____ Action
 X Information only
 _____ Information with possible action

Objective: To provide an update on the development of the Mayor’s Poverty Reduction Initiative Health Task Force CHW program.

Background Information:

In 2014 Mayor Bill Bell created the Poverty Reduction Initiative (PRI) and created 6 groups to work on ways to improve the health and well-being of the community. They focus on: finance, health, education, jobs, public safety and housing. In early 2015 the work groups, collaborated to gather the opinions of residents. That work formed the foundation for the work of the task forces. The Health Task Force is chaired by School Board Chair Heidi Carter, City Council Member Don Moffitt, Franklin Village resident and Community Health Worker L’Tanya Gilchrist, and Founder and Executive Director of Together for Resilient Youth Wanda Boone.

PRI Task Force Update:

One of the accomplishments of the PRI Health Task force is that it has received approval from the Durham County Board of Health to establish a CHW certification system. On March 1, 2016, the PRI Health Task Force met to discuss preliminary details of what the process would entail as a CHW seeks certification through the Durham County Board of Health as a credentialing body. Discussion considerations included core course requirements, contact hours, experience, continuing education and transferability of certification. The PRI Task Force expects to have the certification process established by September 2016 for the Durham County Board of Health’s review.

Recommended Action: _____ Approve

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