

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: April 14, 2016

Agenda Item Subject: 14th Annual Duke/Durham Health Summit

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 recent 14th Annual Duke/Durham Health Summit that occurred on March 18, 2016.

This year’s health summit theme, *Collaborating Across Durham To Achieve Health Equity*, focused on the engagement of multiple sectors to create a shared understanding of cross-sectoral relationships and roles as it relates to health equity. Health equity is defined as everyone having the opportunity to attain their highest level of health. Presenters included Dr. Eugene Washington (Duke University Health System), Gayle Harris (Durham County Department of Public Health), Amy Slonim (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation), Bay Love (Racial Equity Institute) and Sheila Craig (Texas Health and Human Services Commission).

Participants had opportunities for discussions across disciplines about their multi-sector impact on community health and how potential partnerships from other sectors can be enhanced to close gaps, improve service delivery, and address inequities expressed in systems and institutions to achieve health equity.

Approximately 320 attendees participated in the health summit representing over a dozen sectors and industries including academia, business, child welfare, criminal justice, education, employment, foundations, government (local, county, state and federal), health, housing, research, and technology. A significant percentage (31%) of participants completed the evaluation which revealed high satisfaction with the summit’s content and desire to continue conversations about health and racial equity.

Durham County Department of Public Health offered three opportunities for up to 150 to participate in a 2-day racial equity workshop to occur on April 7-8, May 12-13, and June 23-24 presented by the Racial Equity Institute. The racial equity workshop is a deeper-level conversation that presents a historical,

cultural, structural and institutional analysis. The interest to attend was overwhelming. Registration to attend the May and June sessions is ongoing until capacity is met.

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