

Benchmark Activity 9.1: The local health department shall publish and disseminate data and information on current local health issues to the general public, community partners, and elected and appointed officials.

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

Meeting Date: August 10, 2017

Agenda Item Subject: Bull City United update

Attachment (s): PowerPoint Presentation

Staff or Board Member Reporting: Mel Downey-Piper

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

Objectives: To update the BOH on the Bull City United initiative.

Summary Information:

In November of 2016, Durham County Department of Public Health launched an exciting new initiative, Bull City United, to reduce shootings and killings in Durham. Bull City United uses an internationally recognized public health model (Cure Violence) to stop retaliatory shootings and mediate conflicts before they erupt into violence. Eight Bull City United team members are assigned to two different target areas that were selected due to their high per capita level of violence: Census Tract 1300, which covers a section of Durham south of Highway 147, and Census Tract 1401, which covers the McDougald Terrace Public Housing Community. Bull City United relies heavily on the collection of community-level violence data in order to shape daily activities and uses a web-based system developed by the national Cure Violence program to track any violence and the team’s response to that violence, mediations and service delivery in the community and among program participants.

Data on violence can fluctuate, so it’s critical to monitor trends over time. That said, Bull City United’s work may already be starting to pay off since the program was launched in November. Aggravated assaults with firearms in the two communities selected have dropped 33% and homicides are down by 52% countywide over the same comparable time periods (January – June 2016 and January – June 2017).

Recommended Action: _____ Approve

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