

### DCoDPH Mission & Vision

#### **Our Mission**

Working With Our Community to Prevent Disease, Promote Health, and Protect the Environment.

#### **Our Vision**

Healthy Durham, Join Us!
People, Partners, Places, Policy, Practice

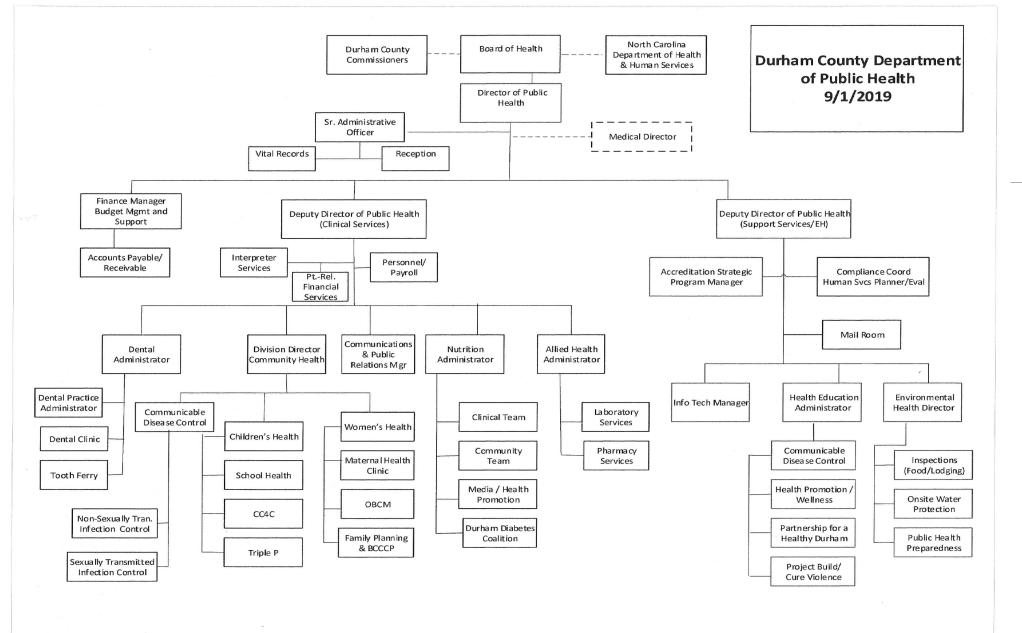




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<u>Allied Health</u> is comprised of the laboratory and pharmacy operated within the department. The laboratory provides phlebotomy, specimen procurement, and testing services that aid in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease for the department's clinics, Lincoln Community Health Center, and at community outreach events. The pharmacy provides medication services for clinics, DCo Wellness Clinic, and DCo Detention Center. Medications are filled and dispensed by licensed pharmacists and a pharmacy technician. The pharmacy maintains a comprehensive formulary enabling treatment and prevention options for a variety of diseases and conditions. (\$1,856,545)





The <u>Dental Division</u> provides access to comprehensive dental care for uninsured and underinsured children and youth up to 20 years old and pregnant women. Services are provided onsite in a state-of-the-art dental clinic and in the Tooth Ferry, a mobile dental unit that visits specific DPS elementary schools. Staff members also provide dental screenings and oral health education sessions. (\$1,193,493)





The Environmental Health Division enforces state and local laws and regulations to ensure that food & lodging establishments, institutions, child care facilities, onsite waste treatment, water, and many other health-related services and industries are operated and maintained in a manner that protects public health and the environment. Environmental Health staff issue establishment and system operational permits. Staff also educate and empower Durham County residents and visitors about issues that affect their health. Information provided by Environmental Health and local Public Health Emergency Preparedness allows people to make informed decisions about their health and wellbeing as well as that of their families. (\$1,193,493)

The <u>Health Education Community Transformation Division</u> addresses health by influencing the decisions and actions that individuals, groups, and communities make to promote health and prevent violence, injury, disease and disability. Health Education also educates, mobilizes, assesses, and creates policy, systems, and environmental change to positively influence the health of Durham County residents. Staff members provide in-person and virtual education, screenings, and evidence-based programs to individuals, neighborhoods, faith-based organizations, and workplaces. Violence reduction programs include Bull City United and Project BUILD, which aim to prevent gun violence and reduce gang involvement, respectively. (\$2,652,207)





In order to achieve effective, efficient, and high-quality services that fulfill the department's mission, the **Leadership and Business Management Division** provides support, guidance, and sound business management services to all divisions and programs in Public Health. These functions include administrative oversight of all public health domains, including finance, purchasing, patient registration and billing, IT, registering of vital records, contracts services, and facilities services. (\$2,254,376)





Medical Services Division is the largest component of the department's budget, providing mandated and other health services that address unmet needs of our community. The Medical Services Division investigates, screens, educates, and provides treatment and other clinical care to those who seek or are referred for care. The division's staff is a multidisciplinary matrix of providers (advanced practice providers and contract physicians), nurses, social workers, and ancillary staff. The primary program areas are Care Coordination for Children, Detention Facility Health Services, Pregnancy Care Management, Refugee Health, School Health, Women's Health Clinic, and Communicable Disease Control. (\$11,934,933)

The **Nutrition Division** provides population-based and individual clinical services, so Durham County residents can learn and put into practice behaviors that prevent disease and promote optimal health. Clinical services are provided for Durham residents and encompass individual counseling and/or guidance to prevent, treat, or stabilize diagnosed chronic illnesses. The Durham's Innovative Nutrition Education (DINE) program teaches students in qualifying schools about nutrition and physical activity to move towards healthier behaviors. DINE and the Chronic Care Initiative (formerly Durham Diabetes Coalition) conduct education classes at community sites and work on policy, systems, and environmental changes that impact the nutrition and physical environment in eligible childcare facilities, food retail markets, faith-based organizations, and community sites. The Formerly Incarcerated Transition (FIT) Program provides health care navigation services for eligible individuals recently released from incarceration who are living with a chronic disease. (\$2,652,207)

# DCoDPH: Allied Health Division (Medication Misuse and Substance Abuse Response)

#### Managed through the Pharmacy



Medication Recovery – discard old medications safely in a drop box inside Human Services Building's front entrance



Safer Syringe Kits - receive anonymous services and limited protection from prosecution



Free Naloxone – receive education and medication to reverse overdoses related to opioid (including heroin) use





# DCoDPH: Health Education & Community Transformation (Ending HIV/AIDS Epidemic by 2030)

The state of HIV/AIDS in Durham County:

- From 2015-17, the rate of new HIV infections in Durham County was the 6th highest for North Carolina at 26.8 cases per 100,000.
- There was a decrease in the rates of newly diagnosed HIV from 31.8 cases/100,000 in 2016 to 25.2 cases/100,000 in 2017.
- The rate of Stage 3 (aka AIDS) in Durham is 3rd highest in state from 201517.
- Durham County has approximately 1900 people living with HIV.





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Achieving the 90-90-90 targets

- 90% of people living with HIV knowing their HIV status;
- •90% of people who know their HIV-positive status on treatment; and
- •90% of people on treatment with suppressed viral loads by 2030
- •New position and funds for some operational expenses in the 2020 budget





# DCoDPH: Environmental Health Frequently Asked Questions

- What tests should I get for my well water?
- •Why doesn't my lot perc?
- Well, then how did my neighbor get a permit?
- •Why do I have to know where I want to build? Aren't you going to tell me?
- What do you mean you don't do this??? Isn't this an environmental and or public health issue? Somebodies going to get sick."





## DCoDPH – Partnership for a Healthy Durham: Opportunities for Engagement

The Partnership for a Healthy Durham is a coalition of local organizations and community members with the goal of collaboratively improving the physical, mental, and social health and well-being of Durham's residents.

The Partnership has five committees that focus on Durham County health priorities and communications. There are currently more than 500 active members in the Partnership.

For questions about the Partnership, call (919) 560-7833 or visit <a href="www.healthydurham/org">www.healthydurham/org</a>.

The Partnership for a Healthy Durham and Data Program area is also responsible for the Community Health Assessment, annual health reports, data analysis, evaluation and grant writing.

For data requests, contact Epidemiologist Denver Jameson at:

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Access to Care: Advocates for changes that will affect health care coverage for residents and develops community and agency-based strategies to make measurable improvements in access to medical and dental care for the uninsured and underinsured residents of Durham.

<u>Communications</u>: Charged with improving the internal and external communications and Partnership branding. Working with community partners to enhance an online community resource directory.

Health and Housing: This new committee will focus on the relationship between health and housing.



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Obesity, Diabetes and Food Access: Provides a community-based approach to address the growing problem of overweight and obesity, and chronic illnesses, such as diabetes.

Mental Health: Seeks to increase public awareness of mental illness and access to mental health services.

<u>Poverty:</u> (No standing committee; we work with other existing groups and through our health committees). These are new health priorities for the Partnership that will likely work to improve high school graduation rates







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