



D-CHIPP Newsletter

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DUSON Community Health Improvement Partnership Program

Partnering with the community to advance health.



D-CHIPP DIRECTOR'S

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As the weeks marking the pandemic stretch to months, we continually learn about COVID-19, including how this novel virus is widening health disparities, especially among Black and Latinx populations. Some factors that contribute to these disparities include: sub-optimal living arrangements (crowded or inadequate housing), literacy challenges (translation of educational materials), essential workers having higher chances of exposure, and limited access to care and testing. However, many of our community partners are working to overcome these disparities, including this month's Community Partner Spotlight: Lincoln Community Health Center. Lincoln provides onsite COVID testing and access to care for the medically underserved. Our affiliate spotlight, Dr. Kathy Trotter, is a regular volunteer for Meals on Wheels, a critical service for the seniors in the community who are at high risk and face increased isolation due to COVID. We know there are many more examples like these and we thank you for all you do!

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: LINCOLN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

Dr. Charles Watts, the first African American board-certified surgeon in North Carolina, founded Lincoln Community Health Center (LCHC) in September of 1971. The original site of the health center was in the basement of the old Lincoln Hospital. In 1976, Lincoln Hospital, serving predominately the African American population, and Watts Hospital, serving mostly white citizens, merged into Durham County General Hospital, which is now Duke Regional Hospital. LCHC moved to its current building in 1982, and patients and employees now park where the old Lincoln Hospital once stood.

LCHC provides access to quality outpatient health care to the medically underserved population. They have 40,000 patients receiving one or more of the following services: primary care, behavioral health, dental, laboratory, pediatrics, pharmacy, specialty clinics,
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health care for the homeless clinic and the Just for Us clinic for the senior population. Years ago, they recognized a fast-growing Spanish speaking population and hired translators to better serve their patients and addressed other social determinants of health such as transportation to remove barriers to access health care. LCHC also involves their patients on their Board of Directors, where 51-percent of the members are consumers.

LCHC and DUSON collaborate on many projects. DUSON Nurse Practitioner students provide case management for patients with chronic diseases such as diabetes and hypertension. Members of LCHC's leadership work alongside DUSON faculty and staff on special projects in the community such as housing development, education, community events and outreach activities. DUSON and LCHC leadership are working on a new project for ABSN students to gain experience in Quality Improvement activities.

In the nearly 50 years since LCHC opened its doors, only two CEOs have led the organization. The first CEO, Dr. Evelyn Schmidt said of Durham, "It may be a city of medicine but not of health," addressing the disparities of health care within the community. Schmidt led the organization for 40 years before current CEO Phil Harewood succeeded her 10 years ago.

Claretta Foye, Chief Operating Officer, calls LCHC the "best kept secret in Durham." But they are looking to change that.

"(I'm) committed to the mission to serve the community," Foye said "We provide high-quality health care and hire the best providers who are passionate about the mission. We see the difference made. We identify unique health care issues and concerns. It's why I get up every day."

For those interested in seeking any services provided by LCHC or wanting to receive more information on the organization and how to become a patient, visit lincolnchc.org.

D-CHIPP affiliates are scholars, leaders, researchers, & educators. See the publications & more by D-CHIPP affiliates during May.

Publications: (1) DUSON Faculty (**Edie**), Staff Contribute to Article for Sigma Journal

Grant submissions: (2) **Tanabe, Crego** Submit Supplement Application; Faculty (**Hendrix**) Submit Application to HRSA

Conference presentations: (3) **Randolph, Johnson** Discuss Barbershops, Salons Reopening in COVID Session; DUSON Faculty (**Koch**), Students Participate in Bass Connections Showcase; **Gonzalez-Guarda** to Participate in Webinar on May 22

UPCOMING EVENTS

D-CHIPP CHATs

(Community Health Academic Talks)

Date: Monday, July 6th

Time: 12-1 p.m.

Presenters: Rosa Gonzalez-Guarda, PhD and Alison Stafford, PhD

Topic: Latino Health & Health Equity Research

Zoom link: <https://duke.zoom.us/j/98107512632>

Critical Conversations Documentary Series

Date: Thursday, July 30th

Time: 12-1 p.m.

Co-Sponsored by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion

Topic: "Let's get to the root of racial injustice," a TED Talk by Megan Ming Francis

Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/3fGjO6R>

Registration required.

Need to contact D-CHIPP?

Email dchippcoord@duke.edu for suggestions or comments.

NEWS FROM THE CENTER FOR NURSING RESEARCH

DUSON faculty have a deep commitment to community engagement and are well poised to be competitive in pursuing external funding for CEnR. Nevertheless, DUSON community partners are often overwhelmed with request from academic researchers to participate in partnerships and lack the capacity to pursue these opportunities. The DUSON Population Health Community Researcher Partner (Pop Health CRP) Program will expand existing relationships with DUSON community partners, and build upon the infrastructure of the Center for Nursing Research (CNR) and the Community Health Improvement Partnership Program (D-CHIPP) to build capacity and expand networks for CEnR.

Drs. Paula Tanabe and Nancy Crego recently submitted an AHRQ COVID-19 supplement. The one-year grant, which would begin September 1, 2020, proposes to study how COVID-19 has changed health care utilization, telehealth, and prescribing patterns.

Dr. Sophia Smith submitted a R01 COVID-19 administrative supplement. The one-year study, which would begin December 1, 2020 aims to better understand the disproportionate burden COVID-19 has placed on caregivers of hematopoietic cell transplant cancer survivors.



Flower bed in front of DUSON after some TLC from Dr. Trotter and volunteer helper. Thank you!!

D-CHIPP AFFILIATE SPOTLIGHT: **Kathy Trotter, DNP, FAANP, FAAN**

Hometown: currently Hillsborough, NC

Favorite food: almost any fresh fruit

Favorite thing: Outdoor activities

Favorite vacation spot: Holden Beach, NC



Current research or other projects: Group visits for Women and High risk for Breast Cancer(in person), Monthly Breast Health Telehealth Webinars

Courses teaching this or next semester / our taught recently: Advanced Women's Health Through the Lifespan (for Women's Health NP majors), Perinatal Health (FNP majors)

Community partners: Habitat for Humanity: Nurse Build Day (I got it started via our Sigma chapter 4 years ago) & TROSA (free monthly gynecologic clinic for residents; includes Women's Health NP students and an ABSN student when they are available/commit to coming). Meals on Wheels volunteer driver twice a month.

What Dr. Trotter likes best about working in community health: the people themselves who we meet and serve. Giving back to our community members, every little bit helps. Also good to get students into these sites, help role model their future community work.

Dr. Trotter adds: I was walking by DUSON to go to the Cancer clinic in early May and saw how the school grass was a foot high (literally), and the entrance signs had dead flowers from the Fall. I let staff know about the grass, and I decided to come back that weekend and clean it up at the signs. Why not? This is our work community. I put the word out to about 20 DUSON folks, and one showed up to help. With masks on, we weeded and planted flowers-- we had a good time. My point is that keep it simple, start with easy things, that don't cost a lot and help brighten it up for others. It doesn't have to just be healthcare!