



Durham Joins Together Taskforce Meeting Report

Committee	Housing
Committee Chair or Co-Chairs	Helen Tripp
Date	8/20/2026

Committee members: *Please identify names of attendees and affiliation (example: Donna Rosser, Durham County Department of Public Health)*

Helen Tripp: Durham County EMS MIH/Community Paramedics

Lacie Scofield: Durham County Department of Public Health

Irving Hewitt: Oxford House

Arthur Payne: Morse Clinic

Eric Morse: Morse Clinic

Julia Gamble: Homeless Care Transitions with Durham Access

Paula Harrington: Oxford House

Kay Sanford

Kimberly Chansen: RI International, Durham Recovery Response Center

Timeka Harper-Purcell: Freedom House Recovery Center

Carlyle Johnson: Alliance Health

Lucius Wilson: Southlight

Von Chreiman: Fishing Point Healthcare

Cynthia Staten: Oxford House

Current Activities:

We are wrapping up outstanding action items which include:

- Encouraging recovery homes to allow medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD) for their residents
- Increasing access to naloxone in the community, including in recovery housing
- Preparing “Naloxone Here” signs in Spanish to be posted at locations that have naloxone kits available
- Working to ensure DSS rental assistance is available for people in recovery housing
- Discussing collaboration with other housing committees to reduce duplication of efforts and learn what is working well in each group.

On-going activities:

We continue to work with residential housing in Durham that supports people in recovery to help and encourage them to better understand the value and need for allowing medication for opioid use disorder in their homes.

Metrics/Measures

This quarter:

- Number of new recovery houses allowing MOUD: 0
- Number of “Naloxone Here” signs distributed: N/A

Next Steps:

Appoint a new committee chair by February 2027. Division Chief Tripp will be retiring February 1, 2027.

Review list of available recovery homes to determine which ones allow MOUD. Reach out to any that do not currently allow it to facilitate discussion.

Continue ensuring naloxone is available throughout recovery communities in Durham

Next Meeting & Location:

4th Friday of each month at 1:00 pm

Next meeting: 9/25/2026 via Teams <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/29153512896034?p=h4SnzKtVCFOZM6QLt4>