**Behavioral Health Disparities Workgroup**

**Location**: Alliance Behavioral Healthcare

414 E. Main St Durham, NC 27701

**Date**: 2/22/17

**Present**- Paul Savery (NC DHHS, committee chair), Garron B. Rogers (NC Families United/Youth MOVE NC, co-chair), Wanda Boone (NC TRY Coalition), Mary Ann Laleman (Vaya Health), Richard Edwards (Community Based Care), Michael Burrows (Alliance BHC), , Catherine Joyner, and Sonja Frison (UNC-G)

**Introductions**

**Announcements**:

-Wanda Boone announced that on April 21st Annual TRY Prevention Conference “Faith Health and Wealth Intersect for Community Wellness” at the Millennium Hotel 6pm. Registration info on Eventbrite by searching TRY Prevention Conference; also announced that TRY received an award from SAMHSA as they have been named one of the top coalitions in the country.

**Items Discussed**:

-Discussed highlights of Behavioral Health Disparities workshop on 2/15/17 w/speaker Peter Gamache.

-Group viewed Unnatural Causes episode “Is Inequality Making Us Sick?” which discussed influence of social determinants on health.

-Briefly watched part of Essentials for Childhood webinar on "Using Narrative as a Strategy to Achieve Health Equity”, now available on the EfC website at:

<https://essentialsforchildhood.edc.org/webinar-archive-using-narrative-strategy-achieve-health-equity>

-ArcGIS website will allow a free 90 day trial that will display mapping

\***Next meeting:** March 22nd, 2017 at 1:30pm at 414 E. Main St., Durham, NC