

Community Advisory Group for Health Pompton Lakes

Summary Meeting Notes
Meeting Date: May 10, 2010, 7 pm
Pompton Lakes High School Media Center

Attendees

Community: Josephine Bruno, Tom Cantesano, Kenneth Doka, Joyce Fern, Ed Fischer, Karen Hinton, Michael A Keough, Karen Magee, Debbie Priestner, Lisa Riggiola, Regina Sisco, Cas Stark, Amy Walton

NJDHSS: Joe Eldridge, Jerry Fagliano, Tina Tan, Somia Aluwalia, Kate McGreevy, Christa Fontecchio

ATSDR: Leah Graziano, Racquel Stephenson, Greg Ulirsch

Notes

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (NJDHSS) opened the meeting with introductions, and a discussion of the agenda for the evening.

The meeting was devoted to the following:

- Dr. Greg Ulirsch of ATSDR in Atlanta presented “Health Statistics Review: Cancer and Birth Outcome Analysis, Endicott Area, Town of Union, Broome County, New York”.
- NJDHSS presented background information to the Health CAG on the epidemiology of cancers, including: 1) lifetime risks of cancers; 2) how cancer risk differs by sex and changes with age; 3) time trends, geographic patterns and disparities in cancer incidence; 4) comparison of cancer incidence rates in NJ and US; and 5) causes of cancer. NJDHSS made available to the CAG members a variety of cancer information resources.
- NJDHSS also discussed birth outcome data and mortality data for Pompton Lakes and surrounding municipalities.

The members of the Health CAG discussed the following issues:

- Discussion amongst members about the possible approaches to conducting a survey.
- Concerns raised that people in Pompton Lakes are dying from cancer at a younger age.

- Request for increasing knowledge about environmental exposures among local health care providers.
- Concerns raised that disease and death rates in Pompton Lakes should be compared to a population in an uncontaminated environment.

Action Items

For Next Health CAG Meeting:

- NJDHSS will prepare a presentation for the Health CAG regarding the pros and cons of epidemiologic methods to determine occurrence rates of diseases, and linking diseases to exposures.
- NJDHSS will present a proposal for a plan of health investigations.

For Future Health CAG Meetings:

- ATSDR will develop a proposal for training of local health care providers regarding relevant exposures and health effects; training may include use of physicians from ATSDR, Mt. Sinai's Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit and/or the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey/ Environmental and Occupational Health Clinical Center.

Next Meeting

June 10th, 2010 at Pompton Lakes High School Media Center at 7 pm