

THE FIRST ANNUAL NEW JERSEY RURAL HEALTH CONFERENCE Advancing Care and Health Equity in Rural Communities

November 10, 2022 | Rutgers University Cook Campus - Student Center





AGENDA

8:00 AM-9:10 AM	Registration/Continental Breakfast
	WELCOME REMARKS
9:10 AM - 9:35 AM	Judith M. Persichilli, RN, BSN, MA, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health
Multipurpose Room	Cory Booker, MA, JD, U.S. Senator for New Jersey
	Deborah Hartel, MSW, ACSW, Deputy Commissioner, Integrated Health Services, New Jersey Department of Health
9:35 AM - 10:15 AM Multipurpose Room	KEYNOTE SPEAKER
	Rural Health Innovations: Promoting Best Practices and Policies to Uplift Communities
	Tammy Norville, CEO, National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health
10:15 AM - 11:20 AM Multipurpose Room	Recruitment and Retention of Healthcare Workforce: New Strategies for New Demands
	Moderator: Nashon Hornsby, JD, LLM, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Community Health Services, New Jersey Department of Health
	Cathleen Bennett, President, CEO, New Jersey Hospital Association
	Edna Cadmus, Ph.D., RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, Executive Director, New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing
	Linda J. Schwimmer, JD, President and CEO, New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute
	Michael Shimmens, CPRP, Executive Director, 3RNET
	David Socolow, Executive Director, New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority
	Joseph Tetteh, MBA, Project Manager, NJ Industry Partnerships, Northern Region
	New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development

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11:20 AM - 11:30AM	Break
11:30 AM-12:15 PM George H. Cook	Rural Disparities in Tobacco Use, Lung, Prostate, and Colorectal Cancer Rates Moderator: Loletha Johnson, RN, MS, Program Manager, New Jersey Cancer Education and Early Detection Program (NJCEED), New Jersey Department of Health Heather Jordan, MPH, CPH, MCHES, Research Program Manager, Center for Tobacco Studies, Rutgers University Danny Markabawi, MD, MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper Donald Noblett, NCTTP, Grants Manager, Inspira Health
11:30 AM-12:15 PM Multipurpose Room	Understanding Drivers of Health Disparities in Treating Chronic Disease Moderator: Juliet Jones, BSW, MBA, Program Manager, Diabetes and Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention, New Jersey Department of Health Ginine Cilenti, Executive Director, Diabetes Foundation Ankur Patel, MD, MBA, FAAFP, Consulting Chief Medical Officer, Tabula Rasa Health Care, Thais Health Tanya Pagán Raggio-Ashley, MD MPH FAAP, Senior Medical Officer/Physician HRSA
11:30 AM-12:15 PM Room 202	The Health Effects of COVID-19 and its Impact on Our Communities Moderator: Amanda Medina Forrester, MA, MPH, Executive Director, Office of Minority and Multicultural Health, New Jersey Department of Health Margaret Fisher, MD, FAAP, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Public Health Services, New Jersey Department of Health Linda Flake, CEO, Southern Jersey Family Medical Centers Damon Koslow, MA, BS, Program Manager, Office of Primary Care and Rural Health, New Jersey Department of Health Jamey Lister, Ph.D., Assistant Professor at Rutgers School of Social Work
12:15 PM - 1:15 PM	Lunch Break
1:15 PM – 2:10 PM Multipurpose Room	Working Together to Improve Health Outcomes Among Women and Children Moderator: Cindy Barter, MD, MPH, IBCLC, CTTS, FAAFP, Faculty at Hunterdon Family Medicine Residency Program, Hunterdon Health Tammy Murphy, First Lady of New Jersey Lisa Asare, MPH, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, New Jersey Department of Human Services Carolyn E. DeBoer, MS, Chief Strategy Officer, Partnership for Maternal and Child Health of Northern New Jersey Barbara Ostfeld, Ph.D., Program Director, SIDS Center of New Jersey, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Roxanne Sutocky, Director of Community Engagement, The Women's Centers
2:10 PM – 2:20 PM	Break
2:20 PM – 3:20 PM George H. Cook	Innovations in Oral Health Moderator: Darwin Hayes, DDS, MHA, FAGD, State Dental Director, New Jersey Department of Health Jean-Claude Dungasi, DMD, MBA, MPH, Chief Dental Officer, CompleteCare Health Network Sam Wakim, DMD, MPH, Chief Dental Officer, Zufall Health Center David Williams, Ph.D. MPH, CEO, QualDent
2:20 PM – 3:20 PM Room 202	Improving Access to Mental Health Moderator: Thomas Bane, LMSW, Special Assistant to the Regional Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, New York Geoffrey Boyce, Chief Executive Officer, Array Behavioral Care Ivette Guillermo-McGahee, ACS, LPC, Founder and Executive Director, Allies in Caring, Inc. Tawanda L, Hubbard, DSW, LCSW, MSW, Social Work Educator, and Practitioner Associate Professor of Professional Practice at Rutgers University School of Social Work Ronald Roebuck, MS, Assistant Regional Coordinator, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, New Jersey Department of Human Services

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2:20 PM – 3:20 PM Multipurpose Room	Integrating Social Determinants of Health into the Healthcare Conversation Moderator: Omolola Taiwo, Ph.D., MPA, Executive Director, Office of Primary Care and Rural Health, New Jersey Department of Health Mark Dinglasan, MBA, Director, New Jersey Office of the Food Security Advocate Herb Conaway, MD, Assemblyman, 7th Legislative District, New Jersey Madjiguene Fall, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, TESOL, Kean University Chris T. Pernell, MD, MPH, FACPM, American College of Preventive Medicine, Regent-at-Large Joseph Rivera, Manager of Broadband Access, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
3:20 PM – 3:30 PM Multipurpose Room	Closing Remarks Marisol Meyer, MBA, Rural Health Project Officer, New Jersey Department of Health Joseph F. Vitale, Senator, 19th Legislative District, New Jersey
3:30 PM	Adjourn