

HNJ2030 ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 10, 2020

ATTENDANCE

Alycia Bayne	Kwaku Gyekye	Jennifer Okwuonu
Alysia Mastrangelo	Marissa Davis	Loretta Kelly
Bageshree Cheulkar	Regina Riccioni	Maria Baron
Diane Hagerman	Julia Wieczorek	Yvonne Mikalopas
Jeanne Herb	Andrea Mahon	Dave Ellis (DCF)
John Sarno	Jamie Weller	

HEALTH EQUITY COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

- Story collection deadline extended to February 1, 2021
- Music, poetry, and other formats on the way
- Kwaku has done 25 interviews and people are very willing to share their stories. Challenge: collecting the optional demographic data.
- Updated timeline: Themes will be shared with HNJ Team in March 2021
- *See meeting slides for more information*

RESILIENCE

- Jamie Weller – NJDOH, Office of Local Public Health
 - Resilience functions of Local Health Departments:
 - Infectious disease-related– pandemic response activities including testing, case investigation and contact tracing, isolation/quarantine and social supports, communication, and vaccination planning
 - Coordination in public health response
 - Creation of sustainable local health workforce capacity with focus on vulnerable populations
 - Medical needs sheltering – ex: after Superstorm Sandy
 - Medical countermeasures – ex: providing meds after a bioterrorism attack
 - *See meeting slides for more information*
- Dave Ellis – NJ Dept of Children and Families, Office of Resilience
 - Sawubona – Swahili - “I see you” – traditional greeting, more than “Hello,” similar to Namaste
 - Office of Resilience – public-private partnership, “in but not of,” developing a statewide plan to address ACEs, training around ACEs, assisting with legislation

- Look at solutions based on root causes, not symptoms
- Process: what did we learn, not just what succeeded
- “Self-healing communities” – more than surviving, it's prevention and healing also
- How to make NJ a trauma-informed self-healing state
- Office has an interagency team. Wants a community team. Wants a trauma-informed technical assistance center.
- Develop statewide awareness of ACEs with common language
- How do we gift this back to the community?
- No ACEs-specific data currently. Plan addresses this.
- Training to all sectors, especially business community and those most directly impacted.
- Want to host an annual summit. Plan will be a living document.
- Atmosphere of collaboration between agencies.
- Community Capacity Development is a repeating process
- Attachment and Belonging – being “present” for your children, relationships with caring and competent adults --> It takes a *healthy* village.
- Historical trauma needs to be factored in – ask the community what's important to the community
- Leadership expansion: Who's not at the table and how do we get them here?
- Currently under 3 pandemics: COVID, ACEs, and racial inequity
- Diversity is not about sameness, it's about conflict. We see things differently based on our experiences. We have to understand this and that there's nothing wrong with it.
- Office of Resilience was established June 1, 2020.
- Plan to be released in late December (or when it's ready). Includes Nurture NJ.
- Stay patient, focused, and informed
- NJ funds ACEs collaboration report (John) – relevant parts for HL ACT
- Core protective systems (John) – similar to human development
- CDC: How a reduction in “ACE score” affects work productivity
- *See meeting slides for more information*
- Jeanne Herb – Rutgers, Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy
 - Climate change exacerbates health inequities
 - Use COVID rebuilding to address climate change, biggest hurdles are underlying inequities
 - Community needs to lead. The community (not government) knows what they need to build resilience.
 - New report coming in December

- See meeting slides for more information
- Marissa: wrap-up -- community engagement, root causes

ACT UPDATES

- Access to Quality Care:
 - Kwaku: November meeting will be one hour for full ACT and one hour for subcommittees
- Healthy Communities:
 - Jeanne and Regina: Three focus group sessions done, two to go. Good attendance. Sessions were recorded. Need to synthesize information they've been given. Common themes are emerging.
- Healthy Families:
 - Andrea: Subcommittees formed -- Infant/child (0-13), Adolescent/young adult (14-26), Adults (27-64), and Seniors (65+)
 - Next meeting: November 18
- Healthy Living:
 - Alycia: Subcommittees should meet once in November to identify and assess existing plans and identify gaps
 - Next full meeting: December 3

WRAP-UP

- Culture of Health Virtual Townhall and Conference:
 - December: Commissioner Persichilli and Dr. Richard Besser, SDOH, Cost of Poverty Experience. Marketing blitz ongoing – aiming for 1000 attendees (currently have about 400). Please share registration link with your contacts.
 - April will feature HN2030 work. Stay tuned for more from Marissa.
- Next meeting: Wednesday 12/2 – A week early because the Culture of Health Conference was supposed to start 12/10

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