

# HNJ2030 ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 13, 2021

## ATTENDANCE

Alycia Bayne	Marissa Davis	Loretta Kelly
Bageshree Cheulkar	Regina Riccioni	Maria Baron
Diane Hagerman	Sherry Dolan	Yannai Kranzler
Jeanne Herb	Julia Wieczorek	Yvonne Mikalopas
John Sarno	Amanda Medina-Forester	Darrin Anderson (Y Alliance)
Kwaku Gyekye	Andrea Mahon	

## HEALTH EQUITY COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS (COVID-19 STORYTELLING PROJECT)

- **See meeting slides for full update**
- How does HNJAC want the ACTs to be updated on results? One pager, have someone speak at a mtg, ...?
- Diane will work on getting participation from Salem and Cape May Counties. Will mention it on Friday call with Salem Community College.

## EQUITY

- Darrin Anderson – YMCA State Alliance
  - **See slides for Darrin's presentation**
  - Financial, educational, social, organizational equity examples to help frame/understand health equity
  - Equity is when everyone participates, benefits, and thrives
  - Policies need to use language that doesn't devolve into identity politics
    - For example, "strategies to achieve equilibrium in our society"
- Amanda Medina-Forester– NJDOH, Office of Minority and Multicultural Health
  - **See slides for Amanda's presentation**
  - Historically, OMMH's strategic priorities were health care-focused
  - Pre-COVID, moving toward "pillars of equity" – more community-focused
  - COVID highlighted disparities by race/ethnicity, age, pre-existing conditions, housing, transportation, etc.
  - OMMH insured that equity was in every piece of NJ's COVID vaccine distribution plan
  - Coming up: "digestible" educational materials for communities
  - Priority populations are many and varied
- Cross-cutting issues wrap-up:
  - Actions for the cross-cutting issues that are not specific to any one Topic Area will be discussed in February

## ACT UPDATES

- Access to Quality Care - Kwaku:
  - Last mtg was in November
  - Issues with participation – Maria will re-send list of ACT applicants. Especially need members with primary care and IT background.
  - Sub-domains have been established and will begin write-ups soon
  - Lots of focus on policy
- Healthy Communities - Diane:
  - Last mtg with ACT was 9/14/20 and then had 5 listening sessions (Oct-Nov)
  - Issues with participation – many members but few are engaged, considering refreshing membership with people who were very engaged in listening sessions
  - 25-60 participants in each listening session, extensive notes taken, notes shared with participants, next full ACT mtg 1/26/21, will share finalized notes with HNJAC and online
  - “Interweaving” issues that came up: availability of local-level data, planning, governance, policy, and funding
  - Lots of focus on processes
- Healthy Families:
  - No tri-chairs on call to give an update
- Healthy Living - Alycia:
  - Last mtg was in November, next meeting is tomorrow (1/14/21)
  - Participation has been consistent
  - Asked members to continue to search for existing plans, policies, etc.
  - Three main buckets remain the same
  - Some ACT members are contact tracers, so have not been available
  - “Our ACT is ready to act!”

## CULTURE OF HEALTH RECAP

- 200+ survey results from participants that will be shared with the ACTs by end of Jan
- Mental health, health equity came up a lot
- April will be another virtual townhall
- In-person conference in Nov-Dec 2021

## OTHER UPDATES

- John: Commissioner teleconference with EANJ on Friday – link sent
- Yvonne: oral health plan
- Diane: presentation on what community-based agencies and philanthropic orgs can do to allay vax fears – Diane will forward info to HNJAC members
- Bageshree: Virtua is supporting vaccine mega-site at Moorestown Mall



- Marissa: ACT member survey was sent out, will share results after survey period closes
- Next meeting: Wednesday 2/10/21

***See meeting slides for more information.***