

Healthy New Jersey 2030- Access to Quality Care Action Team Meeting

Meeting Date: 05/20/2020 10:00 AM

Location: Virtual- GoToMeeting meeting

Next Meeting Scheduled: 06/17/2020 10:00 AM

The meeting expectation will be monthly two hour meetings either in-person at a central location or web-based virtual meetings. We will continue to meet virtually for at least next meeting via remote meeting platform.

ATTENDED:

- Bageshree Cheulkar- Virtua Health– Co-chair AQC Team, HN2030 Advisory Council
- Kwaku Gyekye - RWJ Barnabas- Jersey City Medical center-Co-Chair AQC Team, HN2030 Advisory council
- Yvonne Mikalopas- NJ DOH- Oral Health, HN2030 Coordinating Committee
- Selina Haq- NJ Primary Care Association
- Linda Schwimmer- NJ Health Care Quality Institute
- Jon Tew- Camden Coalition of Health Care Providers
- Maria Baron- NJ DOH- HN2030 Coordinating Committee

DISCUSSION NOTES:

- Continued Team discussion on Focus issues outlined under Access to Quality Care Topic Area:

Local Health Departments:

- Heightened role in current pandemic- disease surveillance, data collection, testing, contact tracing

Nursing Homes- Group Homes- Prisons- Institutionalized population:

- Equity issues for this population apparent in current pandemic

To reorganize the focus issues groups:

Based on **Levers of Change** and try to look at issues:

- Downstream - what needs to change over 10 years and how?
- Upstream – how are goals and objectives measured currently, what data is available and what missing? How should we fill any gaps or recover missing information/ data?

Realigned Categories:

I. **Technology:**

- Electronic Health Records (EHR)
- Health Information Exchange (HIE)
- Data collection (databases- older systems)
- Tele health (high quality, secure -HIPAA compliant platforms)

II. Quality Care and Safety:

- Infection Control measures
- Quality and safety measures

III. Health Systems Structure:

- Professionals,
- Hospitals
- FQHCs
- Nursing Homes, LTCs
- Health Departments

IV. Access to Care and Affordability:

- Cost of care,
- Medications,
- Health Insurance
- Patient Rights- (*Bill of Rights*)
 - Quality
 - Costs
 - Safety scores, Transparency in public reporting
 - Linguistic and culturally competent care

ACTION TEAM MEMBER UPDATES:

- Yvonne Mikalopas (NJ DOH): Primary Care and Rural Health uncompensated care fund for Medical and Dental for care of patients; COVID addendum for FQHC telehealth for dental visits; short staff.
- Selina Haq (NJ Primary Care Association): *could not provide an update- had to leave meeting.*
- Roger Sarao (NJHA): could not attend due to conflicting COVID-19 related meetings
- Megan Avallone (New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials): unable to participate since busy with COVID-19 work
- Marcela Maziarz/ Robin Ford (NJ DOH): unable to participate since busy with COVID-19 work.
- Maria Baron (NJ DOH- HN2030 Coordinating Committee): Continuing to support COVID-19 work at NJ DOH to collect data from 300+ facilities – daily captures including death related data from death certificates. Healthy NJ advisory Council Meeting scheduled in May cancelled- next meeting on June 10. COVID-19 survey in works.
- Linda Schwimmer (NJ Health Care Quality Institute): Convened workgroups for Stakeholders, perinatal care during COVID, created QI document maintained NJ DOH maternal child health committee includes- best practices, resources, caregivers, doulas, health plans. Virtual education ongoing.

- Kwaku Gyekye: Jersey City Medical Center (RWJ Barnabas Health) working on providing care coordination and care transitions; Outpatient and ambulatory services operation on 50%, Long term care services sooner reactivation.
- Jon Tew (Camden Coalition of Health Care Providers): Staff supporting Hotels converted to quarantine shelters, coordinating with Housing first, supporting contact tracing and testing sites.
- Bageshree Cheulkar: Virtua Health in South Jersey working on reactivation planning in phases starting with Elective surgeries in week of May 26 along with Cardiac rehab and certain diagnostic services in late May- June 1st week. Food access programs ongoing aggressively – mobile food pantry (modified mobile farmers market combined with food pantry items) while also supporting with prepared meals (frozen) delivery for some high-risk patient population.

NEXT STEPS:

- Next Meeting Scheduled: 06/17/2020 10:00 AM: Continue to work on realigning focus issues and discussion through Cross-cutting topic lenses.