



# HEALTHY COMMUNITIES ACTION TEAM MEETING

## MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 6, 2025

### ATTENDANCE

Manisha Agrawal	Ashley Costello	Tifanie Selby
Alec Ayers	Diane Hagerman	Karen Shapiro
Alycia Bayne	Jennifer Hopkins	Maria Baron
Katie Bisaha	Denise Lanza	Camilla Comer-Carruthers
Serena Collado	Osaigbovo Osemwegie	Loretta Kelly

### MEETING

Introductions took place at the start of the meeting. The Action Team reviewed areas of expertise and geographic representation currently missing from the team. Camilla asked the members to recommend individuals who could fill these gaps, particularly in environmental health, individuals that work for state agencies – including NJDOH, individuals with expertise in promotion of healthy food access and active living, and more representation from the Northern, Central, and Southern NJ regions. The ACT is also seeking self-nominations for the Chair/Co-Chair position.

The ACT members reviewed the revised list of objectives and strategies under the 3 priority areas: 1) environmental health; 2) injury & violence; and 3) healthy eating and active living. The members were asked to brainstorm existing state and local assets and resources that can be leveraged to achieve the stated objectives. There was a question regarding the action plans that were developed by the first Action Teams in 2022-23. Camilla explained that some of the plans were fully developed but needed to be updated while others were incomplete and/or lacked feasible action steps. ACT member, Alec Ayers, provided some details regarding New Jersey's Extreme Heat Resilience Action Plan and included links in the chat ([Heat Hub New Jersey](#); [Chill Out NJ Nearby App](#) | [Heat Hub New Jersey](#)). There were questions about the objective for Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and these questions will be further discussed at the next meeting to continue developing the strategies and actions for this objective. Maria provided links in the chat related to ACEs ([Home](#) | [NJ Resiliency Coalition](#) | [PACEsConnection](#); [DCF](#) | [Adverse Childhood Experiences \(ACEs\)](#)); and [https://www.americashealthrankings.org/explore/measures/ACEs\\_8\\_overall/NJ](https://www.americashealthrankings.org/explore/measures/ACEs_8_overall/NJ)).

In the interest of time, the other agenda items were tabled and Camilla stated that she would send an overview of those items in an email for review and discussion at the next meeting.

ACT members were asked to review and sign the HNJ Membership Manual and Confidentiality Agreement. They were also asked to email Camilla with nominations for additional ACT members and/or self-nominations for the Chair/Co-Chair position by Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was adjourned at 2:03pm. Next meeting: **Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.**