

Healthy NJ2030 Committee on Preventive Services

Biweekly meeting April 22, 2022

Attendees:

Pamela Tew (chair) (11 to 11:40), Natasha Coleman (ACS), Mouy Pan (Rowan Medical School, Camden Coalition), Polly Thomas (Rutgers NJMS Preventive Medicine), Loletha Johnson (NJDOH) (joined at 11:40)

Excused:

Ana Natale (Rutgers NJMS Dept of Medicine)

Notes:

Pamela announced that a new member will join from NJDOH: Loletha Johnson, RN, Program Manager NJCEED, oversees also comprehensive cancer grant from CDC.

We are supposed to be working on our problem definition. Our goal: To increase access to recommended clinical preventive services.

During this meeting Pamela started keeping notes on specific issues in a “parking lot” on Teams. For example, we need a list of preventive services across the lifespan. We had agreed on immunizations, behavioral and mental health screenings, cancer screenings. Mouy adds eye exams, dental, STI screening, and there are more. This is a task for us, next meeting. We will need to review all appropriate guidelines, e.g. CDC, ACS, AAP, USPSTF.

Work on the problem: *(Pam has subsequently emailed all of us with her notes on this):*

The Problem: Individuals of all ages are not receiving all recommended clinical preventive services.

When: Across the lifespan.

Where: Across the state, in specific populations.

Reasons listed (more complete list in Pamela’s document):

- Insurance availability
- Knowledge/awareness
- Fear
- Cultural issues
- Time (job, child care precludes visit to doc or screening)
- Transportation
- Lack of trust
- Incentivizing of the health care facility
 - Possible barriers at Health Care Facility:
 - Can the provider keep track of it all; are there personnel who can reach out/ follow up?
- Information overload
 - Patient Side
 - MD side (What’s in the HER, time and priorities)

Pamela discusses how her organization uses billing to pay for services.

As Pamela left the meeting, Loletha was able to join. Natasha summarized our work so far, to bring Loletha up to date.

Loletha discussed where we can obtain NJ data for our gap analysis.

Meeting adjourned at 12 noon. Next meeting May 6 at noon. Action item: Pamela has emailed the problem rubric to us, we should all work on that, adding items/ modifying items. By May 6.