

4/5/2022 HNJ 2030 Injury & Violence Subcommittee

12:45 PM - 1:45 PM

Attendees:

- Tracy Nerney, BS, MMBA, RN, Trauma Injury Prevention Coordinator, Jersey Shore University Medical Center
- Laura Cerutti, Project Manager, TransOptions
- Kate O'Connor, Public Education Coordinator, Brain Injury Alliance of NJ
- Anna Ryan, JSUMC EMT Training Program- Paramedic JFK/HMH EMS & Course Coordinator EMT Training program
- Dawn Doherty, Executive Director, Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide
- Tim Seplaki, Chief, EMS Data and Intelligence, NJ Office of EMS
- John Nardi, DCF- Division On Women, Program Coordinator of the NJ Domestic Violence Fatality/Near Fatality Review Board
- Stephanie Bonne, MD - Surgery and Trauma, Newark University Hospital, Head of Trauma Council; Associate Professor, New Jersey Medical School, Rutgers University

New Member Introduction:

- Rania Abousleiman- Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center. Staff RN. Specializing in burns

General:

- Minutes from the 3/21/2022 meeting approved
- Tracy provided update from the chairperson meeting
  - Advised that we start developing a goal statement and action plans
  - Tracy provided samples from the chairperson meeting and template for action plan

Group will submit one goal for Injury & Violence

Group began to brainstorm goals:

- Tracy provided: "To reduce the prevalence and severity of injury" and "To equitably reduce violence in all forms"
- Laura provided what was used in Healthy People 2020: "Prevent unintentional injuries and violence, and reduce their consequences"
  - <https://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/topics-objectives/topic/injury-and-violence-prevention>
  - This group would revise to address all injuries instead of only unintentional injuries
  - Group liked "... and their consequences" due to the many consequences people and their families experience as a result of injury and violence
- Rania provided "To research and identify primary causes of injury and violence in our patient population and to formulate innovative and effective methods of prevention through education"
- There was discussion regarding including "education" and "research" in the goal statement
  - Groups discussed including education, research, etc. in the action plan or as objectives

Action plan

Group reviewed action plan template and sample:

- Group revisited overarching concern related to Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI)
  - Group revisited needs for data coordination and sharing
- Tim mentioned data availability of pre-hospital data from EMS at NJDOH
  - Challenge is that EMS data does not follow case after they have been brought to the hospital, only upon arrival at injury scene and en route to hospital
  - Trauma data from trauma council may help fill in gaps
- Dr. Stephanie Bonne mentioned Trauma Council meets quarterly
  - Kate provided challenges of complete TBI data, reaching audiences that would benefit from TBI education and intervention, and need for improved recognition and engagement of those with TBIs after initial impact (i.e. police officer interaction with people who had previous TBI)
- Group revisited concerns related to EMS safety and wellbeing
  - Concern of non-use of seatbelts amongst EMS responders in emergency vehicles
  - Tracy and Anna have platform to implement education to EMS across the state
- Group discussed need for improved marketing materials
- Based on discussion, Laura provided drafts of potential action statements
  - Action 1: Develop statewide resource with organizations, areas they serve, services they provide
  - Action 2: Improve coordination of data across injury and violence topic areas including crash data, trauma data, EMS data
  - Action 3: Improve marketing and development of educational materials and strategies
  - Laura to provide sample from Strategic Highway Safety Plan's (SHSP) action plan format
- Dawn mentioned other areas such as suicide, sport injury, and addressing depression and other negative mental health outcomes after an injury
  - Depression and mental health concerns following an injury relates back to "...and their consequence" in potential goal statement

Anna shared quick fix related to helmet distribution

- Discussed availability and challenges of obtaining, storing, and distributing helmets
- Discussed potential for engaging with helmet manufacturers