



# HEALTHY LIVING ACTION TEAM MEETING

## MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 12, 2025

### ATTENDANCE

Julie Blumenfeld	Ellen Maughan	Polly Thomas
Suzanne Borys	Sreelekha Prakash	Maria Baron
Bageshree Cheuklar	Christine Scalise	Camilla Comer-Carruthers
Donna Lisi	Jeni Sudhakaran	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 nominate potential members who could fill these gaps, particularly in Maternal & Infant Health, Sexually Transmitted Infections, geographic coverage from Northern, Central, & Southern NJ, and DOH staff expertise across all priority areas. ACT members included potential nominees in the chat. The ACT is also seeking self-nominations for the Chair/Co-Chair position.

The ACT members reviewed the revised list of objectives under the 4 priority areas: 1) Maternal & Infant Health; 2) Clinical Preventive Health (screenings and immunizations); 3) Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs); and 4) Mental Health & Substance Use. They also discussed questions from the previous meeting regarding the selection process of the objectives and strategies. The ACT members were asked to brainstorm a list of existing state and local assets and resources that can be leveraged to achieve the stated objectives. There was a question regarding access to vaccines for individuals who are uninsured. DOH employee, Jeni Sudhakaran, included links in the chat for the Vaccines for Children program and 317 program for adults ([Vaccine Locations](#)). She also included a link for information regarding COVID-19 vaccines ([COVID-19 Vaccines](#)). Sreelekha Prakash stated that her program collects county specific data for ACEs and substance use.

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. Camilla will send the objectives and strategies with a list of resources for the ACT members to review and expand the list of resources.

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 called to a close at 2:05pm. Next meeting: **Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.**