HNJ2030 ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES  JANUARY 13, 2021

ATTENDANCE

Alycia Bayne  Marissa Davis  Loretta Kelly
Bageshree Cheulkar  Regina Riccioni  Maria Baron
Diane Hagerman  Sherry Dolan  Yannai Kranzler
Jeanne Herb  Julia Wieczorek  Yvonne Mikalopas
John Sarno  Amanda Medina-Forester  Darrin Anderson (Y Alliance)
Kwaku Gyekye  Andrea Mahon

HEALTH EQUITY COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS (COVID-19 STORYTELLING PROJECT)

• See meeting slides for full update

• How does HNJAC want the ACTs to be updated on results? One pager, have someone speak at a mtg, …?

• Diane will work on getting participation from Salem and Cape May Counties. Will mention it on Friday call with Salem Community College.

EQUITY

o Darrin Anderson – YMCA State Alliance
  o See slides for Darrin’s presentation
  o Financial, educational, social, organizational equity examples to help frame/understand health equity
  o Equity is when everyone participates, benefits, and thrives
  o Policies need to use language that doesn’t devolve into identity politics
    o For example, “strategies to achieve equilibrium in our society”

o Amanda Medina-Forester– NJDOH, Office of Minority and Multicultural Health
  o See slides for Amanda’s presentation
  o Historically, OMMH’s strategic priorities were health care-focused
  o Pre-COVID, moving toward “pillars of equity” – more community-focused
  o COVID highlighted disparities by race/ethnicity, age, pre-existing conditions, housing, transportation, etc.
  o OMMH insured that equity was in every piece of NJ’s COVID vaccine distribution plan
  o Coming up: “digestible” educational materials for communities
  o Priority populations are many and varied

o Cross-cutting issues wrap-up:
  o Actions for the cross-cutting issues that are not specific to any one Topic Area will be discussed in February
ACT UPDATES

- **Access to Quality Care - Kwaku:**
  - Last mtg was in November
  - Issues with participation – Maria will re-send list of ACT applicants. Especially need members with primary care and IT background.
  - Sub-domains have been established and will begin write-ups soon
  - Lots of focus on policy

- **Healthy Communities - Diane:**
  - Last mtg with ACT was 9/14/20 and then had 5 listening sessions (Oct-Nov)
  - Issues with participation – many members but few are engaged, considering refreshing membership with people who were very engaged in listening sessions
  - 25-60 participants in each listening session, extensive notes taken, notes shared with participants, next full ACT mtg 1/26/21, will share finalized notes with HNJAC and online
  - “Interweaving” issues that came up: availability of local-level data, planning, governance, policy, and funding
  - Lots of focus on processes

- **Healthy Families:**
  - No tri-chairs on call to give an update

- **Healthy Living - Alycia:**
  - Last mtg was in November, next meeting is tomorrow (1/14/21)
  - Participation has been consistent
  - Asked members to continue to search for existing plans, policies, etc.
  - Three main buckets remain the same
  - Some ACT members are contact tracers, so have not been available
  - “Our ACT is ready to act!!”

CULTURE OF HEALTH RECAP

- 200+ survey results from participants that will be shared with the ACTs by end of Jan
- Mental health, health equity came up a lot
- April will be another virtual townhall
- In-person conference in Nov-Dec 2021

OTHER UPDATES

- John: Commissioner teleconference with EANJ on Friday – link sent
- Yvonne: oral health plan
- Diane: presentation on what community-based agencies and philanthropic orgs can do to allay vax fears – Diane will forward info to HNJAC members
- Bageshree: Virtua is supporting vaccine mega-site at Mooorestown Mall
- Marissa: ACT member survey was sent out, will share results after survey period closes
- Next meeting: Wednesday 2/10/21

*See meeting slides for more information.*