

Meeting Summary

Healthy Communities Action Team: Focused Conversation Series

Community Services and Preparedness

October 23, 2020 • 11:30am – 1:00pm

Attendees:

First Name	Last Name	Organization	Email
Jeffrey	Anthony		[REDACTED]
Tejlah	Cooper	Camden County Dept. of Health	[REDACTED]
Armando	Cruz	Community FoodBank of New Jersey	[REDACTED]
NANCY	GRIER	Neighborhood Assistance Office	[REDACTED]
Diane	Hagerman	New Jersey Health Initiatives	[REDACTED]
Diane	Hawkins	NB NAACP	[REDACTED]
Fatima	Heyward	Planned Parenthood of Northern, Central, and Southern New Jersey	[REDACTED]
Jessica	Hoffman	Norwescap	[REDACTED]
Loretta	Kelly	NJ Dept of Health	[REDACTED]
Everlin	Kim	Bergen Family Center	[REDACTED]
Yunqing	Li	NJ Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services	[REDACTED]
Christine	McGrath	Township of Verona	[REDACTED]
Paul	Mickiewicz	The Gateway Family YMCA	[REDACTED]
Dianna	Morrison	Norwescap	[REDACTED]
Jennifer	North	Institute of Music for Children	[REDACTED]
Debbie	Oliver	Clifton	[REDACTED]
Regina	Riccioni	Saint Elizabeth University	[REDACTED]
Rakisha	Scott	NJ DMHAS	[REDACTED]
Chris	Snyder	Montclair State University	[REDACTED]
Carrie	Stepney	Norwescap	[REDACTED]

Defining Element	Issues	Resources/Ideas
Community Services	Mobility and Transportation	<p>Complete and Green Streets https://www.state.nj.us/transportation/eng/completestreets/pdf/CS_Model_Policy_2020.pdf</p> <p>http://vtc.rutgers.edu/</p> <p>https://njbwc.org/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOH and DOT collaboration efforts. https://www.saferoadsforallnj.com/ https://www.saferoadsforallnj.com/partners
	Healthy Food Access and Food Security	<p>https://njsnap-ed.gov/</p> <p><u>Students</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • especially as schools are not operating per pre-covid / not all schools in NJ are operating the same • empower students/people to become self-sufficient - urban farming • food access among college students (e.g. lunch programs are not available at university) • focus on students: K-12 <p><u>People with disabilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alliance Center for Independence. Emphasize community not individual responsibility. • Balancing business needs versus accessibility – ie; restaurants spilling onto sidewalks. Outdoor dining not accessible for those who wheelchair; they can't get down street <p><u>Data</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge is all over the place. [We] spent time collecting all data sources for food access. Data is scattered. Hard to get a complete picture. County-level data isn't the best we can do. Need to get subcounty data. <p><u>Other</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food access: delivery is an issue(for food banks). Bring back urban farming, and teach people how to

		grow own food, instead of being reliant on big systems that don't always give what people need.
	Biking and Walking Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Equity is missing when it comes to funding of walking and biking infrastructure. Provide more resources to get around. Funding, prevention, getting depts to work together. ● So much money comes from DOT, but have to shift it from car-centric projects to bike-walk complete streets initiatives. ● Bike-walk initiatives must include people with disabilities ● Biking is a form of transportation [not a hobby] ● New Jersey paves streets every couple of years, which opens opportunities to introduce bike lanes ● Drivers are defensive about driving around cyclists on the road. "I have to drive slower."
	Sexual assault resources – post-assault resources	??
	Parks and Recreation	<p>https://www.saferoutespartnership.org/blog/boosting-active-transportation-through-regional-transportation-plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Safe-Routes-to-Parks funding is not accessible to municipal govt. ● Important to connect schools and parks via a continuous walkway ● Parks and rec are not included in [community services] data retrieval. Some parks run seniors programs, health programs, run community gardens and farms, and have public health ambassadors, covid ambassadors,
	Data and information access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Data retrieval and access – digital divide – how does the average citizen know how to access resources? ● How to get people connected to knowledge who do not have internet. There's a disconnect in people knowing what services are available now, versus what was available before covid. ● Some parks & recs are now creating online fitness and health programs. However, the biggest challenge is reaching people who can't connect [to internet] ● Outreach is a big issue. [Food banks] do not have a method of communication besides in-person. Trying to converting to social media.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State and county data is not specific enough for communities
	Prioritization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to focus on counties that tend to be overlooked--e.g. Salem (has few existing resources)
	Child and maternal health services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [We] meet people where they're at. Through community partnerships. Apply a reproductive lens to our work. Maternal health – partnering with other organizations
	Policing Equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policing and incorporating mental health professionals/services Enforcement is a social justice issue. When traffic cameras are equitably distributed, they can be an unbiased form of enforcement. When police tend to put most of their time into traffic stops, then inequity is more likely -are traffic cameras nondiscriminatory? Is there data on this?
	Public Health Infrastructure	https://phnci.org/national-frameworks/10-ephs

CHAT BOX

From Me to Everyone: 11:34 AM

Hi Everyone - feel free to share links/comments here as we move through the meeting

From Jennifer North to Everyone: 11:52 AM

I think we all know the case studies for the solutions that work in our various fields. It comes down to funding in my opinion...How can we work together to redirect funding to innovation and especially PREVENTION in our communities? We need a fundamental systems change when it comes to funding allocation - and we need to look at equity. It's critical.

The NJDOT just embarked on their 2020-2025 Strategic Highway Safety Plan. They have 7 workgroups. DOH staff (including me) are currently sitting on the Pedestrians & Bicyclists and the Data workgroups. <https://www.saferoadsforallnj.com/>

Please feel free to use this form to share information with us

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSemoBVa6IDzd1TD4Z4yXrPTXkC4uFIG18AV-x9gZgXnODDj4w/viewform?gxids=7757>

Paul - found the list of DOT SHSP partners online, and yes it has the NJ Bike and Walk Coalition listed: <https://www.saferoadsforallnj.com/partners>

<https://www.saferoutespartnership.org/blog/boosting-active-transportation-through-regional-transportation-plans> Safe Routes to Parks and Schools resources

Armando contact City Green in Clifton for community garden info if you need a copy of our applications, rules, etc contact me at [REDACTED]

Fatima Heyward, Reproductive Justice and Community Partnerships Manager at Planned Parenthood of Northern, Central, and Southern New Jersey. Please feel free to email me at [REDACTED]. Would love to connect and explore partnership opportunities.

Chris Snyder, MPH, Student Food Security and Sustainable Transportation Researcher. Founded the MSU Campus Community Garden.

Please feel free to reach out at [REDACTED]

Armando Cruz, MS. Nutrition Educator at Community FoodBank of NJ. Founded New Jersey Climate Save. Reach me at [REDACTED]

Jessica Hoffman, Program Officer at Norwescap [REDACTED]

ONLINE FORM COMMENTS

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