

Meeting Summary

Healthy Communities Action Team: Focused Conversation Series *Public Education, Civic Engagement, and Racial Justice*

October 16, 2020 • 11:30am – 1:00pm

Attendees:

First		Organization	Email
Hester	Agudosi	Dept. of the Treasury, Office of Diversity & Inclusion	[REDACTED]
Jeffrey	Anthony		[REDACTED]
Julie	Borst	Save Our Schools NJ Community Organizing	[REDACTED]
Jennifer	Butzgy	Norwescap, Inc	[REDACTED]
KaSey	Dudley	SPAN	[REDACTED]
Zenobia	Fields	NJDOT	[REDACTED]
Mary Jo	Harris	Norwescap	[REDACTED]
Diane	Hawkins	NB NAACP	[REDACTED]
Arthur	Horn	Rowan College South Jersey	[REDACTED]
Kiki	Jamieson	The Fund for NJ	[REDACTED]
Loretta	Kelly	NJ Dept of Health	[REDACTED]
Moriah	Kinberg	New Jersey Future	[REDACTED]
Jessica	Laus		[REDACTED]
Memphis	Madden	City of Trenton Department of Health	[REDACTED]
Pamela	Major		[REDACTED]
Paul		The Gateway Family YMCA	[REDACTED]

Latasha	Milton		[REDACTED]
Veronica	Murphy	NJDOT	[REDACTED]
Vanessa	Nazario	RWJUH	[REDACTED]
Marigny	Pellot	Norwescap Traditions Family Success Center	[REDACTED]
Regina	Riccioni	Saint Elizabeth University	[REDACTED]
Abire	Sabbagh	Palestinian American Community Center	[REDACTED]
Lisa	Serieyssol	Greater Mercer TMA	[REDACTED]
Carrie	Stepney	Norwescap	[REDACTED]
Ashante	Thompson	PUMS	[REDACTED]
Amy	Verbofsky	DVRPC	[REDACTED]
Leigh Ann		Voorhees Transportation Center, Rutgers University	[REDACTED]

<p>Public Education</p>	<p>Community Schools</p>	<p>https://www.njcommunityschools.org/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Community Schools Coalition ● Expand model in NJ. Pilot = communities in schools ● Community schools include student-integrated supports and focus on civic engagement ● “If you can stabilize your community, if you can bring in pieces of the community (eye doctor, local dry cleaner, English language by jewish center), that can be the biggest policy change.” ● Don’t look at one strategy for community schools. Use a collection of strategies. ● Having different models is an example of racial justice ● Good community school examples: Orange and Trenton (latter: Mercer Street School)
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<p>Civic Engagement</p>	<p>Climate</p>	<p>https://www.nj.gov/dep/climatechange/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● EPH green? data (maybe this is supposed to be EPHT data?) ● Environmental justice data (Loretta added: Furthering the Promise and EJAC 2016-2018 Report) ● Climate action plans 1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● EnvirProtect?? (I googled this but couldn't find anything. Not sure what it should be) ● Municipal Revitalization Index (Loretta added this; not from meeting) ● Sustainable Jersey municipal and school green teams allow people to participate in implementing many solutions at the local level, including policy adoption (Lauren S added) ● NJDEP Climate Change Website https://www.nj.gov/dep/climatechange/ opportunity for learning more about the science of climate change and engaging in conversations surrounding climate regulations and planning
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Racial Justice	Violence	<p><u>Sexual</u> http://vpva.rutgers.edu/</p> <p>https://www.apollo.io/companies/New-Jersey-Coalition-Against-Sexual-Assault/54a19e6f7468695860e6650_2?chart=count</p> <p><u>Preventing Sexual Harassment and Sexual Abuse of People with Disabilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Erin’s Law</u> (all New Jersey school districts incorporate age-appropriate sexual abuse prevention and awareness education from Pre-K through grade 12). ● <u>NJCOSA(?) and Planned Parenthood developed a curriculum in north Jersey .</u> ● Loretta added: <u>New Jersey’s K-12 curriculum</u> updated in 2020 re: gender, gender expression, or sexual orientation and climate change <p><u>Domestic</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attorney General of New Jersey, Center for Independent Living. ● The Invisible Violence? Center for Independence, central Jersey <p><u>Other</u> “I would like to see policy changes around alternatives to addressing conflict, harm, violence, the standard criminal legal system, etc., like restorative justice. It sounds like this would tie into what Jeff was saying by taking a more holistic view and moving towards a less punitive approach to addressing these issues.”</p>
	Method of policy delivery	<p>Examine the procedures in which those policies are delivered to communities. Many do not meet the needs of the community. For example, health board in South Jersey(?); TeleMedicine was prevented before covid, but now covid opened that up; key services in communities are still only 9-5—need to modernize to meet people’s schedules.</p>
Racial Justice	Maternal and Child Healthcare	<p>https://nj.gov/governor/admin/fl/nurturenj.shtml</p>

<p>Cross-cutting</p>	<p>DVRPC has a number of different plans that address these issues in various ways. We're currently working on the long range plan for the Greater Philadelphia region for 2050 - equity is one of the pillars of the plan.</p>	<p>Camden Health Element 2020: https://drive.google.com/file/d/17azEoQsdqrK7FMK7_16pSF8p2Ik06oaXp/view</p>
	<p>Economic security</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “We need better employment laws/practices/supports so that people can thrive, and not just barely survive. “
<p>Cross-cutting</p>	<p>Community Specific Needs Assessments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Public involvement action plans ● Community needs analysis, i.e., survey, focus groups. Speak to the community. ● Disability: Rutgers is doing a statewide assessment (see Gabrielle Galt)
<p>Cross-cutting</p>	<p>Lead</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● See NJ Future’s policy changes around lead ● ISLES conducts healthy homes/lead training for inspectors and home visitors, home lead inspections, toolkit, etc. (Lauren S added) ● Sustainable Jersey will soon be rolling out a number of toolkits on lead & healthy homes (Lauren S added) ● Southern Regional Lead & HH Coalition (Lauren S added) ● NJDEP is expected to propose New Jersey specific regulations for lead in drinking water in 2021 and continues to work with State agencies on lead exposure.

	Forgotten vulnerable populations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Involve people with disabilities and indigenous people
	Obesity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Focus on people’s relationship with food/emotional attachment to food, rather than individual behavior; should be addressing underlying causes of overeating. ● Cultural significance of food is often not a consideration. For populations that are more prone to obesity, reorganize their recipes [to be healthier; don’t just replace their recipes with dishes that are not in their culture].
	Social Determinants of Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “How do we thread the needs that tie in all the SDOH so that they’re addressed going forward, and not siloed. How are the schools preparing the kids for a world heavy on technology?” ● “What should be prioritized? What are those priority things that we want to lift up to produce better outcomes.”
Cross-cutting	Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NJ Office of the Attorney General – one stop shopping, policies, training, Good model. How do we stop having everything siloed. Can we get a model that has a hierarchical system rather than separate buckets?” ● Data [collection]is implicitly biased .
	COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wifi is a national issue ● Community cohesion - vulnerable populations depend on other people in their communities. What happens to them when they are required to isolate? ● Food and financial contributions has been more of a focus. Education about the virus and prevent it. The general needs (wifi, food, clothing, school supplies) when people lost their jobs.

	Statewide broadband/wifi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There's currently a bill currently in NJ state legislature ● Wifi as a public utility is a great idea ● https://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrast-structure/washington-statewide-broadband-act/
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CHAT BOX

From Hester Agudosi- racial justice-civic engagement to Everyone: 11:44 AM

can I ask a question??

From Diane Hagerman to Everyone: 11:44 AM

To minimize feedback, we've muted all lines. To ask a question, just unmute yourself.

From Amy Verbofsky - Interest in All, Expert in None to Everyone: 11:53 AM

Possible resources: DVRPC's Equity Analysis for the Greater Philadelphia Region:
<https://www.dvrpc.org/webmaps/IPD/>

From Veronica Murphy to Everyone: 11:53 AM

<https://www.nj.gov/dep/ej/docs/furthering-the-promise.pdf>

From Loretta Kelly to Everyone: 11:54 AM

Thanks! Keep your resources coming.

From Amy Verbofsky - Interest in All, Expert in None to Everyone: 11:55 AM

Equity through Access update: <https://www.dvrpc.org/Products/20022>

From Loretta Kelly to Everyone: 11:59 AM

Healthy New Jersey 2020: <https://www-doh.state.nj.us/doh-shad/indicator/CatHNJ2020.html>

From Abire Sabbagh-all 3 to Everyone: 12:04 PM



From Loretta Kelly to Everyone: 12:06 PM

DOH/NJ State Y Alliance partnership: Community Conversations: New Jersey's COVID-19 Storytelling Project: <https://www.njymca.org/communityconversations>

From Jeff Anthony he/they education/policy to Everyone: 12:07 PM

https://www.arcnj.org/news_events/partners-in-justice-law-and-law-enforcement-summit.html

From Amy Verbofsky - Interest in All, Expert in None to Everyone: 12:12 PM Another report related to equity and crashes: <https://www.dvrpc.org/Products/18022/> From stepneyc to

Everyone: 12:14 PM

Carrie Stepney, Warren County Council of Young [REDACTED] --Great meeting!

From Jessica Laus to Everyone: 12:20 PM

I would like to see policy changes around alternatives to addressing conflict, harm, violence, the standard criminal legal system, etc., like restorative justice. It sounds like this would tie into what Jeff was saying by taking a more holistic view and moving towards a less punitive approach to addressing these issues.

From Ashante Thompson to Everyone: 12:26 PM

Nor would one model work. Each community has different needs

From Amy Verbofsky - Interest in All, Expert in None to Everyone: 12:34 PM I have to jump off but I submitted some comments through the Google form. Thanks! From

Latasha Milton--All to Everyone: 12:36 PM

Hi, I have to leave but I look forward to being a part of this work. Be Blessed

From Loretta Kelly to Everyone: 12:36 PM

Thanks Latasha!

From Jeff Anthony he/they education/policy to Everyone: 12:38 PM

we need better employment laws/practices/supports that people can thrive, and not just barely survive.

From Ashante Thompson to Everyone: 12:38 PM

I think that is a broad question. I think many things could change come November 3rd. It may be wise to wait to see what will happen

From Jeff Anthony he/they education/policy to Everyone: 12:38 PM

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Following on Jeff's comment above:

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From Mary Jo Harris - Civic Engagemet to Everyone: 12:44 PM

This is a great meeting, but unfortunately I have to jump off. I know this is being recorded, not for public distribution, but could you please share with the group. Thank you so much for putting this together. MJHarris

From Diane Hagerman to Everyone: 12:44 PM

Thanks Mary Jo.

From Ashante Thompson to Everyone: 12:46 PM



Thank you, very informative

From Paul Mickiewicz to Everyone: 12:47 PM

Thank you!

From Pamela Major-all to Everyone: 12:47 PM

Thanks so much!

From stepneyc to Everyone: 12:47 PM

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From Marigny Pellet to Everyone: 12:47 PM

Thank You Great Work! Looking forward