

HNJ2030 ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 8 & 14, 2020

April's meeting was via GoToMeeting/phone and occurred over two days due to a conflict on April 8 that shortened our meeting time.

ATTENDANCE

Alycia Bayne	John Sarno	Victoria Brogan
Alysia Mastrangelo	Kwaku Gyekye	Loretta Kelly
Bageshree Cheulkar	Marissa Davis	Maria Baron
Diane Hagerman	Regina Riccioni	Yannai Kranzler
Jeanne Herb	Sherry Dolan	

COVID-19 HNJAC MEMBER SURVEY

See meeting slides for responses to all the survey questions.

- Unavailable due to COVID response: Megan, Suzanne
- Availability limited due to COVID response: Marissa, Victoria, Diane, Corynna, Maria
- Current situations:
 - People who need monitoring (e.g., diabetes, CVD) in hospital not allowed but some types of monitoring cannot be done remotely
 - Wound care patients allowed in hospital, but some are scared to go
 - For telehealth, must have video capabilities (not just phone) at least for initial encounter
 - NJHA has waiver for non-video telehealth
- Aftermath will be difficult
 - e.g., High demand for elective procedures but supplies will be limited
- Q6. What resources or supports does your organization most need during this time?
 - Some gaps in communication between state government, local government, and public
 - FMLA expanded
 - Virtua has childcare for staff and kids are screened daily
 - YMCA is looking into respite care for essential workers
 - Making sure childcare sites are safe regarding COVID
 - Housing for essential workers who don't want to potentially contaminate their own family
- Q8. What is the biggest challenge your organization is currently facing as a result of COVID-19?
 - No "drive thru" testing for those without cars. Fixed: Walk up sites in inner cities have opened.

- Universal masking in hospitals: N95 masks in COVID areas, surgical masks elsewhere
- Governor's Executive Order should say that people are required to "properly" wear masks. (e.g., not only on chin, etc.)
- Y Alliance is getting a PPE shipment this week
- Q9. Is your organization currently engaging volunteers?
 - Yes, also Ramapo now, too.
- Q11. Is your organization providing funding to communities in need?
 - NJHI: 16 NJ funding initiatives in development, all are philanthropic, not government funding

TOPIC AREA DEVELOPMENT AND COVID-19

- Health disparities now highlighted at the national level; chronic challenges/inequities have the spotlight on them now
- Hazard mitigation planning
 - More responsive to multiple hazard planning
 - Working on Middlesex County plan
- Measure decisions that have been made and their impact on health outcomes (e.g., closed parks → COVID reduction but also physical activity reduction)
- Health in all policies
- Funding opportunities
- Food supply chain issues, increase in cost of food, impact on mid-level restaurants
- Survey questions for before and after COVID
 - Perceptions of health
 - Economy and implications for health
 - NORC has a COVID impact survey already in process, results will be publicly available
- Lack of services for people with disabilities
 - Only anecdotal right now (e.g., outpatient physical therapy clinic for developmentally disabled is now remote)
 - Will ask the university about surveying/researching this

ACTION TEAMS

1. Timeline
 - Continue our work but timeline will be pushed back by COVID-19 response.
2. Access to Quality Care (AQC)
 - 1st call: mostly background info
 - "Homework" -- look at Topic Areas online
 - How to keep everyone engaged?
 - Send COVID survey to ACT members? Yes, after we tweak it a bit.
3. Healthy Communities
 - Call was "unfocused"

- Going to do an online survey to prioritize focus issues
 - Create assignment for next meeting, need more direction
 - Will share slides and survey
4. Healthy Families
 - Victoria and Alysia both had to leave the call before we got to this
 - Marissa will try to contact Tyree
 5. Healthy Living
 - 1st call: Slides were shared with ACT, mostly background info
 - How do we think about policy as a cross-cutting issue? e.g., alcohol sales during COVID, socializing remotely – behaviors vs. policy
 - 3 subcommittees formed within Healthy Living will meet monthly
 - Full ACT will meet every other month

HEALTH EQUITY COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

- On hold until COVID passes

MEMBER UPDATES RE: COVID

1. Hospitals
 - Taking transfers from North Jersey hospitals and on stand-by for Philly overflow
 - Network of resources “went down the drain”
 - Aggressively pushing tele-health for discharged patients
 - Have been planning for post-COVID since April 1
 - More use of social media
 - Expanded use of telehealth in general
 - 30-35 pain medication consultants working in shifts
 - Coordinate with local pharmacies that deliver
 - COVID highlighted weaknesses in care coordination
 - Hoping telehealth continues
 - Ramping up behavioral/mental health services for employees
 - Need PPE!
2. Colleges
 - Students without computers and/or internet access are really struggling
 - Off campus housing leases go through August but the students are living back home with their parents
 - Food pantry closed
 - Discussing possibility of online fall semester
 - 4 students living on campus along with very limited staff
 - Grad students: stressed by work at home, their courses at home, their kids' schooling at home, etc.
 - Summer session will be remote
 - Transportation, climate change, gas prices, and SDOH
3. Researchers

- How to collect data that used to be collected in person?
- Lockdown's effect on domestic violence
- Add survey questions to learn from COVID

NEXT STEPS

1. Continue discussions with ACT members!
2. Keep in touch with HNJCC and each other re: issues, needs, problems, challenges, successes, and anything else that we may want/need to know for HNJ2030 development
3. Next HNJAC meeting: May 13 at 10:00 a.m.

See meeting slides for more information, especially the answers that were submitted in response to the member survey. Only additional items discussed on the webinars are detailed here in the minutes.