

# Healthy New Jersey 2030

## Health Communities Equitable Access

March 29, 2022

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

### **Attendees**

Jackie Bavaro

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### **ACT Name**

Equitable Access to Resources and Conditions that Support Optimal Health and well-being

*Suggestions:*

Equitable Access to Optimal Health

Equitable Health Resources and Conditions

Equitable Conditions for Health Resources or Optimal Conditions

Equitable Conditions for Health and Well-being

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Optimal Access to Resources and Conditions

Final Name

**Equitable Access to Resources and Conditions**

## Roles, Tasks, and Timeline

- Currently in Phase 2
- Three draft goals

Suggestions for adjustment to draft goals:

### Goal 1:

*Increase available resources and capacity at the state and local levels to support efforts that are focused on addressing root causes of health inequities and health disparities and prioritizing the needs of those furthest behind first.*

- Really broad-could go in any direction
- What are the available resources and capacity- do we know what that is
- Is this relevant to existing or new resources?

Suggestions:

Increase accessibility to available resources and capacity

Ensure equitable access

Do we know all the available resources are-is there a list. How do you focus?

If available, why people are not accessing it-misinformation, stigma

Equitable access

Support efforts that is happening- try to increase funding/grants/create resources/expand resources

Local health community is overwhelmed-incapacitated because on Pandemic-understand what their capacity is for this type of planning and implementation. What kind of assistance would help them.

### Revised Version

*Increase equitable access to resources and capacity at the state and local levels to support efforts that are focused on addressing root causes of health inequities and health disparities and prioritizing the needs of those furthest behind first.*

### Goal 2:

*Make data regarding health outcomes and health factors available in a format that is understandable and useable at a municipal or neighborhood level to support cross-sector, collaborative healthy community planning.*

- NJDEP is releasing Healthy Communities Planning NJ to provide community specific information on health and environmental indicators to NJ municipalities. It also allows to

compare their town with other towns/county/state. NJDEP is also working on environmental justice regulation in response to Environmental Justice Law in NJ. Also, building a tool to evaluate actions at the permitting level. Tool will add environmental stressors later. Discussion ongoing with NJDOH regarding action items as data is released.

- Create comprehensive list of resources –consider ways to update the list

Revised Version

Leave as is.

### **Goal 3:**

*Deploy new models for meaningful participation of populations and communities most affected by health disparities as part of state and local planning, policy and decision-making.*

- Is this for existing or new models?
- Increase use of validated models-vs. need to create something new
- Use of successful than validated
- Increase/grow meaningful participation in community
- Increase opportunities for meaningful participation
- Engaging the community so that they partner

Revised Version

*Increase opportunities for meaningful engagement of populations and communities most affected by health disparities as part of state and local planning, policy and decision-making.*

### **Next Steps and Wrap-up**

- Start meeting with one of the six themes
- Create strategies for each goal and action steps
- All work need to be completed by Memorial Day
- Group will discuss 1 goal at a time
- Review NJDOH report on overarching priorities to address access and inequities- identity priority areas/indicators as a starting point for addressing inequities
- Start with Goal 1 as a larger group-identify topics area to focus on
- NJDOH has all health disparity priority are indicator report on the website (NSHAD data)
- Start with the first goal-each member need to create 2 steps and share at the next meeting