

# North Jersey Health Collaborative



health matters

Executive Director, Laura O'Reilly Stanzilis, and County Committee Chair and Sussex County Health Planner, Claudia Pelaez Yepes, welcome everyone and begin introductions.

Attendance: (23) Claudia Pelaez Yepes, Maureen Cianci, Cindy Armstrong, Kate McNamara, Ashley Purper, Paula Tyson, Christina Marks, Christine Florio, Christine Parauda, Daniel Wikstrom, Darla Williams, Diahann DeRuggiero, Tina Aue, Laura Cerutti, Michelle McGrogan, Sherilyn Cognetti, Katie Bisaha, Stephanie Powell, Michele McGrogan, Gladys Harris, Laura Burger, Diahann De Ruggiero, Carol Novrit.

Michele McGrogan, Atlantic Health Systems: We offer a number of programs right now, we have a number of groups that just started this past week. We have a community events calendar online. If you are interested in partnering in any way just let me know.

Sherilyn Cognetti, NJHC President: We ended 2021 with our Community Health Needs Assessments we are now looking at starting a new symposium in 2022. In 2021 we held a continuing education symposium on diabetes and hypertension. Please contact Laura O'Reilly Stanzilis or myself if you would like to get involved in planning our next symposium.

Laura O'Reilly-Stanzilis speaks on the CHIP and the North Jersey Health Collaborative:

## CHIP

In each county we put together project teams including Laura O'Reilly Stanzilis, Sherilyn Cognetti, Daniel Wikstrom, and county chairs as well as other community members to put together the county needs assessments. We used disease prevalence and social determinants of health data that is publicly available on our site thanks to Atlantic Health Systems. Now, rather than forming project teams we want to meet the community where it is at. To best engage the community impact model, we are asking our partners to look at their mission and look at the CHIP, and see what work is being done that is aligned with the CHIP.

## NJHC Updates

If you look at our website, you will find our [Progress Tracker](#) page. If you click on the Sussex County tab, you will find all the work that our partners have been doing in Sussex County. When you share your outcome data with us, you will be contributing to the collective impact of

the county's CHIP and reported to the department of health. When you report to us your data you will also be added to the [Partner Resources and Services Page](#).

The work we are doing is being shared across the state, and the collaborative is now part of Healthy New Jersey 2030.

The North Jersey Health Collaborative website has many resources available on their website under the "Data" tab at the top. On our resource library you can find the [Special Needs Registry for Disasters](#), the [Disability and Health Resource Collection](#), and [materials](#) and [webinars](#) for our Project ECHO series on improving health outcomes of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The [Sussex County CHIP Questionnaire](#) is live, everyone is encouraged to take it.

Please share this link out with your professional network. The more participation we get the stronger we are as a collaborative in support of the work of public health.

Claudia Pelaez Yepes welcomes individuals to share what is new with their organizations:

Claudia Pelaez Yepes: We are offering free PCR saliva testing, which is good for kids, one per family member. That is only until the end of this week. We are also offering vaccines; all our dates are posted on our website.

Tina Aue, we offer outpatient substance use treatments, the information I put in the chat, as well as Narcan training. We have a number of ongoing programs that can be found on our website. We have a virtual prevention program for older adults on safe medication use.

Darla Williams, WIC Program. The USDA just extended our remote services. We are still seeing clients in Sussex County but we are mailing benefits. We are moving to an EBT card this March.

Katie Bisaha, NJ Healthcare Quality Institute: Conversations of Your Life (COYL) program, which is focused on starting dialogues on end-of-life care plans and getting that in

writing. We do a taskforce meeting every quarter and plan community events to start these conversations.

Kate McNamara, Project Self Sufficiency: We have a program in partnership with prevent child abuse NJ on preventing adverse childhood experiences (ACES).

Carol Novrit: We have a number of divisions that work with us, we always have a number of programs as well as services that we offer which we would be glad to add to the CHIP for you.

Christine Florio: I oversee transit in the county, some of you may be asked to participate in a focus group. We are looking at how to reduce duplication and help services serve more residences.

Christine Parauda, Local Share, Food Shed Alliance: Local share is a program that provides farm fresh food to people in need. In Sussex County we have a tremendous foundation of partners we work with. Food affects everyone so we are happy to partner with any and all of you. We try to host events at locations repeatedly, so that is where our partnerships come in as so important. We are volunteer based and are always looking for volunteers. We have recently developed a new app for our program, all kinds of information and services will be made available there, so that is an exciting piece for us.

Diahann De Ruggeiro: I work with the school systems and focus on making sure that students are remaining in school and that their needs are met. We bridge the gap between school and wrap-around services.

Ashley Purper: Rutgers Cancer Institute has a number of programs and services, I have put information on them in the chat.

Laura Cerutti: TransOptions is a nonprofit transportation management service and we can provide services for multiple transportation needs and I'll put that information in the chat.

Claudia Pelaez Yepes calls the meeting to a close and reminds partners to complete the [Sussex Co. CHIP Questionnaire](#).

### Chat:

Katie Bisaha

<https://www.njhcqi.org/coyl/> Please reach out to me at kbisaha@njhcqi.org if you would like to know more about COYL or join our County COYL Taskforce

CASA Paula Tyson

Paula Tyson - CASA has formed a partnership with Hair and Bonds, a group that trains transracial foster and adoptive parents how to care for African American children's hair. This is a great opportunity for resource and adoptive parents you think may benefit from this training. The flyer is attached; the training is scheduled for Saturday, February 19th, 12-1:30 pm. Please register at the Eventbrite link below to attend. Thank you! <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hair-and-bonds-virtual-information-session-tickets-241123606197> Contact me at ptyson@casamsc.org for more information.

Kate McNamara

PACES at PSS: Workshop will be facilitated by Haley McCracken, Project Self-Sufficiency. The training is appropriate for parents and providers raising and teaching school aged children. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85605042830?pwd=L1E5K1MrdlB6RG42UFF2djRFRkR1dz09> Or call 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 856 0504 2830 Passcode: 956650 Call 973-940-3500 with questions.

Ashley Purper, Rutgers CINJ

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Next meeting is April 20, 2022, 10am

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