

North Jersey Health Collaborative



health matters

Executive Director, Laura O'Reilly Stanzilis, and NJHC President, Sherilyn Cognetti, welcome everyone and begin introductions 11:05am.

Attendance: (13) Sherilyn Cognetti, Laura O'Reilly-Stanzilis, Daniel Wikstrom, Katie Bisaha, Nicole Castellucci, Karen Ensle, Shantelle James, Yarilyn Contreras, Gladys Harris, Amy Lewis, Megan Avallone, Jessica Elicin, Nicole Castellucci.

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

CHIP

I'm going to talk a little bit about where we've been and that will put us in a place to see where we are going. Originally we were primarily a data organization, now, we are a community coalition, linking clinical to community. So we build capacity to improve community health using data to inform community health needs assessments and improvement plans; to build networks across sectors, and to provide a shared framework to leverage resources and demonstrate impact. We have about 120 active members in the collaborative, so we are doing well and growing.

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.

The information gathered from the CHIP Questionnaire will be incorporated into the Community Health Improvement Plan which is a public health document. Because each county has unique intervention topics (Physical activity, blood pressure, pre/diabetes etc.) we are asking specific questions on their programs and putting them into broad categories (Chronic Disease).

The [Union 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.

Website Updates

If you look at our website, you will find our [Progress Tracker](#) page. If you click on [the Union County](#) tab, you will find all the work that our partners have been doing in the County. The data you share with us should be the data you share with your senior leadership to show impact. 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](#). Our goal is to share this list of partners with healthcare agencies so they can use our partners' services.

Sherilyn Cognetti: If you are not listed on our website and you are doing work in the community, please reach out and share your data and your contact information so we can add you to our website. Also from a fundraising perspective, we are looking for funders, grants, and partnerships. We are not very connected to Pharma, though it is in our backyard, so if anyone has any relationship with Pharma please try and make connections there. We were able to give continuing education credits last year on "linking clinical to community," and are looking to run another symposium this year, focused on lifestyles, nutrition, and screenings for disease prevention. So that being said, do you have any comments regarding this or events or programs that may be of interest or use for the partners of this group?

Katie Bisaha: I work for the NJ Healthcare Quality Institute, Mayors Wellness Campaign, and Conversations of Your Life Task Force. The Task Force is open to any and everybody, so we'd be happy to have you. Feel free to reach out to me, I'll put my email in the chat.

Nicole Castellucci: We are relatively new to this; we don't have a fully formed campaign right now. This is our opportunity to collaborate together, and I'm very willing to get out there and have as much of an impact as I can.

Shantelle James: I'm a community cancer control specialist on a team of educators working on educating the public on different types of cancers and screenings. We are getting the opportunity to connect with the community on the types of barriers people are having and helping them navigate around whatever boundaries there are for care. We are hoping to deploy mobile screening vans this Summer, staffed by NP for screenings on cervical, prostate, skin, and cervical cancer screenings. That is what's going on with us and I'm excited to connect with you all and glad to be here. If you'd like to connect I'll put my email, thank you.

Gladys Harris: I'm Gladys Harris and I'm a certified geriatric care management. I work with families across the board, they come to me when all hell is breaking loose and I'm like the general contractor of aging, helping them move to the next step in their journey. I've been doing this for fourteen years and I've been doing this throughout the state.

Karen Ensle: we have some statewide committees focused on urban education focusing on gardening and environmental issues. We also have a master garden, tree steward, and environmental steward program. Our environmental steward program has a new water ambassador that is focused on educating and advocating regarding water safety in our rivers and streams. We are continuing to work on our strategic plan here at Rutgers, and all of the areas that the Collaborative are working on is also part of Rutgers' mission as well. We are always looking to provide support through our university. Everything from the hard sciences to the nutritional sciences all work within the community with community projects. So if you are a school or an agency who have an interest in any of the sciences, Rutgers has a number of people highly known for the research that they do. Rutgers Cooperative Extension work in all NJ Counties and we are always working in a collaborative mode, throughout.

Megan Avallone: Right now we are still working mostly on covid. One service we have currently is a free vaccination clinic for COVID including vaccines for 5-11 year olds. We also offer free childhood immunizations and physical exams to non or underinsured children in the Union County area and free adult vaccinations for non or underinsured adults, such as Flu, Shingles, or TDAP vaccines.

Amy Lewis: We have a mayors wellness campaign and are looking for new members.

Sherilyn Cognetti calls to adjourn the meeting 12:00.

Chat:

Daniel Wikstrom:

Union County Progress Tracker:

<https://www.njhealthmatters.org/tiles/index/display?alias=ProgressTrackerUnion>

Union County CHIP Questionnaire: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/72GBX3N>

Gladys F Harris:

Gladys F Harris BS, MBA, CMC, CDP – Certified Geriatric Care Manager & Founder of The Olive Group LLC health care management services providing comprehensive concierge-level care management to families with elder care needs. We serve as guides through the fragmented elder care & special needs landscape, connecting clients with local services, assisted living facilities, & a wide network of paid caregivers, elder law / special needs attorneys, & financial advisors. We help families finding living options, assess the abilities of older family members, write comprehensive care plans & closely work with licensed / bonded / insured home care companies for the hiring & supervision of home help.

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Katie Bisaha:

Kbisaha@njhcqi.org <https://www.njhcqi.org/our-work/> If interested in joining the COYL: please contact me at kbisaha@njhcqi.org If interested in connecting with MWCs in Union counties please reach out to me or Julie Desimone: jdesimone@njhcqi.org

Jessica Elicin:

Jessica Elicin - Community Foodbank of NJ. We provide free nutrition education, assistance with SNAP application completion, food resources to school programs, diapers, and more. We provide services throughout NJ and want to connect to more sites in Union County- contact me at: jelicin@cfbnj.org

Megan Avallone:

Westfield Regional Health Dept offers free vaccinations for non-insured/under-insured adults and we also offer free physicals and immunizations to children who live in Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Kenilworth, Mountainside, New Providence, Roselle Park, Summit, Union and Westfield. Appointments can be made by calling 908-789-4070

Shantelle James:

Shantelle James sj939@cinj.Rutgers.edu (Email), I am a Community Cancer Control Specialist for Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey. I'm part of a team of health educators that provides virtual and in-person education on different topics related to cancer prevention such as screening. We also have Navigators. I look forward to connecting.