



## North Jersey Health Collaborative

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### **WARREN COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT COALITION**

**Location:** Warren County Library – Headquarters Branch, Belvidere, NJ

**Attendees:** 38 (see sign-in sheet)

### **MINUTES FOR JANUARY 17, 2019 MEETING**

NJHC – Catherine Connelly reported some statistics received from NJ 2-1-1; Jessica Campbell was unable to be at this meeting but will be invited to the April meeting. Any questions for Jessica regarding 2-1-1, contact her at [jcampbell@nj211.org](mailto:jcampbell@nj211.org). It was agreed that 2-1-1 business cards would be helpful, e.g., in discharge packets in hospitals.

The following is a summary of the discussion of the strategies developed under each priority from the November Coalition meeting:

#### **Chronic Disease**

The 3 strategies were approved. Gladys Kowalski at NORWESCAP will be the lead. Additional partners include: Rutgers Cooperative Extension and Kwenyan Professionals.

#### **Mental Health**

The lead for Strategies 1 and 2, will be Laura Richter at the WC Department of Human Services (and County Stigma-Free Task Force).

Strategy 3 will be lead by Kathryn Bednarsky at DASACC.

The Ridge and Valley Conservancy will lead Strategy No. 4. Courtney will reach out to Susi Tilley.

Strategy No. 5, the loop video, will be led by Vladimir Perez at the Warren County Drug Court Probation Officer. The lead partner will be Penelope Griffin at the FSO.

It was recommended that we reach out to Centenary University and Warren County Community College for leading Strategy No. 6. Courtney Sartain will follow up with both schools.

Family Guidance Center Prevention Connections, St. Luke's and Kwenyan Professionals are additional partners for mental health strategies.

### **Substance Use**

Partners that want to be included: DASAAC, WC Department of Human Services.

Leads for strategies 1 & 2 are Laura Richter and Stephanie Nienstedt from Warren County Department of Human Services. Strategy No. 1 will be re-worded to community forums / workshops. The workshops will be experts talking to parents and/or youth on specific topics. Later there will be public forums for the community.

Warren County Community College should be added as a partner and Habitat for Humanity, because they are working on a teen program with Firth Youth Center.

Traditions Family Success Center is working with Firth Youth Center – Marybeth Ringos should be included as a partner. Denise Cook also works with a Teen Night. Courtney Sartain forwarded both Marybeth and Denise a copy of the Community Voice Survey report.

Atlantic Behavioral Health mentioned that the Professional Advisory Committee on Alcohol & Drug Abuse should be advised of strategies (and objectives when developed).

Jenna Stoner from Family Guidance Center Prevention Connections will lead Strategy No. 3.

Strategy No. 4 regarding translation of materials will be led by FSO (Family Success Organization), Penelope Griffin and Sonia Ron. Any questions reach out to Penelope.

### **Safe Communities**

Kathryn Bednarsky at DASAAC will be the lead for these strategies.

Details on the Safer Warren County Initiative:

Agencies or businesses can be trained in 1 of 4 (or more) presentations including Identifying & responding to interpersonal violence, bystander intervention, pets & domestic violence, and elder abuse. These agencies learn tangible skills to work with their clients when someone discloses domestic or sexual violence. Agencies receive a 4x6 sticker that shows that they are a safe place for victims to turn to. We can bring the training to them for free.

### **Physical Activity & Nutrition**

RU Cooperative Extension, Division of Family Services (??) wants to be added to these strategies.

Sherri Cirignano of Rutgers Cooperative Extension will lead No. 7 regarding faith-based organizations and food banks. Local Share and WIC of NORWESCAP would also like

to be partners. Helene Meissner regarding the food bank through NORWESCAP explained that they do not distribute to public directly; the NORWESCAP Food Bank provides food to the local food pantries.

Leads for each strategy:

1. Pete Summers, WCHD
2. Sherri Ciriagno, RU Cooperative Extension
3. Deborah Magalhaes of Zufall with lead this and no. 6, faith-based initiative, because SNAP-ED leads and provides direct education interventions, including policy, systems & environmental change interventions, including a faith-based initiative. WCHD and One Voice are partners for Strategy No. 6.
4. Sarah Perramant, WCHD
5. Jackie Leon, TransOptions, works with schools, the police department(s), and bike shops. The Division of Aging and Disability will partner on this strategy.

### **Transportation**

Coventry Family Practice in Phillipsburg (part of St. Luke's) are piloting a transportation program for patients who cannot get home or get a ride, etc. and based on economic status eligibility, the nurses and receptionists will call Lyft to arrange their rides, for 6 rides per patient.

Atlantic Health System is engaged in talks with Lyft and is exploring other free transportation services.

Sussex County Health Department received a grant through NJ Transit to get transport services for low income individual, to be arranged by health department staff.

Zufall is sponsoring two lunches, from 11 am to 1 pm, for partners to discuss transportation on February 5<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Assessing alternative modes of transportation is an added strategy led by Jackie Leone of TransOptions and Jan McDyer of WC Transportation. Partners include Atlantic Health, St. Luke's, Zufall, and Easton Coach.

The leads and partners are:

#1 – Jan McDyer, WC Department of Transportation

#2 – Samantha Riley Atlantic Health System Community Carelinks. Partners include St. Luke's, Atlantic Health, WC Department of Transportation, and Division of Aging & Disability.

#3 – Jackie Leone, TransOptions

#4- Jackie Leone & Jan McDyer

## **Access to Care**

There was a suggestion made that this category should be called something different-like "Technical Support".

Strategy 1 was changed to promoting 2-1-1, since it is already an existing platform that we as providers can be use. Organizations will add and update their information on 2-1-1.

Strategy 2 will be to promote and market the use of 2-1-1 to the public.

Strategy 3 is really focused on collaboration with organizations in the county-event sharing, grant collaboration, etc. We are looking for a medium to support this. The Collaborative's website already has a calendar, so we can use that to add events so that partners know what is happening in the county. Catherine explained that it would be difficult to add a chat board feature to the website. Atlantic Health Community CareLinks will explore other options.

## **Economic Stability**

Linda Stettler from the Warren County Economic Development Committee spoke about the different strategies that the group came up with in the November meeting.

Tetrattech is completing a study about how to bring economic stability to the county.

Warren County Community College should be a partner in the CHIC, and can help with small business/ entrepreneurship and job training.

We should reach out to CRFS at Norwescap about Strategy 3. Courtney Sartain reached out to CRFS and spoke with Mary Schott.

There was a discussion about universal preschool vs. daycare.

**Minutes prepared by:** Courtney Sartain