North Jersey Health Collaborative

Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2023

* As of December 31, 2023, funding for NJHC will end.
* The website will be supported until June 30, 2024.
* Discussed involving universities for funding and internships.
  + The partners could contract with Rutgers, Montclair or Farleigh Dickinson Universities for interest and funding.
  + Interns could continue the work of the NJHC and potentially compensate them.
* The childhood obesity study is one example of the success of the NJHC.
  + In Sussex County, data was collected for the BMI studies and needs to continue to be collected by the workgroup.
  + BMI studies were also compared to the ALICE poverty study and a correlation was determined between it and food desserts.
* The group needs to decide on a new vision and mission statement.
  + Need new leadership
  + Need more membership
  + Gauge interest in participation in NJHC
  + Need to determine if we keep or dissolve executive board/trustees/chairs
  + Reach out to Health Officers to determine if there is an interest
  + Determine if the CHA and CHIP should still be a focus of the NJHC
* NJHC could remain intact in order to remain a data repository.
* The group questioned if the county workgroups wanted to change to make them more of a project oriented/volunteer group that could continue to collect data.
  + Discussion occurred if county groups would continue to meet if NJHC dissolved