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**County Committee: Morris County Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018**

**Location: Morris County Public Safety Training Academy Time: 9 to 11 a.m.**

**Number of attendees**: 23

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| **AGENDA** | **PRESENTER** | **DISCUSSION** | **ACTION/FOLLOW-UP/RESPONSIBLE PARTY** |
| **Welcome & Introductions**  | Maryann Walsh Morris County Committee Chair | Maryann opened the meeting, welcomed the group and asked for round-robin introductions. |  |
| **NJHC Collaborative News** |  Catherine Connelly, NJHC  | Atlantic Health continues to be involved in the NJHC after closing their Center for Population Health. * The change resulted in open leadership positions on NJHC: Board Secretary, Data Committee Chair and Sussex County Committee Chair
* NJHC released its first annual report.
* NJHC was invited to participate in the Annual County Health Ranking day Press Conference at the State House in Trenton.
 | * Contact Catherine or Maryann if interested in filling one of the vacant leadership roles.
* NJHC Board of Trustees is exploring a strategic planning process, with more information to come.
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| **NJHC Collaborative News, cont.** |  Catherine Connelly, NJHC  | **Community Voice Survey Update*** Response goals are being met overall but are behind in specific categories. Youth, African American and Asian responses are most needed.
* Also need more responses in the 07897 (Netcong) zip code.
* Preliminary results show mental health needs prominent across all counties, ranking first or second.
* In Morris County, mental health, pedestrian safety, roads, health insurance, housing and exercise opportunities rank as high priorities.
 | * Continue to push out the survey and promote more responses during the last two weeks, especially in the priority responder categories
* Social media and other technology will be most helpful.
* Survey results and preliminary data analysis are expected in July.
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| **Data Streams for Needs Assessment**  | Jodi Miciak, (United Way of NNJ) NJHC Data Committee | Jodi reviewed website assessment reports highlighting the highest priority issues.* Demonstrated how to navigate data set to find discrete indicators and data points.
* The reports cover both health issues as well socioeconomic, environmental and other social determinants of health.
* She invited participation on the Data Committee.
 | * Members should visit the website to review the reports and drill down to identify trends and specific findings.
* See Catherine if you are interested in joining the Data Committee.
* Data Committee meets next on April 24.
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| **County Health Improvement Plan: Progress Reports and** **Q & A**  | Maryann Walsh with Workgroup Leads or Committee Members.  | Obesity – report by Charlene O’Brien* Session hosted to envision a new foodscape; 52 attended. Hosted preschool gardens workshop; 21 attended from multiple childcare centers. MacCulloch Hall master gardeners are visiting preschools to teach how to start gardens.

Diabetes & Hypertension – report by Kathy Whitehead* Inventory of existing resources for healthy lifestyle support included health screenings, walking paths, farm markets, food pantry referrals. A total of 244 resources were identified, including 21 farm markets and 16 community gardens. Developing inventory of healthcare resources.

Behavioral/Mental Health – report by Gail Gratzel* Mental Health First Aid Trainings continue.

Morristown United for Healthy Living Coalition * April 21 Morristown Cleanup -- 9 to noon; gather at town hall parking lot to be assigned a clean-up site
 |  Committee reports can be found on the NJHC website at <http://www.njhealthmatters.org/>* Plans and Priorities Tab - Morris County Health Improvement Plan
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| **County News & Networking** | Maryann Walsh & members | * Gail Gratzel: Pequannock Health Dept. will host a 9-week summer health challenge starting June 21.
* Annette Slonim: Common Market nonprofit food distributor works with small, local farms to distribute higher quality produce. Talking with AHS about employee wellness benefit
* Trish Pongracz: MacCulloch Hall hosts open gardens 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 12.
* Erica Colace: Grow it Green, Morristown Community Garden, 17 Early St., season grand opening & plant sale 10 a.m. May 12.
* Kristan Galindo: Horizon Foundation & Zufall Health offers diabetes prevention & counseling: contact Kristian Galindo at kgalindo@zufallhealth.org.
* Jessica Padilla Gonzalez: Housing Partnership workshop 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 28 at County College of Morris.
* Morris County Cancer Outreach no-fee cancer screenings, 435 South St.
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Note Taker: Diane Mann

**Next Meeting: Thursday, July 12, 2018 from 9 to 11 a.m. Morris County Public Safety Training Academy.**

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