

Meeting Summary April 11, 2013

Members of the Population Health Workgroup (Suffolk County) met on Thursday, April 11, 2013 at the Council offices to review results of the survey we sent collectively to Community-Based Organizations via Survey Monkey. We received 102 responses for a response rate of about 35%. The summary report is attached so that you can view it in detail and reference it for your hospital's work with its IRS-mandated Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) and the comprehensive Community Service Plan (CSP) all hospitals must file with the state by November 15, 2013.

The Suffolk County Department of Health also distributed this same survey to about 100 additional contacts via organizations/professionals with whom they work.

In addition, Dr. Jane Corrarino from the Suffolk County Health Department performed an in-depth analysis of health data housed on the State Health Department website. Her powerpoint noting the results is attached.

All these results were reviewed and the group discussed what prevention agenda priorities are influenced by these results. Chronic disease, as it relates to obesity and diabetes, and more peripherally to substance abuse/mental health issues, is the direction in which the group is headed. At this juncture, the group is committing to:

Prevention Agenda Priority : Prevent Chronic Diseases

Focus Area 1: Reduce obesity in children and adults

Focus Area 2: Increase access to high quality chronic disease preventive care and management in both clinical and community settings

You can learn more about this Priority Area and Focus Areas through this direct link: http://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/prevention_agenda/2013-2017/docs/tracking_indicators.pdf

Next steps: The group will continue to review secondary data pertinent to this Priority Area and two Focus Areas and continue to fine tune our approach to addressing these areas. We will next meet on:

Monday, April 29, 2013 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Hospital Council offices in Hauppauge. Please RSVP your attendance at this meeting to Lillian Curry at lcurry@nshc.org.

IMPORTANT: If you have not yet participated in the workgroup and/or began community assessment work in your hospital, I urge you to attend the April 29th meeting. The workgroup will be moving forward with our intended priority area and as the state is requiring a collaborative approach to community health assessment and planning, everyone's participation will ensure individual and regional compliance.

Finally, I attached a powerpoint I prepared about the issue of Community Health Assessment and the connection between state and federal requirements that are driving current policy and activity

in this area. Please use this powerpoint as a summary of activities to date. Also, please remember that the Hospital Council is here to help you and your hospital to meet all Community Health Assessment goals and requirements.