

## **Long Island Population Health Improvement Program (LIPHIP) Attendance & Meeting Summary: March 17, 2016, 9:30-11:30am**

### **In Attendance:**

Zahrine Bajwa, Cornell Cooperative Extension-Suffolk County, Team Coordinator, Nutrition and Wellness/Family Health and Wellness; Bruce Berlin, MD, Suffolk County Medical Society, Vice President, Executive Committee; Tavora Buchman, Nassau County Department of Health, Director, Quality Improvement, Epidemiology; Celina Cabello, Nassau County Health Department, Epidemiologist; Michael Corcoran, Data Analyst, PHIP; Marilyn Fabbicante, St. Charles Hospital, Executive Director, Public and External Affairs; Grace Kelly-McGovern, Suffolk County Department of Health; Janine Logan, Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council, Senior Director, Communications and Population Health; Sue Palo, St. Francis Hospital, Director, Rehabilitation and Community Services; Heather Reynolds, St. Catherine of Siena, Director, Public and External Affairs/volunteer services; Sarah Ravenhall, Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council, Program Manager-PHIP; Yvonne Spreckels, Stony Brook University Hospital, Director of Community Relations; James Tomarken, Suffolk County Department of Health; Karen Tripmacher, Winthrop University Hospital, Assistant Director, Community Relations and Special Projects; Althea Williams, Suffolk Care Collaborative, Senior Manager, Provider and Community Engagement; Kim Whitehead, Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council, Communication Specialist; Monica Diamond-Caravella, Farmingdale State College, Assistant Professor, Linda Efferen, Stony Brook Administrative Services, Medical Director, Office of Population Health; Sue Ann Villano, Director of Client Services, NYCIG; Kate Zummo, South Nassau Communities Hospital, Director of Education; Marilyn Fabbicante, St. Charles Hospital, Executive Director, Public and External Affairs; Joe Lanzetta, Mercy Medical Center, Director of Planning and Community Health; Georgeine Bellando, CHSLI; Carol Ann Foley, St. Joseph's Hospital, Director; Luis Valenzuela, Health Education Project/1199 SEIU, Healthcare Advocate; Georgette Beal, United Way of Long Island, Senior Vice President; Alison Abrams, Suffolk County Bureau of Public Health Nursing; Larry Eisenstein, Nassau County Health Department, Health Commissioner; Laurel Janssen-Breen, St. Joseph's College, Professor of Community Health Nursing; Gail Carlin, South Nassau Communities Hospital, Director of Community Relations; Judith Clarke, HRH Care, Community Health Educator; Ann Fangmann, Sustainable Long Island, Executive Director; Michele Gervat, American Heart Association, Director of Community Health; Theresa Marandino, Nassau University Medical Center, QA Data Analyst, Department of Quality Management; Sue Palo, St. Francis Hospital, Director, Rehabilitation and Community Services; John Perkins, St. Charles Hospital, Physician Liaison; Vincent Strykowski, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Program Support Associate; Anne Marie Thorsen, American Cancer Society, Community Executive; Tom Cassidy, Consumer Economist; Peggy Bushman, TemPositions, Account Executive; Eileen Solomon, Eastern LI Hospital, Director of Community Relations; Esperanza Viera, Good Samaritan Hospital, Community Health; Afrin Howlader, NuHealth FQHC, Community Outreach Coordinator; Linda Sweeney, Eastern Long Island Hospital, Executive Director; Alison Abrams, Suffolk County Bureau of Public Health Nursing, Director; Joanne Laura, Community Growth Center,

Nutrition Director; Patricia Gremillion-Burdge, Western Suffolk BOCES-CHS, School Health Policy; Donna Teichner, Family Children Association, AVP; Kenneth Kataria, Options for Community Living, Care Coordinator; Susan Samaroo, Maurer Foundation, Executive Director; Kerry Thomas, Thursday's Child, EIS Manager; Steve DellaCroce, LI Dietetics Association, Liaison; Cathy Hurley, Attentive Care, Service Rep; Linda Mermelstein, Suffolk County Department of Health, Chief Deputy Commissioner; Michael Stoltz, Association for Mental Health and Wellness, CEO; Rachel Priest, Mental Health Association Nassau; Community Health Educator; Gabby Andrew, American Cancer Society, Hospital Systems; Michael Hoffner, Community Growth Center, Director.

<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Janine Logan, Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council/Long Island Health Collaborative welcomes committee members to the March Long Island Health Collaborative Meeting.
<b>LI Cares Healthy Food Donation Drive</b>	<p>The <i>Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council</i> and <i>Long Island Health Collaborative</i> have partnered with local food pantry, LI Cares to host a Healthy Food Drive, <b><i>Monday February 29</i></b> through <b><i>Friday, March 18, 2016</i></b>.</p> <p>LIHC members were asked to bring donations to the office in Hauppauge any time during the drive. All donations support the Long Island Cares - Harry Chapin Food Bank.</p> <p>By partnering with Long Island Cares to collect <u>healthy</u> food items, collaborative members are directly assisting those Long Islanders who have specific dietary needs. Food labels indicating appropriate for the healthy shelf may read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low sodium</li> <li>• No sugar added</li> <li>• 100% fruit juice</li> <li>• No salt added</li> <li>• 50% less sodium</li> <li>• Reduced sodium</li> <li>• Lite</li> <li>• Unsweetened</li> </ul> <p>Hosting a <u>healthy</u> food drive directly aligns with the mission of the Population Health Improvement Program, which is to improve health, especially in the area of chronic disease, more efficiently for all Long Islanders through population health activities.</p> <p>S. Ravenhall thanks all members who brought donations to the meeting.</p>

<b>Social Media and LIHC Event Blasts</b>	<p>Kim Whitehead, Population Health Improvement Program asks members to follow the Long Island Health Collaborative on our Social Media Platforms: Facebook and twitter. A strong network of interconnected members will allow us to effectively leverage social media platforms and engage a wider breadth of community members.</p> <p>PHIP/LIHC Event Blast newsletters are being sent weekly, to promote member sponsored events throughout the collaborative network via email. If any members have events they would like included within this distribution platform please send any pertinent information to a PHIP staff member or the general PHIP/LIHC inbox.</p>
<b>Prevention Agenda and Community Health Rankings, Albany NY: Presentation on Collaboration</b>	<p>Dr. Tavora Buchman, Nassau County Health Department reports she will be presenting at the NYS Department of Health Prevention Agenda program during the week of March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The NY State Department of Health reached out to the Nassau County Health Department and invited Tavora to present at the event, while giving her the option to selection from a variety of subjects including data, evidence-based programing and collaboration. Tavora felt that collaboration was a topic that should be presented during this program, and on behalf of the full Collaborative, will be discussing the progress of the Population Health Improvement Program on Long Island. The State understands that the County Departments of Health are one member of this multi-disciplinary collaborative effort.. During her presentation, Tavora will focus on the challenges at the Nassau County Health Department and how the LIHC has assisted in meeting their goals. The audience of this program includes professionals from various state sectors, hospital representatives and other leaders within the health system throughout New York State. Tavora welcomes all LIHC members to reach out to her if they have ideas for inclusion within the presentation.</p>

<p><b>American Cancer Society: 80% by 2018</b></p>	<p>March is Colon Cancer Awareness month. To recognize this event and the importance of screenings as a prevention strategy that will reduce the occurrence of this disease, the PHIP team reached out to the American Cancer Society to ask for an overview of the 80% by 2018 program. Anne Marie Thorsen, Community Executive and Gabby Andrea, Hospital Systems, American Cancer Society, are in attendance to discuss the program and potential partnerships which will be established through the Long Island Health Collaborative.</p> <p>80% by 2018 is a National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable initiative in which more than 140 organizations have committed to eliminating colorectal cancer as a major public health problem and are working toward the shared goal of 80% of adults ages 50 and older being regularly screened for colorectal cancer by 2018. Gabby asks that any PHIP/LIHC members interested in partnering with American Cancer Society to participate by signing the pledge reach out to her.</p>
<p><b>Academic Partners</b></p>	<p>The Academic Partners Workgroup, under leadership from Laurel Breen, St. Josephs College, has finalized the Academic Survey. This survey was sent to collaborative members in Survey Monkey in January. Since this time, we received feedback from members regarding the verbiage used within the survey. We have revised the survey to ensure that the intent and purpose of this survey is clear.</p> <p>Collaborative members who have nursing or public health student opportunities available within their organizations should complete the survey. There are future plans to expand this project to include other medical specialties and disciplines.</p> <p>Survey responses were due February 22, 2016, however, we would like to extend the deadline until April, in alignment with the re-launch of our walking portal and website. Once the website is launched, a database will be created and made publically available</p>

	<p>on the website. This database will serve as a primary hub for students or academic placement representatives to visit in order to identify what opportunities are currently available within the public health/nursing field.</p> <p>The survey link will be re-sent to all collaborative members post-meeting. If you have already responded, please know that we have your responses saved and will reach out to you for clarification if needed.</p>
<b>Working Documents</b>	<p>The LIPHIP Strategic Plan was reviewed by the PHIP Steering Committee at the January 27, 2016 meeting. After incorporating revisions, approval was provided and the plan was sent to the NYS DOH for final approval. Although we do not yet have approval from the State, we have provided each member with a copy of the plan, and posted it on our website for review. The PHIP team felt it was important to ensure that members had full access to this working document for their reference. Once we receive final approval from the state, we will advise PHIP/LIHC members.</p>
<b>Public Education, Outreach &amp; Community Engagement Workgroup</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Website/Re-launch</b></li> <li>• <b>Physician Mailing</b></li> <li>• <b>Parks RX Program</b></li> <li>• <b>National Walking Day</b></li> <li>• <b>LIHC Media Survey</b></li> </ul>	<p>The Public Education, Outreach and Community Engagement Workgroup met on March 16, 2016.</p> <p>Kim Whitehead, Communications Specialist, reports that the website is gearing up for launch. On Wednesday March 23, we will have a projected launch date from Blue Compass. Although our current launch date is later than our initial estimation of February, we are confident in the work that Blue Compass is providing and can attest to the high quality of our website and walking program. Once we have an official launch date, we will notify LIHC members.</p>

All consumer facing portions of our website meet CLAS standards of a 4-6 grade literacy level. In addition, the website meets Section 508 disability standards and does not cause undue burden to anyone who uses a screen reader.

Janine Logan reports we are sending out a mailing to physician practices in conjunction with the launch of the website. Within this package will be: the recommendation for walking pad, an article about the efficacy of consulting patients, and a quick letter promoting the movement campaign, “are you ready feet?”. This strategy is just one tier of our multi-modal approach to promoting use of the website and portal. In addition, we hope our members will play a key role in promoting the portal throughout their professional networks. Sarah Ravenhall, Population Health Improvement Program will advise both Medical Societies of the launch date, two-weeks prior to the launch, so that their letters in support of the program, can be sent out in advance to providers.

Our hope is the website launch will take place in alignment with the April walking event. We are planing an event for **April 6, 2016 at 9:30am** on National Walking Day, serving as our event kick-off. Newsday, News 12 and other press outlets will be contacted and invited to cover this event. This event is taking place on National Walking Day, in partnership with the American Heart Association. We are currently waiting for permission to use the Ice Rinx building as the location to host the press event.

Dr. Eisenstein, Nassau County Department of Health reports complete Streets projects are ongoing within Eisenhower Park at Merrick Avenue Shared Use Path extending from Hempstead Turnpike to South of Old Country Road. Additional construction at

	<p>Eisenhower Park includes the new baseball fields, all development, of which is relevant to the overall mission of the PHIP. We will also plan a walking event in late May as we are looking to enjoy the warmer weather.</p> <p>Janine Logan, Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council, Long Island Health Collaborative reports legislator Kara Hahn introduced a program promoting physical activity in Suffolk County. One component of this program includes a detailed database about county parks. This program, like ours, requires participation from LI providers. Janine Logan met with Legislator Hahn's team to discuss plans to endorse and cross-promote these programs as a strategy to avoid competition and confusion.</p> <p>A <i>Promotion Resources</i> survey has been developed, and will be sent to members with the purpose of capturing social media, press and website capabilities for LIHC member organizations. Once we have a database of each member's resource list, the PHIP team will be able to pre-package relevant press release information and send it directly to the appropriate contact person in order to effectively promote PHIP/LIHC's various initiatives.</p>
<b>Association for Mental Health &amp; Wellness: First Aid Training</b>	<p>A two-part, evidence-based program, <i>First Aid Training for Mental Health &amp; Wellness</i>, was offered to LIHC/PHIP members, taking place February 24 and March 2, 2016. PHIP/LIHC members in addition to front-line staff members from both County Health Departments attended, with 28 representatives in total receiving certification. This evidence-based program is included in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's registry of programs and practices.</p>

Janine Logan, Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council reports that other PHIPs throughout the State are hosting this program for community members at local libraries. If funding of the PHIP program continues, Janine would like to budget for this initiative within our work plan. Organizations interested in sending staff members to this program should reach out directly to the Association for Mental Health and Wellness in Suffolk County for details on contracting and hosting their own program.

Tavora Buchman, Nassau County Department of Health, attended the training, and reports that this program was very well done; the facilitators were terrific because they emphasized the fact that the program was first aid and not diagnosis, which was a critical piece.

Michael Stoltz, Association for Mental Health and Wellness, thanks the collaborative for the opportunity to host the program. He states "Mental Health First Aid parallels physical health first aid. It is geared towards non-professionals, receptionists, security guards, people who have first contact with public and are facing people with mental and emotional distress. Given the tools to be able to help prevent an escalation and help make a linkage".

Rachel Priest from Mental Health Association of Nassau County announces her organization has several facilitators for this program, and is trained for the veterans and public safety models. If any members are interested in this program and prefer to attend in Nassau, please reach out the Mental Health Association of Nassau County.



	<p>Patricia Gremillion-Burdge, Western Suffolk BOCES, announces that this program is also offered through her organization, Deborah Caputo being the facilitator. The Youth Mental Health Training is offered through her grant free of charge to participants. The PHIP/LIHC will support these events by promoting them through event blasts, emails and on the website.</p> <p>The Population Health Improvement Program funded the base pay and registration fee for twenty participants with the Association for Mental Health and Wellness funding the first ten.</p>
<p><b>Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services Workgroup</b></p>	<p>Sarah Ravenhall, Population Health Improvement Program, reports she is working with Suffolk Care Collaborative to identify CLAS “train the trainer” programs which can be tailored and incorporated within LIHC member organizations. Programs being researched include Adventist Health Care, Cross Cultural Health Care Program, Greater New York Health Association, Health Literacy Partners and Kinkaid Consulting, LLC.</p> <p>There is currently a well-defined alignment between both PPSs on Long Island, with plans to progress this initiative. Sarah Ravenhall, PHIP, Althea Williams, Suffolk Care Collaborative and Nancy Copperman, Northwell Health/Nassau Queens PPS are participating on a sub-group tasked with exploring train the trainer vendors.</p> <p>Althea Williams reports that the DSRIP work plan requires review of potential vendors, and with this requirement, the PPSs have performed a current state assessment, have looked at gaps in workforce training with an overarching goal to close these goals.</p>

<p><b>Data Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wellness Portal- Complementary Training Session</b></li> <li>• <b>PQI Data for Hospitals</b></li> <li>• <b>MapInfo</b></li> <li>• <b>Vital Statistics Data</b></li> </ul>	<p>Michael Corcoran, Population Health Improvement Program reports ongoing use of the LIHC Wellness Portal. This voluntary survey was developed in an effort to collect information about the health status of Long Islanders. The data will be used to determine the effectiveness and quality of community health programs.</p> <p>Kim Whitehead, Population Health Improvement Program, is available to assist those organizations looking for a hands-on demonstration on how to use the Wellness Portal. Please contact the PHIP offices if you are interested in setting up a date for this hands on training. Bill Redman, Stony Brook University, provides phenomenal technical support to those utilizing the portal.</p> <p>Michael Corcoran, Population Health Improvement Program, reports the data sub-workgroup is investigating and reporting on Patient Quality Indicators, a set of measures defined by AHRQ, which will be used to support and drive hospital Community Service Plans and Needs Assessments. This data has been mapped using MapInfo software, providing an informed visual representation of the information.</p> <p>The PHIP/LIHC now has access to New York State Vital Statistics data, which will allow us to provide information to members regarding zip-code level cause of death throughout the state. Access to New York City data has been approved and will be sent within the following weeks.</p> <p>The data workgroup will meet March 30, 2016. During this meeting, the group will review data analysis from the Community Member Surveys and CBO Summit Events. All</p>
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	members are welcome to attend any of the PHIP workgroup meetings.
<b>PHIP Workgroup Expansion</b>	<p>PHIP workgroups are meeting regularly. The larger the workgroup membership, the more diverse the expertise and skillset is of each group. Please contact a PHIP staff member if you are interested in joining one of several of the following PHIP workgroups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Education Outreach and Community Engagement</li> <li>• Academic Partners</li> <li>• Data Analysis</li> <li>• Nutrition and Wellness/Complete Streets</li> </ul> <p>PHIP-led workgroups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CLAS/Workforce</li> <li>• Industry Partners</li> </ul> <p>The CLAS/Workforce workgroup is driven by staff members in coordination with and support of Suffolk Care Collaborative and Nassau Queens PPS.</p> <p>The Industry Partners workgroup, led by Janine Logan, involves bringing business partners to the PHIP/LIHC. Recently, a PHIP Steering Committee member connected Janine with a representative from Wal-Mart's National headquarters who advised her to reach out to local Wal-Marts on Long Island to identify a potential partner. In addition, Michele Gervat, American Heart Association is planning several meetings with Industry partners on Long Island during which, Janine will present the importance of health, wellness and physical activity for staff members. The primary goal of this workgroup is promotion and incorporation of PHIP/LIHC healthy initiatives throughout businesses on Long Island.</p>

<p><b>2016 Community Needs Assessment: Prevention Agenda Survey for Community Members</b></p>	<p>A Brainstorming session was held in October where the 2016-2018 Community Health Needs Assessment cycle was discussed. During this meeting, participants discussed the role of the LIPHIP within state requirements. In addition to compiling and reporting publically available data as discussed previously, two data collection tools were developed. 1. Community Member Survey 2. Script for CBO Summit Events</p> <p>To identify priority needs from people in the community, a survey has been developed. The Prevention Agenda Survey for Community Members has been distributed to Long Island Hospitals in hard copy and survey monkey format. The survey was translated in Spanish language using certified services. A large font survey has been created to ensure accessibility to those living with vision loss. This document will be sent out to collaborative members post-meeting. The NSHC offices serve as a central hub for data retrieval. PHIP staff will provide a detailed analysis on March 30, while continuing to collect data for an update again mid-2016.</p> <p>Please continue to promote the survey to employees, friends and community members as a second data analysis will occur in mid-2016. Michael Corcoran, Population Health Improvement Program reports we currently have well-over 4000 survey responses (80% Suffolk, 20% Nassau).</p> <p>Althea Williams, Suffolk Care Collaborative reports the DSRIP PPSs are required to survey the Medicaid and uninsured populations on Long Island. Suffolk Care Collaborative has decided to utilize the Community Member Survey to meet the Domain 4 DSRIP requirements. This synergistic partnership will add to the richness of our</p>
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	primary data repository.
<b>2016 Community Needs Assessment: CBO Summit Events</b>	<p>The CBO summit events are complete. Sarah Ravenhall, Population Health Improvement Program expresses gratitude to all members of the CBO Advisory Group, facilitators, hosts and students who gave time contributing to the programs. A training session for facilitators was held in January, led by Laurel Janssen Breen of St. Joseph's College and Amy Hammock of Stony Brook University. This training was dynamic and tailored to meet the needs of the CBO Summit Events. This training allowed LIHC members to serve as facilitators.</p> <p>During the events, participants were split into groups of 8-12 people and court reporters recorded the transcript. Once received, the transcripts will be sent to our contact at Data Gen, our data affiliate, who will run the data through Atlas TI qualitative data software system. Data Gen, with oversight from PHIP staff, will analyze data and identify interpretations of analysis. Key themes, topic areas and quotations will be identified according to which counties the participant was referring to during discussion. Data Gen will use the Facilitators script as a guide to structure the analysis. Using this strategy, we will be able to tease out the priorities of each individual question.</p> <p>Once data has been analyzed, and Prevention Agenda areas have been prioritized, a report will be written. This report will contain an introduction, methodology, participating organizations, key findings: <i>priority areas and analysis findings, and interpretive statements</i>, Services provided by participating organizations, and appendix. PHIP staff will work with Data Gen to finalize this report. The report will be sent to all LIHC</p>

	<p>members and participants once complete.</p> <p>Data Analysis is being led by DataGen along with an expert team composed of PHIP staff members and Dr. Laurel Janssen-Breen, St. Joseph's College who has vast experience in the field of qualitative research. The first step to complete analysis included selecting keywords from both terminology used within the NYS DOH Prevention Agenda's terminology and invivo (actual words selected from each transcript) to categorize and select "codes". After the codes were selected, an initial run-through of transcripts was conducted using Atlas TI software. Once codes were flagged, Alyssa Dahl, Data Gen and Sarah Ravenhall, PHIP both applied a nuanced eye level review to apply codes the software may have missed. Alyssa and Sarah reviewed each transcript individually to ensure consistency of analysis. The next steps include an evaluation of the co-occurrence and frequency tables to make final summative evaluative statements which will be reviewed by the Data workgroup on March 30, 2016.</p>
<b>CBO Summit Evaluation</b>	<p>Program evaluations were sent to participants via survey monkey. Summary of feedback for both County events provided below:</p> <p><b>Nassau County Event at Adelphi University 2-2-16</b></p> <p>Twenty Participants completed evaluation (n=20)</p> <p><i>Most important event component reported</i> : Networking with representatives from community-based organizations &amp; Learning more about the services provided by other community and social service organizations</p> <p>General Positive Feedback:</p>

- I found the event to be very well-planned and organizations. I was able to share and learn a great deal of important information in a short time frame.
- I thought it was well put together and executed. I thought the fact that we were able to “voice” our own experiences based on who we service was excellent and needed
- I was thrilled to be involved in such a comprehensive event
- I enjoyed it thoroughly and I felt like a part of a bigger initiative to combat similar health issues and barriers we see within our community. It was great.

Percentage of Participants who would be interested in attending a follow-up event:

14 Yes (70.0%)

5 Maybe (25.0%)

1 No (5.0%)

Of 20 total participant responses, there were **18 reported connections** made among Community-Based Organizations as a result of attending the event.

**Suggestions for Improvement:**

- Environmental acoustics
- Increased focus on senior care issues
- More opportunity/time to network around the room

**Suffolk County Event at St. Joseph’s College 2-10-16**

Thirty Five Participants completed evaluation (n=35)

*Most important event component reported:* Contributing to the data collection process

which will support the Community Health Needs Assessment Cycle for hospitals and local health departments, Networking with representatives from community-based organizations.

General Feedback:

- I had wished our discussions could have progressed and unfolded, without such a time constraint. . .maybe another half hour would have been beneficial
- It is important to have the opportunity to connect in common, especially because services here are so silo-ed. Understanding the needs and clearly defining the problems is a huge step, but we need to really do something to address the problem. I think this initiative shows a really promising start, but I really hope it leads us to action.
- I appreciated the stenographer; knowing that what was being said has the chance of really being heard by people who maybe could make a difference in these matters.
- I liked the table discussion-it was comprehensive way to get a lot of opinions on the same subject quickly
- Wonderful opportunity to share information and concerns with other CBO representatives.

Percentage of Participants who would be interested in attending a follow-up event:

30 Yes (85.7%)

5 Maybe (14.3%)

0 No (0%)



	<p>Of 35 total participant responses, there were 69 <b><u>reported connections</u></b> made among Community-Based Organizations as a result of attending the event.</p> <p><b>Suggestions for Improvement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental acoustics</li> <li>• Request for more opportunity/time to network around the room</li> <li>• Concern regarding transcription recording</li> </ul>
<p><b>Partnership Model: EAC Network &amp; Glen Cove YMCA</b></p>	<p>During the February PHIP meeting, Angie Malone presented an opportunity for collaborative between EAC Network and any organization serving seniors in Nassau County. EAC receives funding from the Nassau County Office for the Aging to provide Health Promotion programs to seniors in Nassau County. EAC is able to provide a trained instructor, as well as resource books for seniors who want to participate in the Arthritis Foundation Walk with Ease program. This evidence-based program lasts 6 weeks in length, meeting once a week. The leader facilitates a discussion each week and walks with the group, but it is a self-guided program. Participants utilize suggestions outlined during class in partnership with a resource book to lay a strong foundation for healthy walking habits. EAC is looking for partners to provide the walking space and help with recruitment.</p> <p>In March, Tina Graziose, YMCA and Angie Malone, EAC spoke about the potential to host Walk with Ease Programs at the Glen Cove YMCA, exemplifying the perfect partnership model initiated through the Long Island Health Collaborative. The PHIP/LIHC may serve as an outlet for identifying participants and assisting with recruitment. Program progress will be reported on and promoted through the LIHC network.</p>

	<p>Janine Logan, Long Island Health Collaborative mentions we may be able to host a program at Eisenhower Park and incorporate Complete Street strategies. This idea will be explored in further detail with the appropriate representatives from Nassau County Department of Health.</p>
<b>State Budget Update</b>	<p>The Population Health Improvement Program grant end date is January 2017. In the most recent executive budget presented by the governor, there is a line incorporated into the plan for this program. However, there seems to be some uncertainty about the number of years the grant will be extended by. Janine Logan, Population Health Improvement Program asks LIHC members; if they feel there is value in this program, please contact your state representatives and constituents to let them know what the Long Island Health Collaborative, as the main workgroup of the Population Health Improvement Program is doing to support their organization. Without funding, the Long Island Health Collaborative will continue to exist, but will not be able to provide the robust level of projecting that has occurred over the last few months.</p>
<b>NSHC Board Meeting</b>	<p>Janine Logan, Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council, Population Health Improvement Program, presented an update to the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council Board of Directors, whose membership includes all hospital CEOs on Long Island. This update took place on March 7, 2016.</p>
<b>Briefing for Legislators</b>	<p>A briefing for Legislators was held Friday March 11, 2016. During this meeting, an update on Population Health Improvement Program activities was provided to key members of the State Legislature including Senator Kemp Hannon and Assemblyman Edward Raia, as well as other district representatives. This event was well-attended, and feedback from Collaborative members was heartfelt and meaningful, a testament to the value of the PHIP/LIHC as a true collaboration.</p>

<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>The next LIPHIP Meetings are scheduled for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. April 20, 2016 2:30-4:30pm</li> <li>2. May 18, 2016 9:30-11:30am</li> <li>3. June 16, 2016 9:30-11:30am</li> </ol> <p>Meetings will take place at the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council Offices in Hauppauge, NY unless otherwise indicated.</p>
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