

## Long Island Health Collaborative Meeting Summary: Thursday, June 29, 2023 | 9:30 - 11:30am HYBRID Meeting

<p><b>Welcome, Introductions, &amp; Accompanying Links</b></p>	<p>Janine Logan— Vice President of Communications and Population Health for the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council (NSHC) and Director of the Long Island Health Collaborative (LIHC)— welcomed collaborative attendees to the June meeting of the LIHC. The meeting was hybrid, with 8 in-person attendees and 32 virtual attendees. Attendees introduced themselves verbally around the room and via Zoom’s chat function.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Agenda</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Slide Deck</a></li> <li>• Recording Unavailable</li> </ul>
<p><b>LIHC Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alliance Health Communications</li> <li>• LIHC Member Directory</li> <li>• Introducing LIHC Member Spotlights</li> <li>• Community Service Society (CSS) Keep Long Island Covered (KLIC) Campaign</li> <li>• 1115 Waiver &amp; Health Equity Impact Assessment Update</li> <li>• Core Clusters Update &amp; Assignments</li> </ul>	<p><b>Alliance Health Communications</b> Alliance Health Communications (AHC) is a service of the Suburban Hospital Alliance of NYS, created by Janine Logan and managed by Janine and her team. AHC offers comprehensive health communications services aimed specifically at not-for-profit community-based organizations in the health, social services, and public health sectors that work within tight budgets. Janine and Brooke recently won a Fair Media Council Folio Award for the Suburban Hospital Alliance’s <a href="#">Now’s the Time</a> campaign, which is a great example of the work products that AHC can provide for clients. Learn more about Alliance Health Communications <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p><b>LIHC Member Directory</b> Recently, LIHC members have expressed a desire for a LIHC directory that houses individual contacts for each organization. However, a public directory of individual contacts would be nearly impossible for the LIHC to maintain, and it would allow vendors to get a hold of those contacts and bombard our members with unwanted communications. Should you wish to connect with a specific person at any given LIHC member organization, please reach out to</p>

Janine (jlogan@nshc.org) or Brooke (boliveri@nshc.org) directly and they will connect you with the right person within 24-48 hours.

#### **Introducing LIHC Member Spotlights**

At this meeting, the LIHC introduced a new quarterly meeting segment: LIHC Member Spotlights. At each meeting, the LIHC will highlight a randomly selected member and give them the floor to briefly explain their organization's mission, services, and opportunities for collaboration. This month, the [NYC Regional Poison Control Center](#) was in the spotlight.

The NYC Regional Poison Control Center is located in New York City, and serves the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island, Manhattan, **Nassau, Suffolk**, and Westchester. The Center is part of a national poison control network made possible by a combination of federal, state, and local funding. Learn more about the NYC Regional Poison Control Center from Eduardo Torres, [teduardo@health.nyc.gov](mailto:teduardo@health.nyc.gov).

#### **Community Service Society (CSS) Keep New York Covered (KNYC) Grant**

Janine reminded members that continuous Medicaid enrollment ended on June 1, 2023. This provision was part of the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) designation, which ended May 11, 2023. The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 decoupled Medicaid continuous enrollment from the PHE—hence, states can now resume Medicaid disenrollments. The Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council is a sub-contractor on a massive grant funded outreach enrollment re-certification effort, spearheaded by [CSS](#). LIHC members were encouraged to take printed flyers provided at the meeting for their clients.

#### **1115 Waiver & Health Equity Impact Assessment Update**

Janine gave a brief update on the status of the 1115 Waiver. While the state asked for \$13B over five years, we now know the actual amount will be much lower and it will be a three-year waiver period (April 2024-March 2027). September through April will probably serve as a planning phase. Standard terms and conditions outline all important details, and the waiver maintains a focus on social care interventions and funding. HEROS were scrapped, and will focus that type of work at the state level.

Janine went on to mention a law that went into effect on June 22 that required Article 28 facilities to conduct a health equity impact assessment (HEIA) as part of a certificate of need (CON) application process, with some exceptions. Assessors must be independent entities with no financial interest in the CON, a requirement of which is obtaining meaningful feedback from community various stakeholders. The NSHC is tinkering with the idea of a CBO

	<p>database to streamline this process and ease the burden on CBOs. LIHC members may receive a survey asking them to identify their top two to three areas of expertise. Stay tuned for more about this.</p> <p><b>Core Clusters</b> Core Clusters are simply small groups of members who aim to collectively address a common area of concern in the community. The Core Cluster survey conducted earlier this year revealed three top areas of interest for new Clusters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cultural competency / health literacy (CCHL)</li> <li>2. Mental health</li> <li>3. Chronic disease</li> </ol> <p>At the June meeting, attendees chose their Cluster(s) of choice. Brooke and Janine will reach out to the groups in the near future to coordinate virtual Cluster meetings where the sub-groups will choose a chair-person and discuss goals and potential end products before we collectively determine next steps. <b>If you missed the meeting and want to sign up for a Cluster, please email <a href="mailto:boliveri@nshc.org">boliveri@nshc.org</a> with your Cluster(s) of choice.</b></p>
<p><b>Featured Presentation:</b></p> <p><b><i>Getting to Know Your Local Health Departments + the Core Public Health Services They Provide</i></b></p> <p><b>Sarah Ravenhall, MA, CHES</b> <i>Executive Director, New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO)</i></p>	<p>Sarah Ravenhall is the executive director of the New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO) and former manager of the LIHC’s Population Health Improvement Program (PHIP). At NYSACHO, she supports the organizational needs of the Board, President and Vice President, committees and other governance and support units of the membership, provides administrative leadership and fiscal management for all NYSACHO grant and association activities. She serves as the key contact with the New York State Department of Health, the New York State Association of Counties, academic partners, including the federally funded Region 2 Public Health Training Center, and other state agencies and statewide organizations. <a href="#">More About Sarah Ravenhall</a></p> <p>Sarah explained NYSACHO has a longstanding partnership with the State Department of Health, and NYSACHO holds several contracts with the Department to help provide technical assistance and training to their members on emergency preparedness, immunization, general public health works, climate change, early intervention, vaccine equity and environmental health. These contracts allow them to hire staff and serve as a convener for the local health departments and state leadership. NYSACHO is one of the only state associations in the nation</p>

that has 100% membership thus representing all LHDs in the state, something they are very proud of.

42 years in service, NYSACHO was originally a division within the New York State Association of Counties until they broke off and became their own 501C-3 entity. Considered non-profit; tax exempt. They represent all 58 local health departments in New York State including the NYC Department of health and mental hygiene. Their services are membership driven and include technical assistance, training opportunities, membership conferences, and advocacy to influence policy on behalf of their membership.

NYSACHO advocates on behalf of its members by attending meetings as SMEs, educating and informing lawmakers, giving local examples of how NYSACHO budget requests will impact communities, and informing public health policy.

There are 58 local health departments in New York State, all of which provide the following services under the Public Health Law Article 6 program. Costs are partially reimbursed by Article 6 for these services:

- Community Health Assessments
- Communicable Disease Control: COVID-19, Zika, Ebola, H1N1, polio, measles, TB
- Chronic Disease Control: self-management programs, screenings
- Family Health Services: safe sleep, lead prevention education
- Emergency Preparedness: drills, tabletop exercises, prep for distribution of supplies
- Environmental Health Services (full-service): water testing, lead testing, vector borne disease, etc.

Some services provided by LHDs are separate from Article 6 / Core Public Health and are not funded by Article 6, including:

- EMS
- Dental Health
- CHHAs
- Early Intervention administration and service coordination
- Jail health services
- 4410 special education pre-k transportation

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical Examiner/Coroner Services (pathology, toxicology services for data surveillance)</li> </ul> <p>Check out Sarah’s slides for more information and a more in depth look at her presentation.</p>
<p><b>Ongoing Engagement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborative Communications</li> <li>• LIHC Events Calendar</li> <li>• Walk Safe with a Doc</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ongoing Engagement</b></p> <p>Janine and Brooke discussed the following opportunities of which LIHC members are welcome to take advantage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborative Communications (CC) is a bi-weekly newsletter to our entire membership containing free member events, resources, jobs, and ongoing efforts/services. Members were reminded to please submit their items for inclusion in CC to <a href="mailto:boliveri@nshc.org">boliveri@nshc.org</a>. Subscribe <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>• Members can submit any and all events to the LIHC events calendar <a href="#">here</a>. While the heading says “for consideration,” Brooke directly approves all submitted member events.</li> <li>• Janine invited members to approach us about holding Walk Safe with a Doc &amp; Walk with a Doc events either for their organizations, in their communities, or members can provide a physician to lead a walk and promote their services. The LIHC handles all coordination and most promotion, we just ask for your efforts to co-promote. All of our upcoming walks are listed <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Next Meeting, Discussion, &amp; Adjournment</b></p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Future 2023 Meetings</a></u></b></p> <p>Hybrid quarterly meetings will continue, and registration links are available on the LIHC website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 9:30 AM</li> <li>• Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 9:30 AM</li> </ul> <p><b>Next Meeting: Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 9:30 AM   <a href="#">Register Here</a></b></p>