## ON BOARD



April 10, 2024

News and Views from the New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association

Saturday, April 13, 2024

NJLBHA Board Meeting

10:00 AM EST

Meeting Details

### **Current Articles and Requests for Participation**

Please keep an eye out for delivery of your 2024 NJLBHA Invoice!

New Jersey's Response to the Covid-19 Pandemic released by the Governor on March 7, 2024, and commissioned for research and development on November 28.

2022https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562024/approved/20240311a.shtml"This long-awaited report is essential reading for every local board member, health department staffers, legislators, legislative staffs, and other government and public officials at every level. This report will be the object of close scrutiny at various levels and its findings and recommendations are critical to our ongoing advocacy for additional permanent sustainable funding for the foundational services necessary to fully meet New Jersey's practice standards for local boards of health." - Paul David Roman, President, NJLBHA

Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey Keeping New Jersey Youth Athletes Safe

Opioid misuse and addiction can affect anyone, including athletes who suffer injuries. Learn more about your role in protecting youth athletes. Please share with those involved in youth sports in your community.

The next 10 registrants to use promo code "youth2024" will register for FREE courtesy of scholarships provided by conference sponsors

10am to 3pm Friday, April 19, 2024

Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino 600 Huron Ave Atlantic City, NJ 08401







FEATURED SPEAKERS:



The New Jersey Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics presents

THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL New Jersey CHILDREN'S Ball

### SPOTLIGHT ON CHILDREN

























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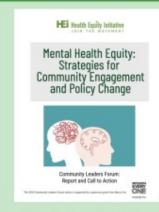
## I Raise the Rates! March Edition



News and Resources from Health

Equity Initiative!

# Check out the latest Community Leaders Forum on Mental Health Equity



Mental Health Equity: Strategies for Community Engagement and Policy Change is now available on Health Equity Initiative's website and on

Equity Initiative's website and on Soundcloud! We are thankful for the group of community leaders who joined us on Friday, January 19th, 2024 to discuss the current challenges we are facing in the mental health field, and more specifically, the inequities occurring amongst marginalized groups.

This forum was designed, organized, and hosted by Health Equity Initiative to capture the perspectives of community leaders promoting mental health equity

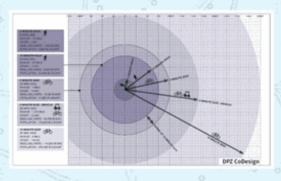
within their work. The forum was moderated by Health Equity Initiative's Founder, Dr. Renata Schiavo, and focused on:



#### NJ CLIMATE CHANGE RESOURCE CENTER CLIMATE ACADEMY

## 15-Minute Neighborhoods

A Pathway to Creating Healthier, More Just, Resilient & Sustainable Communities in New Jersey





#### April 19, 11am-12:30pm

This virtual event is free and open to the public. Registration is required.

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#### TODAY'S SPOTLIGHT

**Read Article** 



Posted by: Christopher Merkel on 4/1/2024 at 8:46 AM

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Chris Merkel, president of the New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials and head of Monmouth County's public health department, said the "neglect, panic, repeat" pattern outlined in Zoubek's report puts the public in danger. "Continuing down this path will cause more chaos and deaths the next time around," he said.

Murphy signed an order earlier this month that created a task force of state officials who will now

review Zoubek's 33 recommendations and codify changes to make New Jersey better prepared. But Murphy warned, "Public health infrastructure is a huge lift, financially and otherwise," in an interview with WNYC radio following the report's release.

The \$56 billion budget proposal Murphy outlined in February — which lawmakers use as a starting point to a final spending plan by July 1 — allocates tens of millions of state and federal dollars for public health programs. Ewais said this includes nearly \$19 million in state money for investigating lead poisoning in children and controlling infectious disease. But Murphy's plan does not include any additional, unrestricted funding for local public health work.

## Happy National Public Health Week!

"Happy Public Health Week Everyone! I dedicate these sentiments to all of you for your hard work for the public we serve, heroic actions during COVID, and your strong public health spirit. I'm grateful for all you do.

To the Heroes of Public Health:

It takes special human beings to work in the field of public health. We are here to serve. We are a humble bunch. We are not looking for awards or rewards. At times, we are self-deprecating because, well, you have to laugh. It is not glamorous work. We work as a team and self-promotion is not allowed. The work is just pure and simple public service for the greater good.

Our reach is broad. We work hard to improve health, prevent disease, and promote good health for all people.

In 2020, we were tested. We were pushed beyond our limits, and we graciously fought the battle against COVID. I called our newfound duties the 6 phases of COVID, and they included: 1) setting up widespread partner communications so that the county stayed informed through all phases; 2) distributing personal protective equipment (PPE) to the community; 3) performing contact tracing on anyone infected; 4) setting up COVID testing sites; 5) performing community compliance of COVID guidelines; and 6) holding mass vaccination clinics. Those who worked in public health at the time, will remember. Those who were yet to come, have heard. No matter what, we all stood up like champions and kept all Health Department operations running through it all. For this, I am grateful, and I ask the question, if not us, then who?

If Not Us, Then Who?

We have taken on the noble task This work in Public Health It's not the money but the mission That brings our greatest wealth.

We're not resting on our laurels Or looking for a vote We're just pushing the core functions PREVENT, PROTECT, PROMOTE.

Working from the front end In order to PREVENT Surveilling all conditions To avoid the next event.

There are fundamental guidelines To ensure that we PROTECT The health and the well-being Of the public we respect.

Improving health and safety

This we must PROMOTE Taking action, changing laws Are important things to note.

Then along came the pandemic Right out of the blue So we stepped out of our comfort zones And did what heroes do.

We stood up to that monster As we were deemed essential And that sly, deceitful enemy Took us past our full potential.

It's not something we can soon forget But it bonded us together It's chiseled in our memories And will likely last forever.

This work is not just something That anyone can do Which brings us to the question If not us, then who? NJ Immunization Conference

> **Beyond Barriers** Charting the Course for

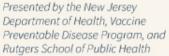
Immunizations in a Changing Landscape

Wed., May 22, 2024 7:30 am - 3:30 pm The Palace at Somerset Park 333 Davidson Ave, Somerset, NJ 08873



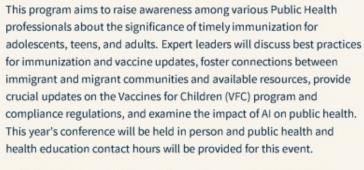








The New Jersey Department of Health, Vaccine
Preventable Disease Program and Rutgers School of
Public Health are pleased to present the 2024 New Jersey Immunization
Conference, "Beyond Barriers Charting the Course for Immunization in a
Changing Landscape."





#### New Jersey State Nurses Association Accreditation Statement:

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