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June 10, 2025



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

Saturday, June 21, 2025
NJLBHA Board Meeting
10:00 AM EST

Zoom Meeting Link: [Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

Current Articles and Requests for Participation

Acting Health Commissioner Jeff Brown Announces Leadership Updates and Organizational Changes at NJ Department of Health

TRENTON, NJ – Acting Commissioner Jeff Brown today announced several key leadership updates and organizational changes at the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), including the naming of two Deputy Commissioners, as part of the Department’s ongoing efforts to strengthen and better align its structure with strategic priorities. The changes take effect today, June 2, 2025.

“As we seek to strengthen our commitment to protect public health, promote healthy communities, and improve the quality of health care in New Jersey, I am pleased to announce key updates to the leadership team and organization structure that will better position us to meet the evolving needs of the communities that we serve,” said Acting Health Commissioner Brown. “These changes reflect our ongoing dedication to responsive, effective, and equitable public health in our state, and I am honored to work alongside some of the most hard-working and compassionate leaders and staff at the Department of Health.”

[Read full Article](#)



From Inoculation to Innovation: The Historical and Ethical Journey of Vaccination

June 30th, 2025
3:00pm-6:00pm ET

On June 30th, join NJIN for a thought-provoking webinar that will delve into the life-saving global impact of vaccines, explore the roots of vaccine hesitancy and organized opposition, and unpack the ethical questions surrounding mandates, informed consent, and global access.

Through real-world case studies and predictive models, we'll also examine the far-reaching public health implications of both vaccine acceptance and refusal. Don't miss this opportunity to engage with history, ethics, and science in one compelling conversation, led by guest speakers David Cennimo, MD, and Luis Alzate-Duque, MD.

[Click here for more information](#)

Registration is required.

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FROM INOCULATION TO INNOVATION The Historical and Ethical Journey of Vaccination



New Jersey
Immunization
Network

Monday
June 30, 2025
3:00PM-6:00PM

JOIN US FOR DISCUSSIONS ON

- Key milestones in vaccine history
- Vaccines' impact on health and economics
- Vaccine hesitancy through history
- Ethics of vaccine mandates, informed consent, and global access

Our Speakers



David Cennimo, MD

New Jersey
Medical School,
Rutgers University



consent, global equity, and other issues of vaccine policy

- Public health implications of vaccine uptake using predictive modeling and case studies



Luis Alzate-Duque, MD
New Jersey
Medical School,
Rutgers University



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NEW JERSEY HEALTHCARE COALITIONS

Bi-Weekly News & Updates

05/30/2025 | 2025-9

Summary & Highlights

- **Training, Exercise, and Workgroup Opportunities**
 - I-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response
 - NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (NJOHSP) Training Opportunities
 - New Jersey Emergency Management Association (NJEMA) Annual Symposium
 - NJHCC & NJSP Training Request Form
 - Partner Event/Resource Amplification Request Form
- **Upcoming NJHCC Events**
 - Emergency Preparedness and Emerging Health Threats Meeting - June 2025 - Featuring NJDOH Acting Commissioner Jeffrey Brown
 - June 11th, 10:00 - 11:00 AM EST via Microsoft Teams
 - [Open Registration](#)
- **Emergency Management and Preparedness in the News**
 - Why This Hurricane Season Has Experts on Edge
 - FEMA Rescinds Strategic Plan Less than 2 weeks Before Hurricane Season
 - Measles Update: National Cases Increase
 - Alzheimer's Association Encourages Senators to Consider Specialized Patient Groups in Preparedness Consideration
- **Additional Resources and Reports**
 - ASPR TRACIE: Dialysis Centers Preparedness Resource Collection

Reducing Harmful Plastics in Healthcare: From Awareness to Action



June 20, 2025



1:00 - 2:00 PM ET



Julie Jacobson Vann, PhD, MS, RN
Carolina Advocates for Climate, Health,
and Equity



Bill Pevec, MD
Climate Health Now



**Yvonne Huckleberry, Pharm,D,
BCPS, FCCM**
Arizona Health Professionals for
Climate Action



Carolina Advocates
for Climate, Health, and Equity



NJCCA

New Jersey Clinicians for Climate Action

LEARNING SERIES



Register for a Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day Learning Series Webinar

"Improving Prevention & Treatment for Opioid Use Among Racial & Ethnic Groups"

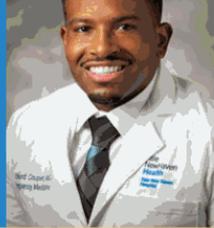
Thursday,
June 12, 2025 @ 11am

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• CME/CE CREDITS AVAILABLE
• ATHLETIC TRAINER CEUs AVAILABLE
• This webinar is approved by NJ OEMS for 1.0 EMT Elective CEU

PANELISTS





Dr. Edouard Coupet Jr., MD

Dr. Coupet is an Assistant Professor in Emergency Medicine and Core Faculty in the Yale Program of Addiction Medicine at Yale University. He is a board-certified physician in both emergency and addiction medicine. He has received funding from the National Institute on Drug Abuse and Emergency Medicine Foundation to study health equity within access to evidence-based addiction medicine treatment. Dr. Coupet's primary research interests include emergency department (ED)-based interventions to reduce socioeconomic, racial, and ethnic disparities in addiction medicine treatment and the prevention of assault-related injury. His work has been featured in JAMA Network Open, JAMA Surgery, Drug and Alcohol Dependence, Annals of Emergency Medicine, and Journal of General Internal Medicine. Dr. Coupet earned his bachelor's in science degree at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He completed his medical school training at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine and residency training at the Jacoby/Montefiore Emergency Medicine Program in the Bronx.

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Carola Gaines

Carola Gaines recently retired from Quartz and University of Wisconsin Health where she served for 31 years, working with Medicaid and SSI families advocating and creating programs that would support their health and assist in removing barriers to health care. Carola has also served as a Community Research Associate for UW-Madison Community Academic Aging Research Network for five years. She is committed to the African American/Black community and partners to build bridges with researchers to secure projects that address the needs of older adults in the community. She is passionate about advocating and dedicated to being the voice of the marginalized and changing the narratives that affect this community. She has served as the Co-Chair for the African American Opioid Coalition for 6 years. Carola graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a B.S. in Journalism/Communications and pursued post-graduate work at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Social Work.

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Learning objectives

At the conclusion of this presentation, the learner should be better able to:

- Describe demographic disparities that exist in relation to the opioid epidemic
- Analyze clinical, social, environmental, and other health factors that contribute to the observed racial disparities
- Develop and apply individual, system, and structural efforts to address racial disparities

Format

- The webinar will be held on Zoom

Schedule

- Introduction by POPNU
- Presentation by Dr. Edouard Coupet Jr., MD
- Presentation by Carola Gaines
- Question-and-Answer Session

This webinar is free of charge

Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey (BOC APB: P12171) is approved by the Board of Certification, Inc. to provide continuing education to Athletic Trainers (ATs). This program is eligible for a maximum of one (1) Category A hours/CEUs.



In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by American Academy of CME, Inc. and Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey. American Academy of CME, Inc. is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

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Pharmacists

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Physician Assistants

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Other HCPs

Other members of the care team will receive a certificate of participation.

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Dear Colleague,

Last year, we celebrated the Center's **25th Anniversary**, commemorating a quarter century of informing and supporting sound and creative state health policy in New Jersey.

We also shared the news that our founding director, **Joel Cantor**, plans to step down after a distinguished career of more than 25 years successfully leading the Center. His will be very difficult shoes to fill, but we are grateful that Joel has decided to remain on faculty at the Center.

The new director will inherit a highly productive and mission-driven organization with a strong foundation and reputation for research excellence and policy expertise that makes it well-positioned to meet the moment in the next chapter that lies ahead.

As the search for our new director accelerates, we would be grateful if you would please circulate the position description below to your colleagues and networks.



Rutgers Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research



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Director, Rutgers Center for State Health Policy
The Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research

The Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research, a unit of Rutgers Health, in partnership with Korn Ferry, invites nominations and expressions of interest for the position of Director, Rutgers Center for State Health Policy (CSHP).

Established in 1990 with a major grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, CSHP has become New Jersey's leading resource for state health policy research, earning national recognition for its contributions to health policy and services research. Over the past 25 years, the Center has informed policy-making across eight gubernatorial administrations and maintains strong partnerships with state agencies, federal funders, and philanthropic organizations, including the NIH and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The Center's interdisciplinary research portfolio includes projects that focus on health services financing and delivery for high-need populations, population health, and health care access and quality. With access to exceptional data resources and a robust analytic and research support infrastructure, CSHP is well-positioned to expand its impact. As the Center recently celebrated its milestone 25th anniversary, founding director Joel Cantor will step down, and the next Director will inherit a dynamic organization with a strong foundation to support future growth and expanded policy influence over the next decade and beyond.

Reporting to Tobias Denhardt, Professor & Director for the Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research, the Director will be responsible for advancing CSHP's role as New Jersey's premier health policy research partner while enhancing Rutgers' national reputation for academic excellence and rigorous scholarship. The CSHP Director will lead strategic research initiatives that address critical health policy challenges, oversee faculty development, and continue to cultivate the Center's trusted relationships with state government agencies, policy leaders, research sponsors, and a broad network of external stakeholders. They will be expected to secure external funding, including large-scale grants from federal sponsors, including the NIH and AHRQ, while fostering interdisciplinary collaborations across CSHP, IFA, Rutgers Health, and the broader University. Additionally, the Director will contribute to the mentoring and professional development of emerging scholars and health policy researchers, ensuring a pipeline of highly skilled, well-trained and enthusiastic academic professionals.

This role presents a unique opportunity to lead a well-established Center with a rich history of translating research into policy impact. The Director will be instrumental in shaping the next phase of CSHP's success, leveraging existing policymaker relationships and research infrastructure to drive innovation in research capacity development, health services research, and policy evaluation. The ideal candidate will be an accomplished scholar and leader with the vision and expertise to expand CSHP's reach and influence.

Candidates must hold a doctoral degree in a discipline such as economics or political science, an applied field such as public health, public policy, law, social work or health services research, or a clinical field with substantial research training and experience. This strong academic leader must qualify for appointment as an associate or full professor and demonstrate a strong track record of securing federal funding and leading high-impact research. The ideal candidate will have demonstrated success in interdisciplinary collaboration, stakeholder engagement, and translational communication to broad audiences, as well as expertise in financial management and strategic leadership within a research-driven environment.

Korn Ferry is assisting the Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research with this important recruitment. Applications should include a detailed curriculum vitae and a letter of interest that highlight the applicant's professional vision and relevant leadership experience.

To ensure full consideration, inquiries, nominations, and applications should be submitted electronically, in confidence, to anna.flag@kornferry.com.

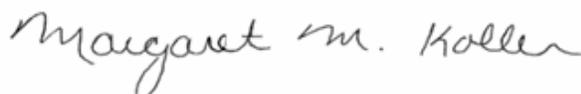
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We have convened a search committee chaired by **Mary O'Dowd**, Executive Director of Health Systems and Population Health Integration for Rutgers Health, and we are working with the recruitment firm **Korn Ferry** to actively engage prospective candidates.

Applications and letters of interest should be sent directly to anna.flag@kornferry.com.

Thank you for your continued support of the Center's work.

Sincerely,

Tobias Gerhard, BSPHarm, PhD, FISPE
Director
Rutgers Institute for Health, Health Care
Policy and Aging Research

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May/June

Disability Information Hub

An online one-stop shop for resources, services, and information for individuals with disabilities, their families, caregivers, and professionals.

Resources for You



Over 200 State programs listed on the Hub.
Organized by disability needs and life stages.

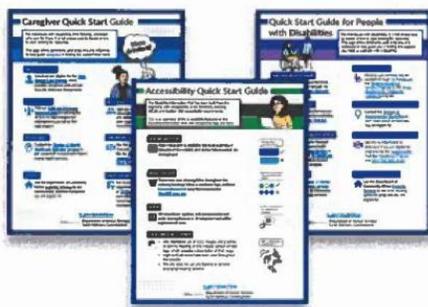
Caregiver Support



Support sections for families and caregivers.
Transition information from youth to adulthood.



Quick Start Guides



Guides to get started fast for individuals, caregivers, and accessible technology.

Fully Accessible



Website is accessible for screen readers, up to 400% zoom, and fully navigable via keyboard.



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Department of Human Services
Sarah Adelman, Commissioner



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RESIDENT CAREER DAY

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

The Palace at Somerset Park
333 Davidson Ave, Somerset, NJ



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Safety and Injury Prevention | Emergency Preparedness Addressing Pediatric Mental Health
More Than Strong Smiles: *Why Oral Health Matters*
Top 10 Pediatric Articles
Creating A Welcoming Office Environment - *For All Your Patients*
Collaborative Care and Developments in Pediatric Rheumatology
More Than Meets the Eye: Pediatric Dermatology Potpourri
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