



# SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH WORKGROUP MEETING MINUTES

April 12, 2019

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

2529 Route 52, Suite 201, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533

**Attendees:**

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| Hisieni Sacasa, HealthlinkNY                         | Telegre Shipman, WMC PPS                      |
| Barbara Ilardi, Putnam County Department of Health   | Susanne Callahan, Institute for Family Health |
| Jasmine Cruz, Montefiore Hudson Valley Collaborative |   |

**I. Welcome & Introductions**

Hisieni Sacasa welcomed the group; introductions were made; and the meeting opened at approximately 1:05 pm.

**II. Status of PHIP in State Budget**

The first item discussed was that NYS has written the Population Health Improvement Program PHIP back into the budget and Healthlink is pleased to announce that their funding has been secured for the Year 5 to expire January 2020. HealthlinkNY can now start moving ahead on the initiatives we planned.

**III. Racial Equity Fellowship**

Next Hisieni explained that the Racial Equity Fellowship is approaching and will be held on April 29 and 30. So far, there are three organizations that have committed to attending and we are awaiting additional commitments to see who else will be joining. Also explained was that the goal for the Fellowship is to have five members of leadership represented from five different organizations. Hopefully, the Fellowship will really be impactful and create some lasting change in each organization.



#### IV. Items

##### a. Blueprints

The next item discussed on the agenda was the Blueprint for Health Equity events. The group plans to host two Blueprints this year with one upper Hudson Valley and one in the Lower Hudson Valley. Initially (before the delay in PHIP funding) we had planned to host one in May 2019, but we are now proposing hosting in August of September 2019.

After full discussion, the group elected not to host in August or September as holidays, schools, and vacations may affect attendance. It was therefore agreed that both Blueprints would be scheduled in October 2019 providing we are able to secure venues and speakers. Hisieni will reach out to Dr. Beard and Dr. Hackett as well as venues so that we can secure dates for October 2019 and report to the workgroup at the next meeting.

The Lower Hudson Valley event should be in Westchester. Since we have not hosted a Blueprint in Westchester since sometime in 2016, it would be good to bring it back to Westchester County. Orange County was proposed for the Upper Hudson Valley as we planned to host one in Orange in 2018, but it did not come into fruition. The workgroup agreed with events and counties. More specifics will be discussed and laid out once speakers and venues are secured.

##### b. Roadmap

Next, Hisieni discussed the Roadmap. She explained to the workgroup that the roadmap is something we discussed a while ago. It was proposed by the workgroup in connection with the Blueprint for Health Equity as the events are educational and change people's mindset, but something attendees often struggle with is the action following the Blueprint. This resource guide (Roadmap) can be one solution to these struggles. It would be offered online as something that the attendees of the Blueprints and others could use to improve social determinants of health, health equity, etc. within their organization.

Hisieni relayed to the group that we had initially thought that the PHIP would be launching its own website and we would house the roadmap on that site. Regrettably, the PHIP will no longer getting their own website, but we would like to start working on this project again.

Hisieni then shared the Draft of the Roadmap to Equity on screen as well and it was shared with the workgroup before the meeting. *These materials are included as part of these Meeting Minutes.*

After full discussion, the group commented that what was shared thus far looks great.

Hisieni polled the group on what they thought about the design of the website and what could be improved. A few recommendations/additional information that workgroup thought would be useful:

- Local resources for assistance, etc. was a recommendation from the group
- Calendar of local events would also be included and was previously recommended by the workgroup
- With accreditation, these resources are good for multiple purposes outside of the Blueprint

Hisieni also asked the workgroup to share any resources that they thought would be helpful in the roadmap, to please share. Hisieni stated that it would be good to roll the Roadmap during the October Blueprints.

Squarespace or Wix were a couple of website builders that we were thinking about possibly using, but if anyone present has experience in website development, recommendations are welcome. Jasmine Cruz recommended WordPress that is being utilized by her organization, Montefiore and explains that it is easy to navigate and user-friendly and houses learning modules and resources. Putnam County recommended WordPress as well.

#### **V. Announcements**

No announcements were made during this meeting.

#### **VI. Adjourn**

The meeting wrapped up and was adjourned at approximately 1:45 pm.

**Next Meeting: May 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm**