

## NJACCHO Update – February 8, 2024

### N2PH Program

Sylvia Bookbinder

Of the 25 residents who began the program in January 2023, 16 have completed all the coursework and have graduated from the program. Another 3 participants have until the beginning of March to finish up.

A big thank you to the supervisors who enabled their staff members to participate and to the mentors who guided them along the way.

Going forward, we just started a project to create a more NJ specific program with the help of an undergraduate public health intern from the Bloustein School, Dhanya Pragaspathy. A small steering committee had its first meeting last week and they hit the ground running!

The committee is comprised of 4 mentors: Christa Moor (Freehold HD), Courtney Sartain (Teaneck HD), Enrico Cabredo (Monmouth Co HD), Kevin Sumner (Middle-Brook Regional H Commission), 2 N2PH graduates: Brittany Bernstein (Rockaway Twp HD), Michael Meyer (Paramus Boro HD), Sylvia Bookbinder (volunteering after her contract ends Feb. 29)

One of the requirements of this program is to thoroughly plan or actually implement an evidence based or quality improvement project and present it to the group. The presentations took place in January. Today, a few participants will be sharing their projects with you.

Anna Markarova is the PH Nurse for the Maplewood and South Orange HD in Essex Co. Her topic is on prevention of marijuana use.

Danielle Pagani is the Infectious Disease Preparedness Generalist (IDPG) for the Village of Ridgewood HD in Bergen Co. Her topic is about prevention of dog bites.

Denice Rimple is an REHS with the Burlington Co HD. Her topic is about retail food inspection training.

Jenna Bruno is the Infectious Disease Preparedness Generalist (IDPD) for the Ringwood HD in Bergen Co. Her topic is music related.

Justin Winfrey is the Passaic Co Overdose Fatality Review Team Coordinator for the Passaic Co Dept of Health Services. His topic is on Narcan distribution and education.