



# NEW JERSEY COLLEGE HEALTH ASSOCIATION

## General Membership Meeting Telemeeting via Webex

May 29, 2020

### General Membership Meeting

#### I. Call to Order:

- a. The meeting was called to order by President Scott Woodside at 9 am

#### II. Attendance: Scott Woodside, President; Debra Lukacsko, Vice President; Barbara Ackerson, Treasurer; Kyle Weisholtz, Corresponding Secretary; Robin Mansfield, Recording Secretary; Janice Vermeychuk, Website and Bylaw committee Chair; Shannon Bishop; Anna Domico; Anna Grasso; Carola Gremlich; Susan Graziano; Joseph Henson; Joan Galbraith; Maggie Cunning; Natalie Brewer; Nicole Szilvasi; Pat Prior; Kathleen Dolan; Kathy Maloney; Diane Lynch; Marta Diaz-Pupek; Patricia Ruiz; Susan Lasker; Teresa Lord-Stout; Barbara Clark; Holly Heller; Carolyn Lewis; Cindy Perillo; Alicia Spartaro, Charmaine Thomas; Marilyn Majaro; Sharon Virkler; Susan MacArthur; Carol Miller

#### III. Reports of Officers

- a. President: Scott Woodside
  - i. Serves on the New Jersey Higher Education Reopening Task Force, from this some major concerns for re-opening are research, athletics, and residential considerations.
- b. Vice President: Debra Lekascko
  - i. Continues to have ongoing weekly meetings and is co-chair of reopening at Ramapo
  - ii. ACHA has weekly webinars on guidance for reopening on topics such as residential life, contact tracing and others.
- c. Treasurer: Barbara Ackerson, no new treasurers report
- d. Recording Secretary: Robin Mansfield; minutes from last meeting distributed
- e. Corresponding Secretary: Kyle Weisholtz; no new correspondence

#### IV. Website and Bylaws: Janice Vermeychuk; no report

#### V. Reports from individual schools

- a. Seton Hall-Diane Lynch reporting
  - i. Continue to explore different scenarios but leaning toward coming back.
  - ii. Will had double occupancy rooms, suitemates will be considered a family unit.
  - iii. POC testing has not be acquired, but looking into it (if POC testing negative will send out confirmatory test)
  - iv. Considering outdoor testing.
  - v. Reopening teams working in different groups (student affairs, academic affairs, etc)
  - vi. Will be rotating office staff from working on site and working remotely
  - vii. Question, how many isolations rooms are necessary, is there a formula?
    1. Someone suggested # of rooms should be 1-2% of population.
- b. Drew University- Joan Galbraith reporting
  - i. Announcement made for reopening. Plan to reopen on august 16, Students return August 24; will have two weeks on on-line instruction followed by some in person

- classes. All classes need to offer an online option. Will finish the semester at the Thanksgiving break.
- ii. Different planning groups on campus but President's group makes overarching decisions.
  - iii. Testing-Will be purchasing Cepheid for POC testing, purchasing through Medline.
    - 1. Looking to test symptomatic students, athletics want to test more frequently.
  - iv. Local health department will be handling all contact tracing
- c. Rutgers Camden-Pat Prior Reporting
- i. University was talking about having everyone tested before return-not feasible.
  - ii. Will be utilizing the saliva test-questions remain about how and where it will be done. Everyone going to clinical sites will need to be tested.
  - iii. Met with athletics, they are awaiting guidance from NCAA and the State.
  - iv. Looking at hybrid option for re-opening
  - v. Considering daily symptom tracking but questions remain about how to do this.
  - vi. SHS still has some staff on campus
  - vii. Will still be involved in contact tracing, school of public health will assist.
- d. Centenary- Teresa Lord-Stout reporting
- i. As of now, will reopen unless there is an executive order from the State not to.
  - ii. Tuesday the executive board is meeting regarding residential students
  - iii. May be approved for Cepheid testing
  - iv. Took contact tracing course through John Hopkins, local department of health will be doing contact tracing.
- e. Kean University-Robin Mansfield and Joseph Henson reporting
- i. Appreciates this groups input; upper management at Kean is not forth coming with reopening strategies.
  - ii. New University President to start on July 1, no VP for Student Affairs for about a year, reporting to the AVP for Residential Student Services.
  - iii. SHS is making their own re-opening plans to share with upper management
  - iv. Both Joseph Henson and Robin took the John Hopkins contact tracing course.
  - v. Reached out to Union County health officer, appreciate the offer for help for contact tracing Kean students-many questions at the State level regarding how to manage contact tracing. Suggested that there would be three regional health officers overseeing contact tracing starting in July.
  - vi. Acquiring PPE, questions remain about testing, working on no-contact procedures for in office visits. Will have some form of telehealth regardless if return to campus.
- f. Montclair University-Patricia Ruiz Reporting
- i. Awaiting the Governor's guidance for reopening, and appropriations. If there is significant loss of State aid, will affect entire college and closure of programs, already lost their conservation program.
  - ii. If we pursue campus testing, we will consider options such as drive through or walk up hoping to identify and outside partner for testing.
  - iii. Will be explore using Cepheid for POC testing, can do joint flu and COVID test
  - iv. Plan to dedicate 1-2 staff per day for testing to limit use of PPE

- v. Will continue to use telehealth as much as possible, Will have separate time slots for sick and well patients (well in am and sick in pm)
- vi. Request that schools share plans for high risk groups and how to ensure safety: athletes, performing arts, and residential students.
- vii.
- g. Stevens Institute-Maggie Cuning reporting
  - i. The local health department has one person who does contact tracing and has worked very closely with SHS
  - ii. Working with an outside company who is overseeing their outside testing site, will do PCR testing for the college.
  - iii. Has purposefully been featuring their anti-bullying programing at this time.
  - iv. Questions raised about temperature monitoring and daily symptoms monitoring
- h. The College of New Jersey-Janice Vermeychuk reporting
  - i. Bring students back as 1 student per room
  - ii. Looking at different options for isolation and/or quarantine.
  - iii. Campus emergency response team and readiness task forces working on reopening plans
  - iv. Looking into some mandatory online training for those returning to campus
  - v. Acquiring supplies such as plexiglass, hand sanitizer, soap, etc
  - vi. Testing supplies-assessing what is out there, has not yet purchased
  - vii. Looking into the ventilation systems of the building and hepa-air filters.
  - viii. Encouraging flu vaccine for all
  - ix. Looking at outside testing area.
- i. Monmouth-Kathy Maloney reporting
  - i. Plans to reopen campus, questions about testing prior to coming back
  - ii. Clinical programs will need testing
  - iii. Their entire operation will need to change; prior to COVID-19 office was walk-in urgent care format.
  - iv. Looking into the Quest self-administered nasal swab test (turn around time 1-2 days in best scenario).
  - v. Rule out COVID before they can be seen in office
  - vi. Will allow wellness visits, screenings, follow up
  - vii. Working to identify contact tracing groups, librarians, IT, Res Life, etc
  - viii. Residential Life using local hotels to house students, to free up on campus rooms for isolation and quarantine.
- j. William Patterson- Carola Gremlich reporting
  - i. University planning reopening in a team approach, regardless of who is essential.
    - 1. For SHS, during four-day week; teams will work two days in office and two days remote. Question on how to rotate in the Fall during a five-day work week.
  - ii. Counselors will continue to do primarily telehealth
  - iii. Considering options for testing, on site vs sending out for testing
  - iv. Focus on education, universal infection control signage throughout campus
- k. Ramapo- Debra Lekascko reporting

- i. Actively involved with all planning, co-chair of the committee
  - ii. Looking at flow of the office-how to create social distancing in current space
  - iii. Will offer specific well appointment times and sick appointment times
  - iv. Was going to hire long awaited NP, but this was put on hold
  - v. Will not do POC testing, will refer off campus
  - vi. Returning to NJ consortium for Student Health Care for the fall
- I. Rowan-Scott Woodside reporting
  - i. Identified remote outdoor testing site. Nurses will be assigned to testing at that site in September. Focus on symptomatic students. Will implement (TBD) sentinel surveillance program for residential population. Not recommending universal screening or regular asymptomatic testing for students and staff. Cepheid POC device ordered, 8 weeks out on delivery. Contact in place with Rutgers for saliva testing. Not recommending antibody testing currently.
  - ii. Working in expanding flu program, including offering drive thru flu clinic.
  - iii. Plan is to train 25 non wellness center employees to be contact investigators ASTHO training HIPAA and Rowan protocols. Working in concert with Gloucester County Health Department.
  - iv. Facilities reducing classroom capacity recommendations. Signage for flow and directions in building has been created
- VI. General thoughts based on discussion from the group about our response to COVID-19 Pandemic.
  - a. Reopening plans
    - i. Most schools are still unclear about final plans, awaiting guidance from the State
    - ii. A few schools have made clear statements that they are reopening
  - b. Testing
    - i. Most agree that in the office setting, testing should only be done on those who are symptomatic, and that testing is just a snapshot in time.
      - 1. However, testing only symptomatic, we are missing the asymptomatic who can spread COVID-19, testing symptomatic may be too late.
    - ii. Consider outdoor testing, drive through, walk up, self-collection; all these options will protect health care providers and contamination of rooms
    - iii. In general, no mass testing for return to campus is feasible, extensive frequent testing of acute and asymptomatic screening is limited by cost, accessibility, availability, PPE, proper environmental factors, and staffing on campus.
    - iv. Consider random sampling of residential students
    - v. Testing can be expensive; will your university cover the cost?
      - vi. Insurance may only covers testing for symptomatic
  - c. Social Distancing
    - i. Universities should be planning strategies to de-densify and social distance the best they can or not re-open. Only have 30-50% of campus community on campus at any given time.
    - ii. Every class should have an on-line option to limit large groups on campus, also to be prepared for an outbreak and to have options for students in isolation or quarantine.

- iii. Rotate office staff not only in SHS but all office on campus, those off campus in SHS will be doing the telehealth visits
- d. Symptom Monitoring
  - i. Most agree that daily temperature monitoring seems inefficient as symptomatic individuals can be infected.
  - ii. Some schools working on a daily symptom monitoring app or log
- e. Contact Tracing
  - i. Many have reported taking the John Hopkins Contact tracing course
  - ii. Some school plan to assist with contact tracing, for others the local health department is sufficient
  - iii. New Jersey public health is very segmented, and each local municipality has its own department. This creates problems when a student's main residence is outside the county of the college. This should be addressed as a problem
- f. Residential Life
  - i. Four scenarios: full capacity, 1 student per bedroom, 1 student per bathroom, emergency housing only
  - ii. All schools must have a plan for isolation and quarantine on campus.
- g. Vaccines
  - i. Flu vaccines, some considering mandating, others highly recommended. Leverage with local pharmacies for flu vaccines.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robin Mansfield  
Recording Secretary