

## **11.17.20 SPAC Meeting**

10am – 1pm, Virtual Zoom Meeting

Dell Call to order: 10:10am

Dell Wallace – Chair (Princeton), Keri Giannotti – Assistant Chair (Montclair-Newark), Karen Andes (Montclair-Newark), Teri Di Francesco (Elizabeth-Plainfield), Kendra Gathers (Elizabeth-Plainfield), Janet Greenman (Princeton), Catherine Higgins (Monmouth County), Mary Jackson (Elizabeth-Plainfield), Sharon Kress (Elizabeth-Plainfield), Kate Lee (Oranges & Short Hills), Trente Miller (Montclair-Newark), Denise Serbay (Montclair-Newark), Uta Steinhauser (Princeton), Jamie Stintson (Bergen), Claire Van Der Tuin (Oranges & Short Hills), Elena Yochum (Oranges & Short Hills)

### **1) New Members Introduced**

Jamie Stintson, Elena Yochum

### **2) September & October Minutes**

Dell moved to approve Minutes from September & October; motion passed unanimously.

### **3) Monthly Meeting Times**

Committee discussed offering some evening meetings to help to accommodate members who can't meet during the day. In December, we'll meet 10am, January at 7pm.

### **4) Emergency Medical Services for Children – Dr. Richard Flyer**

Dr. Flyer presented his status update on the Emergency Medical Services for Children Advisory Council:

- Teri read out loud Dr Flyer's 1/20/20 letter to the editor of the American Academy of Pediatrics re the Article, "Pediatric Readiness in Emergency Medical Services System". This is a great summary of why we need this Advisory Council. Members are encouraged to read the article and Dr. Flyer's comments here: <https://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/145/1/e20193307/tab-e-letters>
- NJ was the 1<sup>st</sup> state to pass this law.
- Dr. Flyer has been working with Dr. Steven Levin (UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School) and has recruited other Dr's and medical professionals to join the Advisory Council.
- As per the law, he recruited 17 candidates and submitted their CVs and recommendation letters the Governor's Appointment Office. He was then advised that each candidate must first be approved by the candidate's State Senator, then approved by the Governor before being approved by a vote of the entire Senate. This process can take months.
- In the meantime, Dr. Flyer plans to convene the Council (w/ unapproved members) so they can begin discussions and planning; they just won't be able to vote on anything.
- Dr. Flyer said that Senator Joseph Vitale, Chair of the Health, Human Services and Senior Citizen committee supportive of efforts to re-launch the law.

### Dr. Flyer needs from the Junior Leagues of NJ

A public service call to action campaign – to help NJ Legislators understand the importance of this law and pressure them to pay more attention to it. Campaign could include emails/calls to governor, state senators, commissioner of Health Dept...

Dr. Flyer along with Claire, Kate and Teri clarified that it was JLNJ SPAC that pushed to make put the Advisory Council into the law. Carolyn Ferolito was the SPAC chair at the time. Her political savvy and connections along with the other ladies of SPAC was really responsible for the legislative victory. Without the JLNJ SPAC there would have been no law. Carolyn and Dr. Flyer worked at the level of the national media (ABC's "20/20") to bring attention to the problem. And Carolyn served on the Advisory Council for several years.

- Dell suggest Dr. Flyer, record a 10-15 min presentation about the Advisory Council that we can play at our individual league GMMs.
- Kate asked if Dr. Flyer was looking for a press campaign because that could be a huge help.

### EMS for Children Task Force formed

Chairs: Karen Andes and Teri Di Francesco

Members: Trente Miller, Denise Serbay, Claire Van Der Tuin, Elena Yochum

- Kate: suggested
  - we contact First Lady Tammy Murphy for support, since this issue also covers infant mortality.
  - we host a Zoom information evening to educate all NJ Leagues about this issue; everyone agreed we should move forward with this for January 2021.

### EMSC Task force next steps

- 1) Need to verify what is going on with the EMS for Children: Uta works at the NJ Dept of Health and will look for updated information
  - 2) Plan the January JLNJ League-wide Zoom event to cover the following subjects
    - EMS for Children Advisory Council - Dr Flyer presents; recommended we include another Dr as well.
    - Black Maternal Mortality
    - SPAC review
- Claire asked that we follow up with Dr. Flyer on her request from last year: She's like to see a list Pediatric Trauma Units in NJ. Dell will follow up with Dr. Flyer.
  - She also pointed out that there is a possibility that some of the senators may not approve Dr. Flyer's recommendation and instead appoint someone they know.

### **5) Brainstorming – SPAC Mailings to Legislators**

Walk to Washington is a no go for the Chamber of Commerce for 2021 due to COVID19. Additionally, SPAC's yearly breakfast held at the State House is in the process of being reimagined. We discussed alternative methods to connect with legislators and community leaders. Committee discussed developing materials to send to our Legislators.

### Committee settled on two mailings

- 1) Mailing before Holidays to introduce ourselves to our assigned legislators
- 2) April Mailing and possible Zoom to replace annual breakfast

- Kate shared the one-sheet flier NJCAHT sent out last January for Human Trafficking Prevention Month – it was simple and direct, bills they were supporting along with the invite to their luncheon. (example attached).

#### Holiday Mailing decisions

- Arrive Dec. 10
- One-sheeter (size tbd) listing the bills we are supporting + a note attached = introduction by the sender promise to follow up in the New Year.
- Committee member will prepare sample text to use on accompanying note
- Mail in red envelope, to be ordered once size of one sheeter is confirmed
  
- Suggestions:
  - We use SPAC Stationary/notecards or at minimum, the same holiday cards to keep communications consistent
  - Keri recommends we take a snapshot of the Zoom screen at our next mtg, to include on the one-sheeter.
  
- Jaimie volunteered to draft one-sheeter, she will work with Dell and Keri. Trente will send her minutes from 2019-20.
  
- Dell asked us to check on our individual League's SPAC budget to next meeting.

#### April 2021 Mailing

Ideas discussed, committee to revisit.

#### **Next Meeting, December**

Dell requested that the Chairs present updates on their Task Force progress.

***Meeting adjourned 12:45pm***

#### **20 - 21 Meeting Schedule**

December 15, 10am - 1pm

January 19, 7pm - 10pm

February 16

March 16

April 20

May 18

# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2020

- Posting the National Human Trafficking Hotline & Text numbers in transit spots, bars, massage parlors (S1449/A931)
- Expansion of "clean slate" (vacatur) laws (A5085/S3678) for trafficking survivors & creation of a diversion program (Trafficking Court) for victim support
- Transportation Training Bill (A5703) so that transportation workers can recognize the signs of human trafficking

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**WITH RECOGNITION OF OUR  
2020 ADVOCACY CHAMPIONS**

**THURSDAY, JAN 16, 2020**

**11:00am to 1:00pm**

**CAFE NJ ~ STATE HOUSE ~ TRENTON**

**12:00pm KEYNOTE REMARKS:  
Senator Tom Kean Jr.**

### **2020 ADVOCACY CHAMPIONS**

**Assemblywoman Angela McKnight**

**Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz**

**Senator Joseph Pennacchio**

**Senator Troy Singleton**

**Angelo Onofri - Prosecutor, Mercer County**

**Danielle S. Buckley - Chief Asst Prosecutor**

**Atlantic County**

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