

CJWG Meeting Notes WebEx - 11.12.24

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Agenda:

1. Roll call
2. Introduction of new member
3. Approve minutes from previous meeting
4. DAC review
5. Deliberate on new indicators
6. Next steps

CJWG Members:

- (Chair) Alanah Keddell-Tuckey, EJ Director, Office of Environmental Justice, DEC
- Amber Johnson, Organizing and Training Director, New York Energy Democracy Alliance
- Jill Henck, Clean Energy Program Director, (ANCA) Adirondack North Country Association
- Amy Klein, Executive Director, Capital Roots
- Rahwa Ghirmatzion, EJ Advocate
- Mary Beth McEwen, Interim Executive Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Oneida and Madison Counties
- Elizabeth Furth, Empire Fellow, NYS Department of Labor
- Sonal Jessel, EJ Advocate
- Elizabeth Yeampierre, Executive Director, (UPROSE)
- Eddie Bautista, Executive Director, NYC Environmental Justice Alliance
- Abigail McHugh-Grifa, Executive Director, Climate Solutions Accelerator of the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region
- Neil Muscatiello, Director of the Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology, Center for Environmental Health, DOH
- Michael DiRamio, Assistant Director, Energy and Climate Equity, NYSERDA

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting/s:

- Quorum has been reached and the minutes from June 6, 2024 and September 10, 2024's meeting were voted on and approved. There were no additions or edits from CJWG members to the previous meetings minutes. The minutes will be updated on the CJWG website.

Updates for 2024 DAC criteria review -Alex

Illume has done a data update on every source they could. We are now waiting for one indicator which is low birth weight. Once it is received we will have all the data necessary to update everything. Suggested indicators will be tabled for now in order to meet our end of year deadline.

- Overview of railways indicators slide

Alex: Let us take an interim vote. This way we can gage the CJWG's comfort level.

Amy: Is there any difference between upstate and downstate New York?

Alex: Correlations are across every single data point.

Results of 4 scenarios:

- Scenario 1: original indicators including refreshed data
- Scenario 2: scenario 1 plus diabetes data
- Scenario 3: scenario 2 plus diabetes and airport proximity data
- Scenario 4: scenario 2 plus diabetes and rail proximity data

Presentations of maps using scenarios -Alex

Sonal: Can you zoom in on Brooklyn, Sunset Park specifically?

Alex: Yes. It does not look like there was much of a difference.

Jill: It looks like we would lose the north country and I do not feel great about that.

Amy: I am surprised to see Baldwin added.

Jill: Is that a disadvantaged community?

Rahwa: I am still processing as well.

Jill: I keep thinking about Sonal's point. Can we see what we have gained in the North country?

Alex: Question to the group. Is it worth adding proximity to airports?

Jill: After seeing this I am not so sure we should add anything.

Alex: And that makes perfect sense.

Rahwa: I think for next year let us talk about the margins. They are what worry me. Percentage points are too close to exclude them.

Sonal: Should we table this until next year since today is the last meeting of 2024.

Alex: I do not see any changes in Jamestown. I see that Rochester loses some census tracts. For reference we are looking at scenario 2 and comparing it to scenario 4.

Alex: Question to the group. Are we skipping all interim voting?

Discussion of differences between rural vs urban DACs

- There were 15 indicators that spike highly with urban DACs.
- Even though this number feels bigger we are capturing census tracts across multiple scenarios and perspectives.

Demographics of NY:

For non-DACs and DACs across the state the results for people of color (for example Black, Latino, Asian) were higher.

Methodological approach interim vote:

- Do we keep all the approaches Illume; Alex just went over? For example the weighing of indicators and low income criteria.
- Do we keep things the same for voting for 2024?

Jill: Yes, let's keep it. Can we also add more language?

Michael: The implementation is handled separately from the criteria. How we use it is handled programmatically. How would use of criteria impact here?

Alanah: Looking at limited data could sway people one way without them having a good amount of data available to review.

Alex: Are you referring to Michael's question?

Alanah: Let us table this until the next review.

Alex: Question to the group. Should we keep the methods the same as last year until we have more data in the coming years? At that point we can open it up.

Alanah: Yes, that is what I am saying.

Jill: While it is up to NYSERDA and other agencies to implement that it is important to know. It can be difficult to measure because we are missing the anomalies.

Sonal: Let's keep things as they are. In the new year should we hear from Clean Energy Hub? They might have really helpful information.

The following members agreed in a vote: Alanah, Micheal, Amy, Rahwa, Amber, Sonal, and Jill.

Next Steps

- New York state will compile data into a complete report and share that with the CJWG members.
- The CJWG will review and deliberate on the report January through Feb 2025.
- The CJWG has a goal to vote by February 2025.

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