

# **CJWG Meeting Notes**

## **WebEx - 9.10.24**

### **Meeting Commence 2:00pm**

*Disclaimer: \*Please note this is not a word for word translation.*

### **Agenda:**

1. Roll call
2. Approve minutes from previous meeting
3. Recap of last meeting
4. Update on public input
5. Landfill indicator update
6. DAC review
7. Next steps

### **CJWG Members:**

- (Chair) Alanah Keddell-Tuckey, EJ Director, Office of Environmental Justice, DEC
- Alex Dunn, Director, Illume Advising
- Jill Henck, Clean Energy Program Director, (ANCA) Adirondack North Country Association
- Amy Klein, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), 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 reached until 2:59pm. All deliberations ceased after that time.
- No voting on previous meeting minutes due to not having quorum.

### **Summary of public feedback -Oliver**

- Review was open July 10,2024 - Aug 20,2024
- 32 unique responses received
- Major concerns:

- DAC maps are difficult to use and understand. Methodology used to develop DAC criteria lacks transparency
- Many burdens were inaccurately captured by DAC criteria

*Please note:*

- Sept.24,2024 is the deadline for the CJWG to submit questions or feedback. None offered by CJWG during today's meeting.

**Jill:** Will we see all comments by the November meeting?

**Oliver:** Yes.

**Abigail:** Can you elaborate on the details of lived experience in rural areas please?

**Oliver:** Primarily the comments were about lived experiences in the Adirondacks. Folks feel we are missing something there.

### **Reviewing the landfill indicators -Oliver**

**Jill:** Is there a place we can see a map of all the landfills?

**Oliver:** Yes, I can work that up for you and the entire working group. Allow me a few weeks.

**Jill:** Ok thank you.

### **Recap of DAC criteria: Alex**

- We moved to using 2020 census tract boundaries. There are 10% more tracts now which are DACs. This still aligns with our 35% goal.
- Overview of 20 indicators
- Overview of popular characteristics and health vulnerabilities (25 indicators)
- Overview of scoring approach used.
- We are waiting on 6 DOH (Department of Health) indicators. We expect 5 this month which are: low birth rate, asthma, heart attack, premature death, and diabetes.
- Update on diabetes data is that it's correlated with asthma, black population, and premature deaths.
- Overview of pesticide use
- Overview of 3 scenarios and results. Data showed small changes only.

**Rahwa:** Since this data is based on updated 2020 census tract information will we get a list of where those communities are?

**Alex:** Yes. Once we realized how important it was to move to the 2020 tracts we did a full data refresh on the data.

**Consent to move to 2020 -Alex:** Do working group members consent to move to 2020 census boundaries? -CJWG support moving to 2020 data from now on.

**Elizabeth:** Does pesticide use include places where people play golf? Does noise pollution include people who moved within close proximity to the airports?

**Alex:** For pesticide use the information available is self-reported. Because of that I prefer not to use it. Those data are hard to get. For noise pollution I want to show you what it is.

**Abigail:** The y axis on the histogram, what is it?

**Alex:** It is the count. Histograms always have the count at the top.

**Abigail:** Ok, it's the count of census tracts. What does this mean for us?

**Alex:** You can choose to add this into the DAC criteria. It would go under the health indicators. Noise pollution was not useful. Proximity to airports was very useful in a potential DAC criteria.

**Jill:** In the north country we have a salt contamination issue in our waterbodies more than a pesticide contamination. Feels like we would be leaving something out if we did not consider salt as well.

**Abigail:** I agree it is premature to include this now if the data are not good.

- Alex presentation of maps and explanation of data

**Michael DiRamio:** Alex can you clarify? In 2020 the total tracts went up 20 percent correct? We are talking about that new baseline with the change correct?

**Alex:** Yes, that is correct.

**Abigail:** With the addition of census tracts overall has population increased 10% also?

**Alex:** I think so. It's not a 100% correlation.

### Next Steps

- 11/12/24 will be the next CJWG meeting. We must have quorum.
- CJWG please send Alanah blackout dates and preferred dates for 2025 meetings.
- Amber Johnson of Energy Democracy NY will be our new CJWG member.

- Meeting adjourned 4:11pm