



## South Shore Community Partners in Prevention

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Wednesday, April 8, 2020

8:55 A.M. to 10:15 A.M

Zoom Meeting

Minutes

Meeting called to order by Mike Jackman, SSCPP Chair at 8:55 a.m. He alerted all that the meeting will be recorded. Previous SSCPP presentations may also be found on our website: <https://chna23.org/about-us/presentations-from-chna-23-general-meetings>

#### **Mini Grant Presentation: Health Imperatives**

Jennifer Allison & Nancy DeLuca

[www.healthimperatives.org](http://www.healthimperatives.org)

- Provided background on Health Imperatives. Provide an array of services including sexual and reproductive care, nutrition, emergency domestic violence sheltering, and much more. Visit website for more information. Have locations throughout southeastern MA. Accept most insurance and serve folks that are uninsured. Do not turn folks away.
- Using SSCPP funding, Health Imperatives implemented an HIV Prevention Health Literacy initiative at their Plymouth campus.
- Held focus groups and developed materials to encourage target audience to come in, get tested, and get treated with PrEP (HIV prevention medication). Also did outreach to work on prevention.
- Saw over 40 attendees at focus groups and provided education at 50+ community events. Also developed a palm card in multiple languages and promoted widely on social media.
- All materials used health literacy principles such as plain language and translation into multiple languages to be sure the information would be understood. Used multiple media channels to convey the message.
- Saw a 15% increase in clients receiving HIV prevention services and 50% more PrEP prescriptions this year vs. last.
- Opened to audience Q&A.

Mike reminded all that SSCPP grants are accepted on a rolling basis and the next submission deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>. More information can be found on our website. SSCPP just awarded a grant to the Hanover Fire Department to provide COVID-19 testing in their community alongside South Shore Health.

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## **Presentation: COVID-19 – An Epidemiologist’s Perspective**

Mark L. Wilson, Sc.D.

Professor Emeritus of Epidemiology

University of Michigan School of Public Health

Full presentation: You may find the link [here](#).

- Dr. Wilson recently spoke on PACTV on infection modeling.
- Shared a comparison of COVID-19 and influenza and provided some background on COVID-19.
- Currently we have a human to human transmission cycle and no vaccine available.
- Discussed modeling concept- a way to predict the future based on the past. We do this all the time in our everyday life. A scientific, systematic way of predicting using data. The models are only as good as the data that goes into them and it is an ever-evolving scenario.
- The model moves through the spectrum from susceptible to immune. Information varies by location and we need to be mindful of this when looking at national data.
- Very hard to predict when the curve will flatten based on data and assumptions of transmission patterns. Models are being adjusted constantly due to uncharted ground.
- Also discussed contact tracing. Contact tracing works to identify how a person became infected and who this person may have infected. The goal is to reduce new infections. This is most effective toward the beginning and end of a virus.
- Once we have a vaccine, we can more or less return to normalcy.
- Opened for Q&A with audience.

SSCPP Health Literacy Awards will be postponed from June 12<sup>th</sup> to the fall. Nomination deadline has been extended.

More information on our website: <https://chna23.org/latest-news/>

Opened the floor for agency announcements. SSCPP plans to send out some Health Literacy bulletins with resources and videos related to COVID-19. Check out our Facebook [page](#) and our website. Please send announcements to Kim at [chna23@gmail.com](mailto:chna23@gmail.com).

Next meeting is scheduled for May 13th. Please keep an eye on the e-mail list for details and if we will hold this meeting via Zoom.

Adjourned at 10:00am.

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