Healthcare Access Simulation: Background on Shortage

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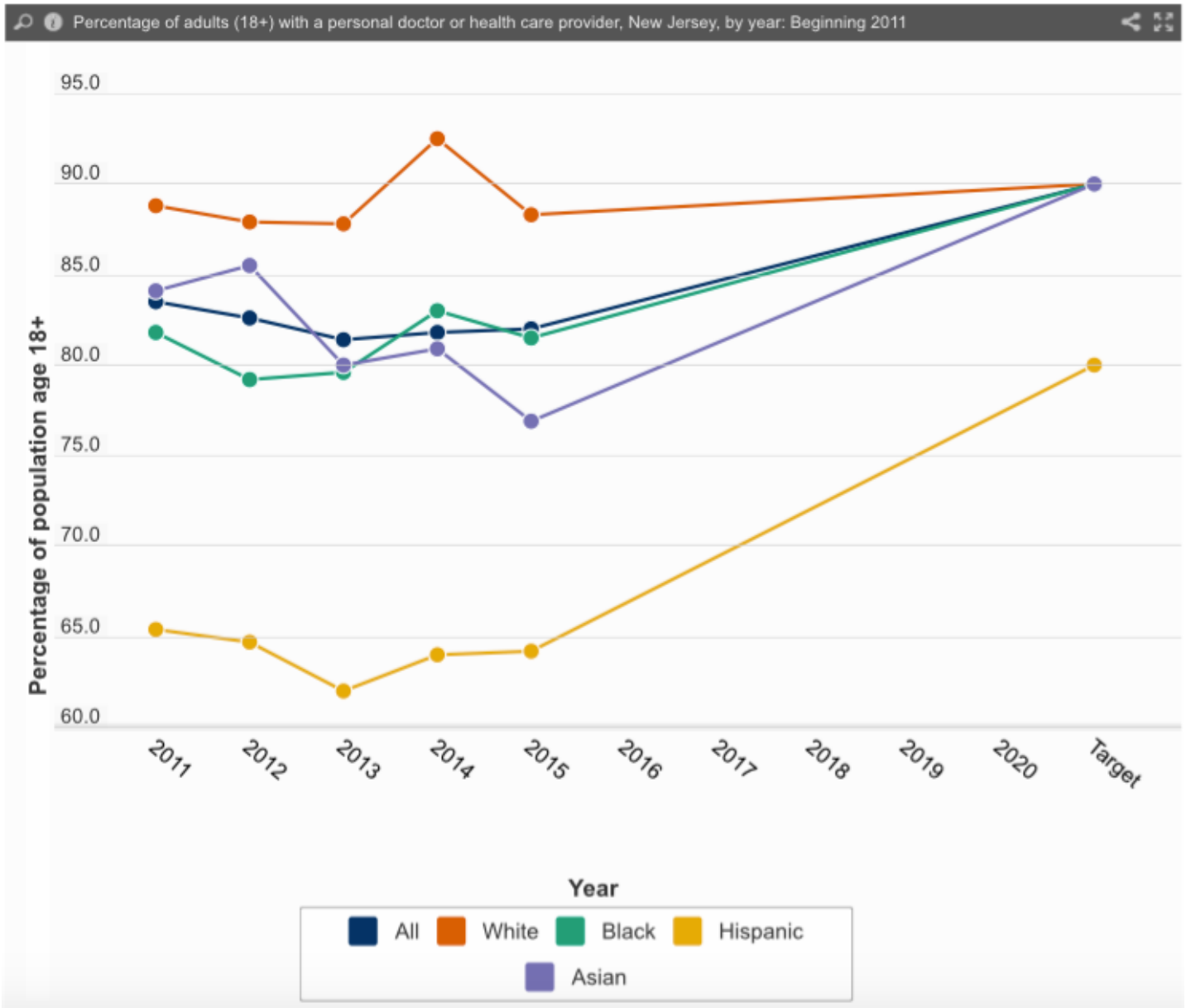
Healthcare Simulation

Healthy New Jersey 2020

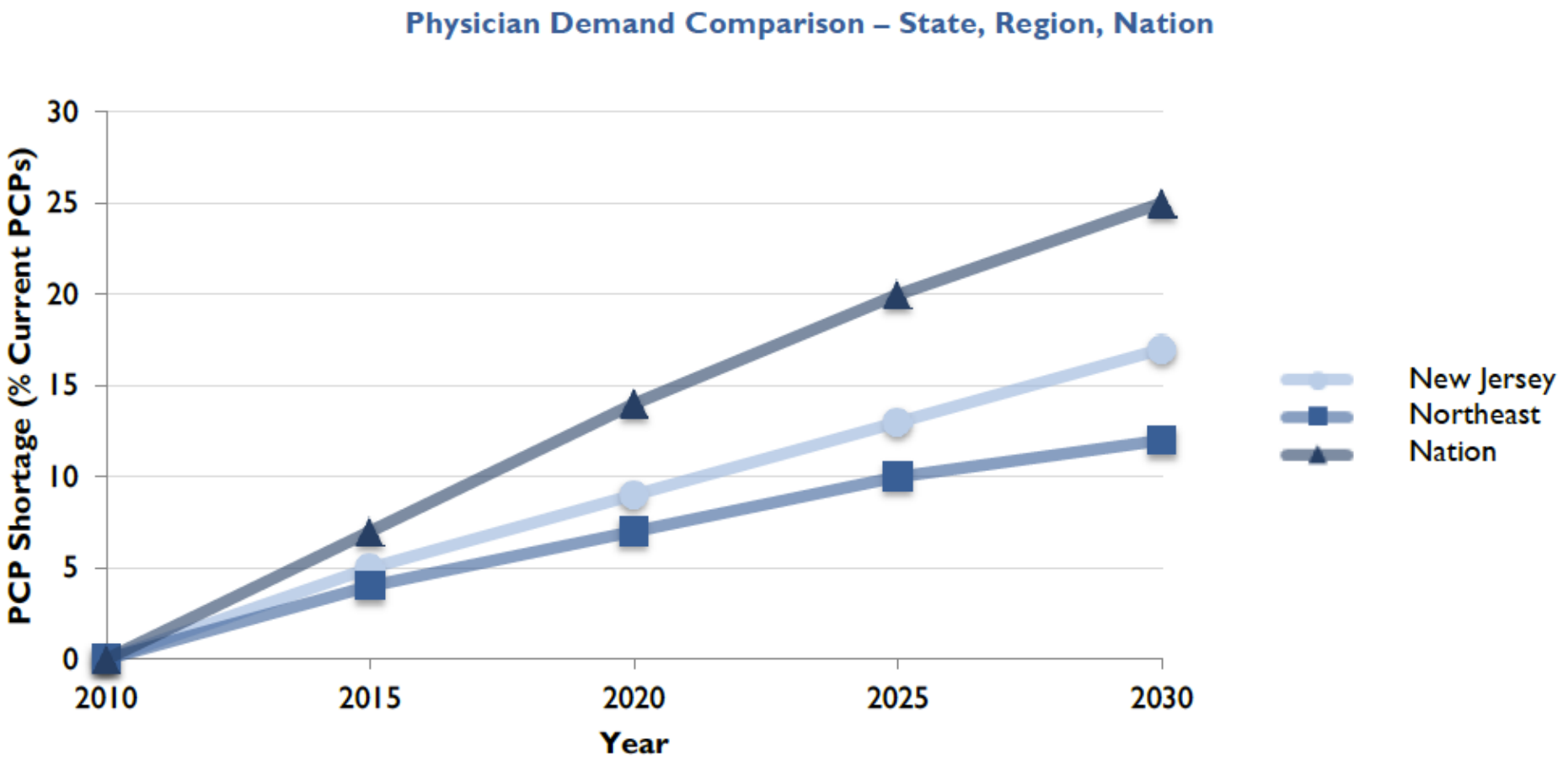
- State Healthcare Improvement Plan for Decade
- Goal: Increase Individuals with access to primary care provider to 90% of New Jerseyans by 2020
- Progress: Not progressing toward goal

Progress

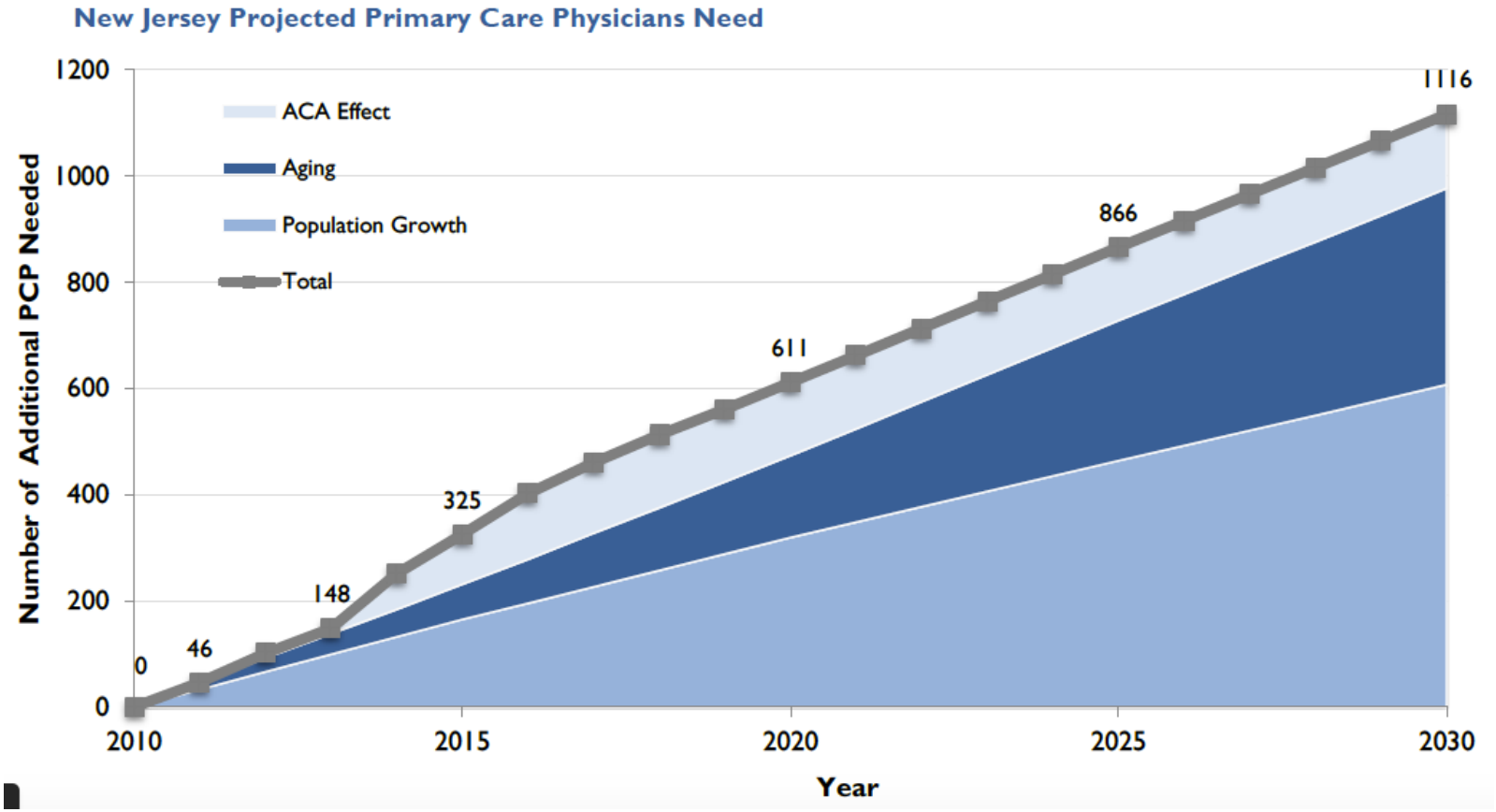

Percentage of adults (18+) with a personal doctor or health care provider, New Jersey, by year: Beginning 2011
95.0
90.0
85.0
80.0
75.0
70.0
65.0
60.0
Percentage of population age 18+
2011
2012
2013
2014
2015
2016
2017
2018
2019
2020
Target
Year
All
White
Black
Hispanic
Asian

Shortage

Shortage - Nationwide



Shortage - New Jersey



Potential Solutions

- Physician reimbursement reform
- Dedicated funding for primary care Graduate Medical Education (GME)
- Increase funding for primary care training
- Medical school student debt relief

Legislating a Solution

- Bill drafted and introduced
- Referred to committee
- Committee action (amend, vote out, kill)
- Chamber vote
- Second chamber
- Governor (sign, veto, return for amendment)
- Law

Political Background

- Governor Chris Christie - Republican
- Department of Health - Commissioner Cathleen Bennett
- Legislature
  - Two chambers
  - Senate: 24 D (60%), 16 R (40%)
  - General Assembly: 52 D (65%), 28 R (35%)

Setting

Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

- 7 Democrats, 2 Republicans
- Vitale, Joseph F. - Chair (D)
- Madden Fred H. - Vice-Chair (D)
- Addiego, Dawn Marie (D)
- Allen, Diane B. (R)
- Codey, Richard J. (D)
- Gordon, Robert M. (D)
- Rice, Ronald L. (D)
- Singer, Robert W. (R)
- Whelan, Jim (D)

Interests

- Commissioner Bennett
- New Jersey Hospital Association
- Northeast Regional Urgent Care Association
- NJ Academy of Physicians, Emergency Room Nurses Association
- NJ Association of Health Plans
- Rutgers University

Your Task

Groups develop a 5 minute or less statement for the legislators (testimony) and members of committee draft outline of a bill addressing doctor and nursing shortage in New Jersey. Legislators also need to develop questions they would like to ask groups.