



New Jersey Governor's Council on  
**Mental Health Stigma**

*Eliminating Stigma to Ensure Equity for All*

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Dear Mr. Mahler:

Thank you for writing to the Governor's Council on Mental Health Stigma and sharing your QR code idea. It is a wonderful initiative that speaks to the "sign of the times" and need to use all technologies available to promote stigma free communities. The Council applauds you for what you are doing. The QR code idea is a great use of innovation!

The Council is currently working on a project with stigma-free zones. We will be inviting stigma free zone community ambassadors to a kickoff virtual event later this winter. This event will be a networking opportunity for participants to meet, share innovations/successes/plans for stigma free zone initiatives, and brainstorm a larger event in the spring of 2023 to acknowledge the importance and impact of stigma free zone ambassadors across the state. Prior to the launch of this project we would like to invite you to a meeting to hear more about the PROPEL projects. At that time we will be able to share more about our project.

We look forward to inviting you to a future meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact The NJ Governor's Council on Mental Health Stigma at (609) 438-4318 or [GovernorsCouncil.MHStigma@dhs.nj.gov](mailto:GovernorsCouncil.MHStigma@dhs.nj.gov). Thank you for your concern.

Sincerely,

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