

New Jersey HIV Planning Group

Community Engagement Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025

Via Zoom from 6pm-8pm

Stephanie Berroa-Allen

Co-Chair

Shalik Thompson

Co-Chair

*The Community
Committee will work*

care, treatment needs, and interventions for high-risk populations; develop outreach strategies to inform and engage communities while meeting them where they are through access and equity, presence at community events; cultivate/develop future leaders in the community; and build community space, presence & trust.

*Engagement
to identify prevention,*

***Please note all times are approximate**

6:00pm	Welcome Attendees & Moment of Silence Establishment of Agenda Approval of Meeting Minutes	Stephanie Berroa-Allen
6:15pm	Icebreaker	Stephanie Berroa-Allen
6:25pm	Review Evaluation & 2024 Look Back/2025 Look Ahead PPT	HCPST
6:30pm	New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Program Activity 5.1 & 5.4 Education Didactic• Draft Program Activity 5.1 & 5.4	Stephanie Berroa-Allen & Shalik Thompson
7:40pm	Community Engagement Committee- Next Meeting: February 19th, 2025	Shalik Thompson
7:45pm	Meeting Evaluation	HCPST
7:50pm	Attendee Announcements	Stephanie Berroa-Allen
8:00pm	Adjournment*	Shalik Thompson

HCPST – HIV Community Planning Support Team

Quorum, 5; Abraham Corsino, Crystal Mitchell, Jocelyn Perry, Kelly Williams, Lynnette Abdulwaliyy, Rafael Kaipa Llovera, Shalik Thompson, Stephanie Berroa-Allen, Gabrielle Ferrigno



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Community Engagement Activities from January 2025 – December 2025

Program Activity 5.1: Increase knowledge of HIV among people, communities, and the health workforce in geographical areas disproportionately affected. **& Program Activity 5.4:** Engage people who experience HIV risk in traditional public health and health care delivery systems as well as in nontraditional community settings.

Program Activity 5.2: Integrate HIV messaging into existing campaigns and other activities pertaining to other parts of the syndemic, such as STIs, viral hepatitis, substance use, and mental health disorders, as well as in primary care and general wellness, and as part of annual reproductive health visits and wellness visits.

Stigma Activity 5.2: Develop a model for how to create and provide training on how to take stigma-free sexual health histories for healthcare providers providing targeted HIV testing. (NHAS 2.3.2 and 3.2.2) **& Stigma Activity 5.4:** Develop and provide trainings on stigma reduction to providers in non-traditional settings, as defined above. (NHAS 1.1.1, 3.1, 3.3)

Policy Activity 5.3: Work in collaboration with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities (NJLM) to include routine HIV screening and harm reduction as topics presented at the annual NJLM Conference. (NHAS 1.1.2)

Systems Activity 5.6: Work with health care payers to issue annual HIV testing “report cards” assessing providers’ HIV testing proficiency. (NHAS 2.4.1 and 3.4.2)

Systems Activity 5.7: Work with non-traditional screening sites to ensure access to rapid, fourth-generation HIV testing. (NHAS 1.2.2) **& Systems Activity 5.8:** If screening sites do not have access to testing, ensure screening sites have the correct and most up-to-date resources to refer and link clients to HIV testing. (NHAS 3.4.2)



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New Jersey HIV Planning Group
Community Engagement Committee Meeting
Minutes

Wednesday, December 18, 2024
 Electronic Meeting via ZOOM Video Conference

ATTENDANCE			
NJHPG Member			
Abraham Corsino	P	Monique Springer	A
Crystal Mitchell	P	Rafael Kaipa Llovera	P
Jocelyn Perry	A	Shalik Thompson	A
Jose Avila	P	Stephanie Berroa-Allen	P
Kelly Williams	A	Saquan Stevenson	P
Lynnette Abdulwaliyy	P		
Committee Member			
Gabrielle Ferrigno	P		
Non-voting Attendees			
Jamie Steiger, James Valentin, Michael Hager			
HIV Community Planning Support Team			
Taylor Lightner	P	Dottie Dowdell	P

P- Present; A- Absent; LoA - Leave of absence.



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AGENDA	
Item	Discussion
Welcome and Moment of Silence	The Support Team began the meeting at 6:02 by welcoming all attendees and engaging all attendees in an ice breaker. Saquan led the committee in a moment of silence to honor those lost to HIV and those still fighting the virus.
Approval of the Agenda & Minutes	<p>Saquan reviewed the meeting's Agenda. Abraham Corsino motioned to approve the agenda, second by Rafael Kaipa.</p> <p>The Support Team reviewed the Meeting Minutes from November's Committee Meeting. Jose Avila motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes, seconded by Rafael Kaipa.</p>
Meeting Evaluation	<p>The Support Team reviewed November's Meeting Evaluation with attendees. There were 12 people who responded to the evaluation; 10 NJHPG Members, 0 Committee Members & 2 Guest.</p> <p>What questions do you have for DHSTS?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A, None, None at this time (x4) - When will we start utilizing PrEP vending machines? - How can we train organizations to participate in more grant writing training? <p>What additional topics would like discussed or featured at future Meetings?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None, N/A (x5) - Great meeting. Awesome team! - Amazing and very informal meeting - Honestly, I was completely lost during the meeting last night...it was hard to follow what was being asked and what was it you all were looking for. - None, thank you for a wonderful meeting. - I hope to get an opportunity to be a part of a new initiative so that I can see how group works from the start of an initiative. -



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NJHPG Overview	<p>The Support Team next presented the NJHPG Overview PowerPoint. This presentation covered the Purpose of NJHPG, the 5 Priority Populations, and the Goal of the Community Engagement Committee. They also highlighted the Cycle 3 Work Plan and narrowed in on what the Committee was going to be working on today (finalizing System Activity 4.2/4.4). The committee also reviewed the 3P's for making recommendations (what the State can and cannot do).</p>
Old Business	<p>The Support Team transitioned the Committee to Old Business to finalize the recommendations for System Activity 4.4. Action step 3.</p> <p>Increase the inclusion of allied professionals on prevention teams by advancing training, certification, supervision, financing, reimbursement, and team functioning to assist with the screening/management of HIV, STIs, viral hepatitis, mental and substance use disorders, and other behavioral health conditions.</p> <p><u>Action Step 3:</u> Improve retention tactics for allied professionals. <i>Stakeholders Involved/Needed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHSTS, Is this task measurable? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <p><i>Deliverables;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend an experience evaluation for allied professionals to assess the extent to which their roles in care teams are meaningful, productive, and well-supported. • Conduct a research analysis on the structure of these types of roles and compensate employees for their lived experience. • Identify current research that has been conducted on retention with Allied Professionals. • Develop and implement a comprehensive competency training/education, mentorship



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	<p>program and burnout prevention strategy within the agency for allied professionals that will be outlined in the Attachment C of the RFA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish and implement detailed compensation guidelines for allied professionals as part of the grant objectives, funding requirements, and institutional policies that are outlined in the RFA. • Reinstate Rutgers training programs (e.g., Case Management Certification Program, Social networking program.) <p><i>c. Due by; 10/01/2025</i></p>
<p>Next Committee Meeting January 22, 2025</p>	<p>The Support Team announced that the next Committee meeting will be on January 22, 2025, via Zoom.</p>
<p>Next General Assembly Meeting January 16, 2025</p>	<p>The next General Assembly meeting will be January 16, 2025, held at NJCRI's Communi-Tea Center, 45 Commerce Street, Newark NJ 07102</p>
<p>Evaluation</p>	<p>The Support Team shared a link to the meeting evaluation link.</p>
<p>Attendee Announcement</p>	<p>No announcements were provided by meeting attendees.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Stephanie Berroa-Allen adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motioned by Abraham Corsino and second by Saquan Stevenson.</p>

Meeting Documents

- DRAFT NJHPG Community Engagement Committee December Agenda
- DRAFT NJHPG Community Engagement Committee November Meeting Minutes
- CE Draft System 4.2/4.4



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