

New Jersey HIV Planning Group

Community Engagement Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, December 18th, 2024

Via Zoom from 6pm-8pm

Stephanie Berroa-Allen

Co-Chair

TBD

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*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
6:10pm	Icebreaker	Stephanie Berroa-Allen
6:20pm	Review Evaluation & NJHPG Overview	HCPST
6:30pm	Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss 3 P's• Finalize System 4.2 and 4.4	Stephanie Berroa-Allen
7:40pm	Community Engagement Committee- Next Meeting: January 22nd, 2025 Next General Assembly: January 16 th (45 Commerce St, Newark)	Stephanie Berroa-Allen
7:45pm	Meeting Evaluation	HCPST
7:50pm	Attendee Announcements	Stephanie Berroa-Allen
8:00pm	Adjournment*	Stephanie Berroa-Allen

HCPST – HIV Community Planning Support Team

Quorum, 6; Abraham Corsino, Crystal Mitchell, Jocelyn Perry, Kelly Williams, Lynnette Abdulwaliyy, Monique Springer, Rafael Kaipa Llovera, Shalik Thompson, Stephanie Berroa-Allen, Gabrielle Ferrigno



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The Goal of NJHPG is to provide recommendations to DOH/DHSTS, describing *HOW* the State can complete each of the activities listed in the Integrated Plan.

Community Engagement Activities from July 2024 – December 2024

1.



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Minutes

Wednesday, November 20th, 2024
 Electronic Meeting via ZOOM Video Conference

ATTENDANCE			
NJHPG Member			
Abraham Corsino	P	Lynnette Abdulwaliyy	P
Crystal Mitchell	P	Monique Springer	P
Jaivon Lewis	P	Rafael Kaipa Llovera	P
Jocelyn Perry	P	Shalik Thompson	P
Kelly Williams	P	Stephanie Berroa-Allen	P
Luis Otano	P	Saquan Stevenson	P
Committee Member			
Gabrielle Ferrigno	P		
Non-voting Attendees			
Barbara Ann Borke, Barbara Teh, Geraldine Okwuonu, James Valentin, Judy Collins, Khadiza Haque, Michael Hager			
HIV Community Planning Support Team			
Selena Aponte	P	Dottie Dowdell	P
Taylor Lightner	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 6:06pm by welcoming all attendees. They then 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>The Support Team reviewed the meeting's Agenda. Lynnette Abdulwaliyy motioned to approve the Agenda, seconded by Saquan Stevenson.</p> <p>The Support Team reviewed the Meeting Minutes from the August Committee Meeting. Shalik Thompson motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes, seconded by Saquan Stevenson.</p>
Meeting Evaluation	<p>The Support Team reviewed October's Meeting Evaluation with attendees. There were 8 people who responded to the evaluation; 4 NJHPG Members, 3 Committee Members & 1 Guest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What questions do you have for DHSTS? - 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 - What additional topics would like discussed or featured at future Meetings? - N/A, None (x4) - Hopwa housing with agencies - Final Comments, Questions, Concerns: - None, N/A (x3) - Amazing meeting and love the icebreakers - Love this group - Can we ask the DOH to define a list of training organizations/bodies that have trainings to increase inclusion of allied professionals?



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	<p>Also are there DOH Funded trainings that exist to help assist with screening/management of HIV, STIs etc...?</p> <p>If they don't exist, can the DOH create them and charge their grant recipients to go through said training?</p> <p>Can the DOH create a policy/ procedure that increases inclusion for allied professionals & etc?</p>
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)</p>
Old Business	<p>Stephanie Berroa-Allen next transitioned the Committee to Old Business to draft the recommendations for System Activity 4.2 & 4.4.</p> <p>Due to the negative connotations often associated with the term "paraprofessional," this Committee proposes removing the term and using "allied professionals" instead. This term more accurately reflects the diverse range of roles that are essential in multidisciplinary teams. These roles include, but are not limited to Community Health Workers, Patient Navigators, and Housing Ambassadors.</p> <p>The revised Activity will read "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,</p>



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mental and substance use disorders, and other behavioral health conditions.”

Action Steps:

1. Expand trainings that are available for allied professionals.

Stakeholders Involved/Needed:

- DHSTS, Agencies, AETC, FXB, PCHP

Is this task **measurable**? Yes No

Deliverables;

- Recommend that programs cross-train allied professionals (*someone already on the staff*) on the screening/management of HIV, STIs, viral hepatitis, mental and substance use disorders, and other behavioral health conditions.
- Work with AETC/FXB to assist with the training of their staff using various training modalities.
- Identify and utilize trainings that are already available.

Due by; 10/01/2025

2. Create awareness on the importance of allied professionals on multidisciplinary teams.

Stakeholders Involved/Needed:

- DHSTS, PMOs, Funded Agencies

Is this task **measurable**? Yes No

Deliverables;

- Include the term “allied professionals” in grants.
- Ask agencies to include what their plans are to increase allied professional inclusion in the methods and evaluation of their grants (plans should include methods to increase the number bilingual allied professionals)
- Include progress updates on how the agencies created awareness of the importance of allied professionals on multidisciplinary teams in the narrative of



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	<p>the quarterly progress report and meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend an evaluation to identify gaps in care teams without allied professionals. <p><i>Due by; 10/01/2025</i></p> <p>3. Improve retention tactics for allied professionals.</p> <p><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. <p><i>Due by; 10/01/2025</i></p> <p>During the meeting, the Committee decided to keep Action Step 3 as a separate Action Step rather than using it as a deliverable. They felt that this is an important step in completing this recommendation and will continue to finalize Action Step 3 at the next meeting on 12/18.</p> <p>The Committee also had a conversation about HIV testing and some possible recommendation ideas. Stephanie Berroa-Allen reminded the Committee that these recommendation ideas do not fall under this Activity, but they can revisit them in Cycle 4.</p>
<p>Next Committee Meeting December 18th, 2024</p>	<p>Stephanie Berroa-Allen announced that the next Committee meeting will be on December 18th via Zoom.</p>
<p>Evaluation</p>	<p>The Support Team shared a link to the meeting evaluation link.</p>
<p>Attendee Announcement</p>	<p>Stephanie Berroa-Allen next transitioned the Committee to share any announcements.</p>



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	<p>Crystal Mitchell announced that Iris House will be hosting a fresh food market in Plainfield. There are no requirements, but they ask that you register in advance. Iris House will also be hosting a testing for turkey sides event on 11/26 from 12pm-7pm. Lastly, they do have their community closet on Tuesdays (12-4) and Thursdays (1:30-6:30).</p> <p>Lynnette Abdulwaliyy shared that her agency will be hosting 4 Kiss and Tell Workshops. She shared more information in the chat.</p> <p>Luis Otano shared that Cooper Health has a World AIDS Day Event/Luncheon coming up soon. He shared the flyer in the chat for more information.</p> <p>Saquan Stevenson announced that the Housing Collaborative 211 line is back up and running.</p>
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Adjournment	Stephanie Berroa-Allen adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm. Motioned by Shalik Thompson, seconded by Abraham Corsino.
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Meeting Documents

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



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