

New Jersey HIV Planning Group

Priority Setting Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 10th, 2025
Electronic Meeting via ZOOM Video Conference

Kevin E. Taylor
Co-Chair

Samarie Rivera
Co-Chair

The Priority Setting Committee is responsible for understanding and accessing where services are now and where they need to be.

***Please note all times are approximate**

10:00am	Welcome & Moment of Silence Establishment of Agenda Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes	Samarie Rivera
10:15am	Evaluation Review & NJHPG Overview	HCPST
10:30am	New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">Voting for Co chair (Monique Springer, Kevin E. Taylor, Justin Almodovar, Amy Pereira)Review Program Activity 5.10 DidacticDraft Recommendations for Program Activity 5.10	Samarie Rivera & Kevin E. Taylor
11:40am	Priority Setting Committee Agenda Next Meeting: October 8th, 2025	Samarie Rivera
11:45am	New Announcements	Kevin E. Taylor
11:55am	Meeting Evaluation	HCPST
12:00pm	Adjournment	Kevin E. Taylor

HCPST – HIV Community Planning Support Team

Voting Members (Quorum; 4) - Samarie Rivera, Kevin Taylor, Amy Pereira, Monique Springer, Rafael Kaipa, Ray Welsh



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Cycle 4 Activities

January 2025- December 2025

Policy Activity 5.2: Mandate relevant healthcare providers to order HIV testing for certain patients identified as high-risk. (NHAS 1.2.2)

Program Activity 5.3: Incorporate a status-neutral approach to HIV testing, offering linkage to prevention services for people who test negative and immediate linkage to HIV care and treatment for those who test positive.

Program Activity 5.6: Prioritize expanding the number of Disease Intervention Specialists employed by the NJDOH to be able to confidentially elicit partners at the time of a client's STD or HIV diagnosis. (NHAS 1.2.4)

Program Activity 5.9: Consider incentives to encourage testing among individuals in the identified priority populations who are most vulnerable to HIV, including those individuals who are lost to care, who use emergency departments for primary care, and those with substance use and/or mental health issues. (NHAS 3.4.3)

Program Activity 5.10: Encourage the expansion of the trauma-informed care model used by the NJDOH Division of HIV, STD, and TB Services (DHSTS) and its funded agencies to all providers who routinely interface with the priority populations who are vulnerable to HIV acquisition. (NHAS 2.3.2 and 3.2.2)

Program Activity 5.12: Create an educational module to provide guidance on performing HIV screening and testing and proper procedures after a person tests positive. (NHAS 3.4.3)



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New Jersey HIV Planning Group Priority Setting Committee Meeting Minutes

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ATTENDANCE

NJHPG Member			
Amy Pereira	A	Kevin E. Taylor	P
Samarie Rivera	P	Monique Springer	P
Rafael Kaipa	P	Jaivon Lewis	P
Johanne Rateau	P	Justin Almodovar	P
Committee Member			
Raymond Welsh	P	Justin Almodovar	P
Non-voting Attendees			
Jerry Dillard, Jose Lugo, Lara Dykstra, Nahid Suleiman, Stacy Smith			
HIV Community Planning Support Team (HCPST)			
Dottie Dowdell	P	Taylor Lightner	A
Deyonna Pope	P		

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



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AGENDA

Item	Discussion
Welcome and Moment of Silence	Kevin E. Taylor welcomed attendees and began the meeting at 10:12am. Samarie then led the committee in a moment of silence to honor those lost to HIV and those still fighting the virus.
Approval of Agenda & Meeting Minutes	<p>Kevin E. Taylor reviewed the meeting Agenda. Anjettica Boatwright motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Justin Almodovar. The agenda was voted on and approved.</p> <p>Kevin E. Taylor presented July's minutes. Anjettica Boatwright motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes, seconded by Johanne Rateau. The Meeting minutes were voted on and approved.</p>
Review of July's Evaluation	<p>The Support Team reviewed July's Meeting Evaluation with attendees. 17 people attended the Priority Setting meeting. 16 people responded to the evaluation: 6 NJHPG Members, 10 Committee Members, & 0 guests.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What questions do you have for DHSTS? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NONE, N/A, None at this time (7) • All questions were answered during the call. • How do we create documents to share with each other for RESOURCES? 2. Final Comments, Questions, Concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No/None (3) • Information sharing and skill refreshment are always fantastic. • I think incentives are great but have to be watched very careful. • What is the state of funding across the state? Did we lose as much as we thought or was it panic and hyperbole? • Great discussion! • Thank you for the opportunity, all questions were answered during the call. • Very rich and engaging discussion.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helpful discussion on testing and incentive best practices. • Great meeting everyone!
Old Business	<p>The Co-Chairs transitioned into Finalizing a Recommendation for Program Activity 5.9.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Action StepPresenting evidence-based best practices and quality improvement strategies in contemporary healthcare systems. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Stakeholders Involved/Needed</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. François-Xavier Bagnoud Center- Rutgers (Heidi Haiken) ii. Cooper EIP (Stacy Smith) iii. All CBO and DHSTS Funded case management CBOs including private organizations b. Is this task measurable? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <p><i>Deliverables;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Explore Evidence-Based Practices for Incentives in HIV Care (Aligned for 2025)</i> • <i>Research Key Recent Studies and Programs (2023-2024).</i> • <i>Develop a contemporary Dear Colleague Letter for private healthcare and support service organizations.</i> <p><i>Due date; 12/2025</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Action StepCompile list of best practice and incentives strategies to be distributed by PMO's to all DHSTS funded agencies. (i.e. incentives Provide food vouchers, cellphone and minutes, childcare, laundry services). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Stakeholders Involved/Needed</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. <i>Host a summit to invite all DHSTS funded agencies and private HIV service organizations, urgent care facilities, to present best practice for incentives.</i> ii. <i>Measure impact of incentives strategies and collaboration amongst providers</i> <p><i>Due by; 2/2026</i></p>
Attendee Announcements	Kevin E. Taylor announced a Newark Pride event happening Sunday at Mulberry Commons.



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	<p>Kevin E. Taylor announce General Assembly happening next Thursday in Camden NJ.</p> <p>Christian Mendez-Baez announce NJCRI Pride event updates- parade festival, Newark happening the 23rd of July, a house festival and a ball. Christian also mentioned a back-to-school event happening August.</p> <p>Kevin E. Taylor announced the executive director of the Essex County office of Lgbtq. Affairs- Take pride in your rights seminar next Tuesday Newark pride July 15th for at 5 30 Pm.</p> <p>Amy Pereira announced a health fair on July 24th Proceed at 2 to 6 at 1122 East Grand Street in Elizabeth NJ</p>
New Business 2026 Co-Chair Nomination	2026 Co-Chair Nominations were; Anjettica Boatwright, Kevin E. Taylor and Justin Almodovar, Amy Pereira
Next Committee Meeting September 10, 2025	The next meeting will be on September 10, 2025, from 10am to 12pm.
Announcements	Jerry Dillard mentioned information on the Bergen-Passaic TGA on September 9 th and 10 th and will follow up if it will be in person or held virtually.
Evaluation	HCPST shared a link to the meeting evaluation.
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 11:59am, motioned by Johanne Rateau and a second by Anjettica Boatwright.

Meeting Documents

- DRAFT NJHPG Priority Setting Committee Agenda_9.10.2025
- DRAFT NJHPG Priority Setting Committee Meeting Minutes_8.13.2025
- Finalized Draft Program Activity 5.9 Recommendation



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