

New Jersey HIV Planning Group

Priority Setting Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, June 14, 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	Kevin E. Taylor
10:15am	Evaluation Review & NJHPG Overview	HCPST
10:30am	Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">Finalize Recommendations for Program Activity 5.6	Samarie Rivera & Kevin E. Taylor
11:45am	Priority Setting Committee Agenda Next Meeting: July 9, 2025	Kevin E. Taylor
11:50am	New Announcements	Samarie Rivera
11:55am	Meeting Evaluation	HCPST
12:00pm	Adjournment	Samarie Rivera

HCPST – HIV Community Planning Support Team

Voting Members (Quorum; 4) - Samarie Rivera, Claudia Ortiz, 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

Wednesday, May 14, 2025
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ATTENDANCE

NJHPG Member

Amy Pereira	P	Kevin E. Taylor	P
Samarie Rivera	P	Monique Springer	P
Jaivon Lewis	P	Rafael Kaipa	P
Johanne Rateau	P		
Anjettica Boatwright	A		

Committee Member

Raymond Welsh	P		
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Non-voting Attendees

Abel Saldana, Ana Willis, Jose Lugo, Lara Dykstra, N. Suleiman, Victor Bedoy

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	Samarie Rivera welcomed attendees and began the meeting at 10:08am. She 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>Samarie Rivera reviewed the meeting Agenda. Kevin E. Taylor motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Rafael Kaipa. The agenda was voted on and approved.</p> <p>Samarie presented April's minutes. Monique Springer motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes, seconded by Rafael Kaipa. The Meeting minutes were voted on and approved.</p>
Review of April's Evaluation	<p>The Support Team reviewed April's Meeting Evaluation with attendees. 14 people attended the Priority Setting meeting. 11 people responded to the evaluation: 6 NJHPG Members, 1 Committee Members, & 4 guests.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What questions do you have for DHSTS? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None, N/A, None at this time (x7) None. Great Meeting! Final Comments, Questions, Concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None at this time (x3) Everything is very informative Good meeting. Some people still feel uncomfortable with participating even if they might have rich input. It would be great to see more participation even if it is to ask to repeat or to explain further. This has been an engaging meeting as always, love having an open space for discussions. Great conversation about neutral case management. Excellent meeting. This group is purpose-driven and open to conversation. The facilitators do a great job of keeping us on track while keeping the conversation



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	going. Thank you.
NJHPG Overview	<p>The Support Team then transitioned to present an NJHPG Overview PowerPoint. This presentation highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Purpose of NJHPG • The Goal of the Priority Setting Committee • The 5 Priority Populations (outlined in the Integrated Plan) • The Priority Setting Community Agreements • The Cycle 4 Work Plan • 3P's for forming recommendations to DOH
New Business	<p>Presentation on FindHelp Training- Preston Azubuike</p> <p>The Co-Chairs transitioned into Drafting Recommendation for 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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Priority: Expand the number of Disease Intervention Specialists (DIS) employed by the NJDOH, as funding permits, to ensure timely and confidential partner elicitation at the time of an STD or HIV diagnosis. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Stakeholders Involved/Needed</i> b. Is this task measurable? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <p><i>Deliverables;</i></p> <p><i>c. Due by;</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Action Step Evaluation & Accountability: Measure the impact of existing efforts to reduce STIs and develop a white paper summarizing outcomes across NJ and among key priority populations. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Stakeholders Involved/Needed</i> b. Is this task measurable? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No



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	<p><i>Deliverables;</i></p> <p><i>c. Due by;</i></p> <p>3. Action Step Collaboration Opportunity: Explore and possibly strengthen NJDOH partnerships with local agencies across the state to support and expand efforts in identifying and reaching individuals at risk for STIs</p> <p>a. <i>Stakeholders Involved/Needed</i></p> <p>b. Is this task measurable? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><i>Deliverables;</i></p> <p><i>c. Due by;</i></p>
Attendee Announcements	<p>Kevin E. Taylor transitioned the Committee to New Announcements.</p> <p>Anna and Johanne announce two June 5TH events happening at Hyacinth Foundation for Long Time Survivors Day. RSVP for New Brunswick location at (732) 246-0204, and Anna will email the Newark location event details.</p>
Next Committee Meeting June 11th, 2025	The next meeting will be on June 11 th , 2025, from 10am to 12pm.
Evaluation	HCPST shared a link to the meeting evaluation.
Adjournment	Meeting was not adjourned.

Meeting Documents

- DRAFT NJHPG Priority Setting Committee Agenda_6.11.9.2025
- DRAFT NJHPG Priority Setting Committee Meeting Minutes_5.14.2025
- Draft Program Activity 5.6 Recommendation



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