

Community Engagement Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 17th, 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
6:10pm	First Time Guest Introductions & Icebreaker	HCPST
6:25pm	Evaluation Review & NJHPG Overview	HCPST
6:35pm	New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review Didactic for System Activity 5.6	HCPST
7:30pm	2026 Co-Chair Voting	HCPST
7:40pm	Community Engagement Committee- Next Meeting: October 15, 2025 Next General Assembly: October 16th, 2025	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, 7; Abraham Corsino, Crystal Mitchell, Jocelyn Perry, Kelly Williams, Lynnette Abdulwaliyy, Joe Monica, James Valentin, Justin LiGreci, Shalik Thompson, Stephanie Berroa-Allen, Gabrielle Ferrigno, Vanessa Herrera



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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, August 20, 2025
Electronic Meeting via ZOOM Video Conference

ATTENDANCE

NJHPG Member

Abraham Corsino	P	Lynnette Abdulwaliyy	P
Vanessa Herrera	P	Saquan Stevenson	P
James Valentin	P	Shalik Thompson	P
Javion Lewis	P	Stephanie Berroa-Allen	P
Joseph Monica	P	Jose Avila	P
Crystal Mitchell	A	Kelly Williams	P
Justin LiGreci	A		

Committee Member

Gabrielle Ferrigno	P		

Non-voting Attendees

Chelsea Rondinaro, Ishmael Griffin, Judy Collins, Vanessa Herrera

HIV Community Planning Support Team

Taylor Lightner	P	Dottie Dowdell	A
Deyonna Pope	P		

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



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AGENDA

Item	Discussion
Welcome and Moment of Silence	Shalik Thompson began the meeting at 6:03 by welcoming all attendees and engaging all attendees and 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>Shalik Thompson reviewed the meeting's Agenda, Stephanie Berroa-Allen motioned to approve the agenda, second by Abraham Corsino.</p> <p>The Support Team reviewed the Meeting Minutes from July's Committee Meeting. Stephanie Berroa-Allen motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes, seconded by James Valentin.</p>
Meeting Evaluation	<p>The Support Team reviewed July's Meeting Evaluation with attendees. There were 11 who attended the meeting. 10 people responded to the evaluation; 7 NJHPG Members, 3 Committee Members & 0 Guest.</p> <p>What questions do you have for DHSTS?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None/N/A (4) <p>Final Comments, Questions, Concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None, N/A (3) - Loved how we all leaned into our discomfort today and asked questions.
NJHPG Overview	<p>The Support Team presented the NJHPG Overview PowerPoint, which outlined the purpose of NJHPG, the six priority populations, and the goal of the Community Engagement Committee. The presentation also highlighted Cycle 3 activities, Cycle 4 Work Plan and the 3P's for making recommendations. Today's focus is on Drafting the recommendations for Policy Activity 5.3.</p> <p>The Support Team went over the SMARTIE definition and information as it pertains to the Recommendation.</p>



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New Business	<p>Finalized Recommendations for Policy Activity 5.3:</p> <p>Policy Activity 5.3 Strategy Develop and provide trainings on stigma reduction to providers in non-traditional settings, as defined above.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Action Step Obtaining a comprehensive overview packages of how current trainings are conducted. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Stakeholders Involved/Needed</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hyacinth Leadership, FXB, CAI, Garden State Equality, Prevention Resource Network, AHEC, NJ state lead of Congressional Black Caucus and Congressional Hispanic Caucus, NJLM b. Is this task measurable? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <p><i>Deliverables;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having the DOH identify Stakeholders' capacity to create the NJLM presentation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> c. <i>Due by; April 2026</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Action Step Determining how to participate in the conference and understanding the process involved. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Stakeholders Involved/Needed:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hyacinth Leadership, FXB, CAI, Garden State Equality, Prevention Resource Network, AHEC, NJ state lead of Congressional Black Caucus and Congressional Hispanic Caucus, The DOH, VNA Health Group, pharmaceutical partners, MCC, Unity Church, the Fellowship of Affirming Ministries, Affirming faith based clergy/religious groups, NJLM b. Is this task measurable? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <p><i>Deliverables;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying the structure of the presentation to be suitable for audience/inclusive material • Developing a persuasive buy-in pitch for the conference to accept the presentation. • Developing a team that could come up with the material to present.



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	<p>c. <i>Due by; April 2026</i></p> <p>3. Action Step Develop a draft agenda of topics tailored to the specific needs of the training.</p> <p>a. <i>Stakeholders Involved/Needed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hyacinth Leadership, FXB, CAI, Garden State Equality, Prevention Resource Network, AHEC, NJ state lead of Congressional Black Caucus and Congressional Hispanic Caucus, The DOH, VNA Health Group, pharmaceutical partners, MCC, Unity Church, the Fellowship of Affirming Ministries, Affirming faith based clergy/religious groups, Prudential LGBTQ Affinity Group, NJ League of Municipalities <p>b. Is this task measurable? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><i>Deliverables;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing training focused on routinized testing within a harm reduction framework. Conduct focus groups to identify specific needs of the presentation <p>c. <i>Due by; August 2026</i></p>
2026 Co-Chair Nominations	<p>The Support Team lead the committee nominate NJHPG Members of the committee.</p> <p>Nominations: Jocelyn Perry, Shalik Thompson, James Valentine, Abraham Corsino, Cystal Mitchell</p>
Next Committee Meeting September 17, 2025	<p>Shalik announced that the next Committee meeting will be on September 17, 2025, via Zoom.</p>
Evaluation	<p>The Support Team shared a link to the meeting evaluation link.</p>
Attendee Announcement	<p>Saquan Stevenson opened the floor for announcements.</p> <p>Venessa announced information on an upcoming TGA meeting in person happening September 16th, 2025.</p>



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Adjournment

Lynnette Abdulwaliyy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Motion was second by Stephanie Berroa-Allen.

Meeting Documents

- DRAFT NJHPG Community Engagement Committee September Agenda
- DRAFT NJHPG Community Engagement Committee August Meeting Minutes
- Finalized NJHPG Policy Activity 5.3
- August Evaluation



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