

Community Engagement Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 16th, 2026

Via Microsoft Teams from 6pm-8pm

Shalik Thompson

Co-Chair

James Valentin

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	James Valentin
6:10pm	Guest Introductions/Icebreaker	Shalik Thompson
6:25pm	Evaluation Review & NJHPG Overview	HCPST
6:30 pm	New Business - Review Didactic for System Activity 8.1, 8.2, & 6.4 - Draft Recommendation for System Activity 8.1, 8.2, & 6.4	Shalik Thompson & James Valentin
7:45pm	Community Engagement Committee- Next Meeting: October 21st	James Valentin
7:50pm	Meeting Evaluation	HCPST
7:55pm	Attendee Announcements: - James V. – Community Calendar updates - Open Forum	Shalik Thompson
8:00pm	Adjournment*	James Valentin

HCPST – HIV Community Planning Support Team

Quorum, 5; Abraham Corsino, Crystal Mitchell, Jocelyn Perry, Kelly Williams, Joe Monica, James Valentin, Jose Avila, Shalik Thompson, Vanessa Herrera



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Community Engagement Activities from January 2026 – December 2026

- Stigma Activity 6.1, 6.2, 7.1, 7.2, & 7.4: Create culturally appropriate education and awareness campaigns that address HIV/AIDS-related services available in all locations that screen and test for HIV, PEP, PrEP, U=U and the "harm reduction approach" to care.
- Stigma Activity 6.4 & 6.5: Assess stigma using a standardized stigma measurement tool and work in partnership with the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights to create an educational module on HIV/AIDS and HIV/AIDS-related stigma and discrimination for all support service programs that receive any state or federal funding in NJ.
- Stigma Activity 6.6: Launch an HIV/AIDS Speaker's Bureau, including persons affected by substance use disorder. (NHAS 3.3.1)
- Program Activity 7.9 & System Activity 7.5: Expand the competency and LGBTQ cultural humility of substance use treatment facilities and mental health providers to aid with crystal methamphetamine and other types of substance use-related addictions and co-occurring addictions, like sex addiction. (NHAS 3.1)
- System Activity 8.1, 8.2, & 6.4: Identify and eliminate barriers preventing individuals from engaging in or remaining in HIV care, while simultaneously addressing service gaps to interrupt rapid HIV transmission, particularly among men who have sex with men (MSM) and other key populations.



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Electronic Meeting Via Microsoft Teams

ATTENDANCE

NJHPG Member

Abraham Corsino	P	Kelly Williams	P
Vanessa Herrera	P	Jose Avila	P
James Valentin	P	Shalik Thompson	P
Crystal Mitchell	P	Jocelyn Perry	P
Joseph Monica	P	Luis Otano	P

Committee Member

Gabrielle Farrigno			
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Non-voting Attendees

Chelsea Rondinaro, Jaivon Lewis, Judy Collins, Lonyono Hamilton

HIV Community Planning Support Team

Deyonna Pope	P	Dottie Dowdell	A
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P- Present; A- Absent; LoA – Leave of absence.



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AGENDA	
Item	Discussion
Welcome and Moment of Silence	James began the meeting at 6:08 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	The Support Team reviewed the meeting's Agenda and June's Committee Meeting Minutes. The Agenda was motioned to approve by Jose Avila and a second by Luis Otano. The Minutes were motioned to approve by Crystal Mitchell and a second by Joe Monica. A virtual poll was conducted, and both were approved. Shalik Thompson led Introductions and Icebreaker
Meeting Evaluation	The Support Team reviewed June's Meeting Evaluation with attendees. There were 8 people who attended the meeting. 3 people responded to the evaluation; 1 NJHPG Members, 1 Committee Members & 1 Guest. What questions do you have for DSSUS?



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	- N/A Final Comments, Questions, Concerns - N/A
NJHPG Overview	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 4 Accomplishments, Cycle 5 Work Plan and the 3P's for making recommendations.
New Business	The Co-Chairs presented the Draft Recommendation for System Activity 8.1, 8.2, & 6.4: Identify and eliminate barriers preventing individuals from engaging in or remaining in HIV care, while simultaneously addressing service gaps to interrupt rapid HIV transmission, particularly among men who have sex with men (MSM) and other key populations.
Next Committee Meeting October 21st, 2026	James Valentin and The Support Team announced that the next Committee meeting will be on October 21, 2026, via Microsoft Zoom to support the limited capacity of The Support Team and relayed that if the committee came to a determination where they would like to meet, they could amongst themselves.



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Evaluation	The Support Team shared a link to the meeting evaluation link.
Attendee Announcement	James mentioned made announcement and opened the floor for any volunteers for those who want to represent NJHPG in tabling. Shalik mentioned the Gender Diverse Story Slam in Newark and GMAD. The Support Team Shared with Jose Avila the 50 Shades of Grey National HIV Awareness Day for Newark Beth Isreal. James shared the details of General Assembly to happen October 15th.
Adjournment	Joe Monica made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44pm. Motion was second by Luis Otano,
Meeting Documents	
• DRAFT NJHPG Community Engagement Committee October Agenda • DRAFT NJHPG Community Engagement Committee September Meeting Minutes • DRAFT Recommendation for System Activity 8.1, 8.2, & 6.4	



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