

# Community Engagement Committee Meeting Agenda

**Wednesday, June 18, 2025**

**Via Zoom from 6pm-8pm**

**Stephanie Berroa-Allen**      **Shalik Thompson**  
Co-Chair      Co-Chair

*The Community Committee will work*      *Engagement to identify prevention,*  
*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.*

**\*Please note all times are approximate**

6:00pm	Welcome Attendees & Moment of Silence Establishment of Agenda Approval of Meeting Minutes	Shalik Thompson
6:15pm	Evaluation Review & NJHPG Overview	HCPST
6:25PM	Icebreaker	Shalik Thompson
6:35pm	<b>Old Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Finalize Recommendations Stigma Activity 5.2 and 5.4</li></ul>	Shalik Thompson & Jaivon Lewis
7:40pm	Community Engagement Committee- <b>Next Meeting: July 16, 2025</b>	Shalik Thompson
7:45pm	Meeting Evaluation	HCPST
7:50pm	Attendee Announcements	Shalik Thompson
8:00pm	Adjournment*	Jaivon Lewis

*HCPST – HIV Community Planning Support Team*

**Quorum, 6;** Abraham Corsino, Crystal Mitchell, Jocelyn Perry, Kelly Williams, Lynnette Abdulwaliyy, George Lowe, James Valentin, Justin LiGreci, Shalik Thompson, Stephanie Berroa-Allen, Gabrielle Ferrigno



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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, May 21, 2025**  
Electronic Meeting via ZOOM Video Conference

## ATTENDANCE

### NJHPG Member

Abraham Corsino	<b>P</b>	Lynnette Abdulwaliyy	<b>P</b>
Crystal Mitchell	<b>P</b>	Saquan Stevenson	<b>P</b>
James Valentin	<b>P</b>	Shalik Thompson	<b>P</b>
Javion Lewis	<b>P</b>	Stephanie Berroa-Allen	<b>LOA/P</b>
Jocelyn Perry	<b>P</b>	Kelly Williams	<b>P</b>
Jose Avila	<b>P</b>	Luis Otano	<b>P</b>
Justin LiGreci	<b>A</b>		

### Committee Member

Gabrielle Ferrigno	<b>P</b>		

### Non-voting Attendees

Judy Collins, Kathleen O'Brien, Michael Hager, Barbara Teh, Ann Idoko

### HIV Community Planning Support Team

Taylor Lightner	<b>P</b>	Dottie Dowdell	<b>P</b>
Deyonna Pope	<b>P</b>		

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



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## AGENDA

Item	Discussion
<b>Welcome and Moment of Silence</b>	Shalik Thompson began the meeting at 6:04 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.
<b>Approval of the Agenda &amp; Minutes</b>	<p>Shalik Thompas reviewed the meeting's Agenda, Stephanie Berroa-Allen motioned to approve the agenda, second by James Valentin.</p> <p>Shalik Thompson facilitated an icebreaker activity.</p> <p>The Support Team reviewed the Meeting Minutes from April's Committee Meeting. Crystal Mitchell motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes, seconded by Jaivon Lewis.</p> <p>Judy Collins spoke to the Evaluation questions for DHSTS.</p>
<b>Meeting Evaluation</b>	<p>The Support Team reviewed April's Meeting Evaluation with attendees. There were 19 who attended the meeting. 9 people responded to the evaluation; 6 NJHPG Members, 1 Committee Members &amp; 2 Guest.</p> <p>What questions do you have for DHSTS?</p> <p>Final Comments, Questions, Concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- None, N/A (2)</li> <li>- Very productive meeting</li> <li>- Great Meeting as always!</li> </ul>
<b>NJHPG Overview</b>	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 Stigma Activity 5.2 and 5.4.



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	The Support Team went over the SMARTIE definition and information as it pertains to the Recommendation.
<b>New Business</b>	<p>Draft Recommendations for Stigma Activity 5.2 and 5.4:</p> <p>Develop and deliver targeted training initiatives that equip healthcare providers in non-traditional settings and those providing targeted HIV testing with the necessary tools and knowledge to reduce stigma and conduct stigma-free sexual health histories.</p> <p><b>Action Steps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Systems that already exists) SISTA/CLEAR and programs like them trainings.</li> <li>• Working with primary care providers</li> <li>• Go to DOH and speak with directors there to speak to local forefront workers to raise stigma awareness. Partnering with different sectors to break the stigma. Bringing awareness to stigma free conversations. EMS</li> <li>• Having representation through optics/TV Media</li> </ul> <p><b>Stakeholders</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ann Bagchi</li> <li>• Nema</li> <li>• TGA</li> <li>• part A/C</li> <li>• CAI-</li> <li>• Garden State Equality</li> <li>• GILEAD</li> </ul> <p><b>Deliverables</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre and Post survey/QR Codes w/ incentives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ evaluations monitoring patient engagement</li> <li>◦</li> </ul> </li> <li>• increasing peer to peer programs with ambassadors at colleges</li> <li>• Education for providers</li> </ul>
<b>Next Committee Meeting</b> June 18, 2025	Shalik announced that the next Committee meeting will be on June 18, 2025, via Zoom.
<b>Evaluation</b>	The Support Team shared a link to the meeting evaluation link.



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<b>Attendee Announcement</b>	<p>Crystal M. announced events happening at Iris House- annual flag raising with the city of Plainfield, happening June 4.th The flag raising will be from 6 30 to 7 o'clock. Also, a block party celebration and the drag bunch from 11 to one June 8<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, the Iris House pride party at our office on June 13.</p> <p>Saquan S. provided information on North Pride, which will be happening July 7th to the 13th pre-pride.</p>
<b>Adjournment</b>	Stephanie Berroa-Allen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Motion was second by Eric Wuethrich.

### Meeting Documents

- DRAFT NJHPG Community Engagement Committee June Agenda
- DRAFT NJHPG Community Engagement Committee May Meeting Minutes
- Drafted Stigma Activity 5.2 & 5.4
- May Evaluation



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