

New Jersey HIV Planning Group Data and Research Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, April 22nd, 2026
Electronic Meeting via Zoom

Jose Lugo
Co-Chair

Jessica Diaz
Co-Chair

The Data and Research Committee takes the lead in requesting data from the State and then analyzing and understanding the data received. The Committee is a resource for all other committees and their data needs.

*Please note all times are approximate		
10:00 am	Welcome & Moment of Silence Establishment of Agenda & Approval Meeting Minutes	Jose Lugo
10:10 am	Introductions: <i>Name & Expertise/Type of Work</i>	Jess Diaz
10:20 am	Committee Overview and Review Evaluation	HCPST
10:25am	DOH Report Out	Rekha Damaraju
10:45 am	Old Business Finalize Recommendations for System Activity 6.6 & 6.7	Jess Diaz & Jose Lugo
11:40 am	Data and Research Committee Next Meeting: May 27th, 2026 Meeting	Jose Lugo
11:45 am	Announcements	Jess Diaz
11:55 am	Meeting Evaluation	HCPST
12:00pm	Adjournment*	Jose Lugo

HCPST – HIV Community Planning Support Team

Members of Committee (Quorum: 4): John Nelson, Jess Diaz, Rosie Ruiz, Claudia Ortiz, Syd Rosen, & Jose Lugo, Sheree Beacham

Reminder: Please raise your hand or use the chat box to contribute to the conversation.



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Minutes

Wednesday, March 25, 2026
Electronic Meeting via Microsoft Teams

ATTENDANCE			
NJHPG Member			
Angela Petrone	P	Jose Lugo	P
Claudia Ortiz	LOA	John Nelson	P
Rosie Ruiz	P	Syd Rosen	P
Sheree Beacham	P	Tameka Allen	P
Committee Member			
Jessica Diaz	P		
Non-voting Attendees			
Emmanuel Gamarra, Karyn Berk, Rekha Damaraju,			
HIV Community Planning Support Team			
Dottie Rains-Dowdell	P	Deyonna Pope	P

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



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AGENDA	
Item	Discussion
Welcome and Moment of Silence	Jessica Diaz welcomed attendees at 10:02 AM and began the meeting followed by a moment of silence to honor those lost to HIV and those still fighting the virus.
Approval of Agenda & Meeting Minutes	Jessica Diaz reviewed meeting agenda and February's Meeting Minutes. The Support Team conducted a poll, and both were approved.
Introductions	Jose Lugo asked attendees to introduce themselves and share their expertise/area of work.
February's Evaluation Review	The Support Team reviewed February's Meeting Evaluation with attendees. There were 10 people who attended the meeting and 5 people who responded to the evaluation; 3 NJHPG, 1 Committee Members, 1 State Representatives & 0 guests. What questions do you have for DSSUS? Final Comments, Questions, or Concerns
NJHPG Overview	The Support Team reviewed the NJHPG Overview PowerPoint presentation. The overview covered the Purpose of NJHPG, the six priority populations, the goal of the Data and Research Committee and the 3P's of making Recommendations to NJDOH. Additionally, the team highlighted the Cycle 5 Work Plan.
New Business	Jess Diaz transitioned the Committee to New Business to Review Didactic and draft recommendations for System Activity 6.6 & 6.7: NJDOH DHSTS will improve data system interoperability and develop a strategy for adopting



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	statewide HIV and STD performance measures for all providers, aligning with federal guidelines. 1. Action Step Establish standardized data measures and reporting processes to ensure that information is consistently captured and effectively communicated back to DSSUS. a. <i>Stakeholders Involved/Needed</i> b. <i>Clinics and labs that provide testing.</i> Is this task measurable? ☐ Yes ☐ No <i>Deliverables;</i> • Develop a needs assessment to identify which systems are collecting data, what data is being captured, and the processes for communicating that information to the DOH. • Strengthen reporting of positive results for STIs, Hepatitis B/C, and HIV among clinics and laboratories providing testing. • Standardize treatment reporting to ensure consistency, accuracy, and completeness across providers. c. <i>Due by;</i> 2. Action Step Establish an Organized Health Care Arrangement (OHCA) between funded sites, labs, and the DOH to facilitate Health Information Exchange regarding HIV/STI testing a. <i>Stakeholders Involved/Needed</i> b. Is this task measurable? ☐ Yes ☐ No <i>Deliverables;</i> • Create a standardized consent form for OCHA members to use for clients to opt in to information sharing among OCHA members • <i>Due by;</i>
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Data and Research Committee Agenda Next Meeting: April 22 nd , 2026	The next meeting will be on April 22nd, 2026 from 10am to 12pm.
Announcements	Jose transitioned the Committee to share announcements.
Meeting Evaluation	HCPST shared meeting evaluation link for attendees to complete.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 11:27am. Motioned by Syd Rosen and seconded by John Nelson.
Meeting Documents	
• Draft Data and Research March Meeting Minute.pdf • NJHPG Data and Research Committee Agenda 3/25/26.pdf	



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