

# Community Engagement Committee Meeting Agenda

**Wednesday, July 16, 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	Shalik Thompson
6:15pm	Evaluation Review & NJHPG Overview	HCPST
6:25pm	DOH Report-out	Jaivon Lewis & Gab Ferrigno
6:55pm	<b>New Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Review Didactic</li><li>Draft Recommendations Policy Activity 5.3</li></ul>	Shalik Thompson
7:40pm	Community Engagement Committee- <b>Next Meeting: August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025</b>	Jaivon Lewis
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, June 18, 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>A</b>
Jocelyn Perry	<b>A</b>	Kelly Williams	<b>P</b>
Justin LiGreci	<b>P</b>		

### Committee Member

Gabrielle Ferrigno	<b>P</b>		

### Non-voting Attendees

Vanessa Herrera

### 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 6:30 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 Thompson reviewed the meeting's Agenda, James Valentin motioned to approve the agenda, second by Saquan Stevenson.</p> <p>Shalik Thompson facilitated an icebreaker activity.</p> <p>The Support Team reviewed the Meeting Minutes from May's Committee Meeting. James Valentin motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes, seconded by Lynette Abdulwaliyy.</p>
<b>Meeting Evaluation</b>	<p>The Support Team reviewed May's Meeting Evaluation with attendees. There were 19 who attended the meeting. 16 people responded to the evaluation; 8 NJHPG Members, 3 Committee Members &amp; 5 Guest.</p> <p>What questions do you have for DHSTS?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- None/N/A (8)</li> </ul> <p>Final Comments, Questions, Concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- None, N/A (5)</li> <li>- Very Stimulating Conversation</li> <li>- Always very informational, and great way to connect with organizations and have important discussions</li> <li>- Are there any suggestions box where we can put ideas, community events, etc?</li> <li>- Great meeting and conversation concerning stigma.</li> <li>- Great job!</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



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	<p>Cycle 3 activities, Cycle 4 Work Plan and the 3P's for making recommendations. Today's focus is on Finalizing the recommendations for Stigma Activity 5.2 and 5.4.</p> <p>The Support Team went over the SMARTIE definition and information as it pertains to the Recommendation.</p>
<b>New Business</b>	<p>Finalized Recommendations for Stigma Activity 5.2 and 5.4:</p> <p><b>Stigma Activity 5.2</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Stigma Activity 5.4</b> Develop and provide trainings on stigma reduction to providers in non-traditional settings, as defined above.</p> <p><b>Action Step:</b> Utilizing current Health Educators to gather results from the needs assessment tools used by the Academic Detailing Project to outreach and deliver training initiatives and tools to health care providers in non-traditional settings.</p> <p><i>Stakeholders Involved/Needed:</i> CHW, Health Edu. Specialists, and outreach worker funded agencies, Ann Bagchi</p> <p>Is this task <b>measurable</b>? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><i>Deliverables;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Analyzing the results of the details to identify the needs to engage the proper tools.</li> <li>- Developing an evaluation method to determine the efficacy.</li> <li>- Identifying non-traditional setting that may have healthcare providers.</li> </ul> <p><i>Due by; April 2026</i></p> <p><b>Action Step:</b> Review and monitor partnership obligations for the success of</p>



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	<p>the initiatives.</p> <p><i>Stakeholders Involved/Needed:</i> DHSTS funded organizations, NJHPG, NEMA, EMAs, TGAs, NJDOH, CBO's, FQHC's, HIV Providers</p> <p>Is this task <b>measurable</b>? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><i>Deliverables;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Involving on-the-ground staff in the development of contractual partnership agreements.</li> <li>- Determining the success of partnerships by developing a standard of measure.</li> </ul> <p><i>Due by; April 2026</i></p>
<b>Next Committee Meeting</b> July 16, 2025	Shalik announced that the next Committee meeting will be on July 16, 2025, via Zoom.
<b>Evaluation</b>	The Support Team shared a link to the meeting evaluation link.
<b>Attendee Announcement</b>	<p>Saquan announced the Pride Festival events happening July 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. Shalik also announced several events happening leading up to Newark Pride- Love Out Loud Fest happening June 25<sup>th</sup> 5pm-9pm and many other events that can be found on <a href="http://www.newarkpride.org">www.newarkpride.org</a></p> <p>Shalik announced Newark Museum of Arts LGBTQ Pride Ball and all service providers to reach out to Shalik to be apart of the event. Shalik also announced NJ Pack's ball July 11<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Crystal announced Iris House- national HIV testing 16 Bergen Street on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June from 11am-5pm as well as opportunities for partnership for the next PRIDE celebration in North Plainfield (contact Crystal at Iris House).</p>
<b>Adjournment</b>	Jaivon Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion was second by Saquan Stevenson.



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## Meeting Documents

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



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