

New Jersey HIV Planning Group
Priority Setting Committee Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, October 8, 2025
Electronic Meeting via ZOOM Video Conference

Kevin E. Taylor
Co-Chair

Samarie Rivera
Co-Chair

The Priority Setting Committee is responsible for understanding and accessing where services are now and where they need to be.

***Please note all times are approximate**

10:00am	Welcome & Moment of Silence Establishment of Agenda Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes	Kevin E. Taylor
10:15am	Evaluation Review & NJHPG Overview	HCPST
10:30 am	DOH Report- Out	Nahid Suleiman
10:45am	Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">Finalize Recommendations for Program Activity 5.10	Samarie Rivera & Kevin E. Taylor
11:40am	Priority Setting Committee Agenda Next Meeting: November 12th, 2025	Kevin E. Taylor
11:45am	New Announcements	Samarie Rivera
11:55am	Meeting Evaluation	HCPST
12:00pm	Adjournment	Samarie Rivera

HCPST – HIV Community Planning Support Team

Voting Members (Quorum; 4) - Samarie Rivera, Kevin Taylor, Amy Pereira, Monique Springer, Rafael Kaipa, Ray Welsh, Justin Almodovar



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Cycle 4 Activities

January 2025- December 2025

Policy Activity 5.2: Mandate relevant healthcare providers to order HIV testing for certain patients identified as high-risk. (NHAS 1.2.2)

Program Activity 5.3: Incorporate a status-neutral approach to HIV testing, offering linkage to prevention services for people who test negative and immediate linkage to HIV care and treatment for those who test positive.

Program Activity 5.6: Prioritize expanding the number of Disease Intervention Specialists employed by the NJDOH to be able to confidentially elicit partners at the time of a client's STD or HIV diagnosis. (NHAS 1.2.4)

Program Activity 5.9: Consider incentives to encourage testing among individuals in the identified priority populations who are most vulnerable to HIV, including those individuals who are lost to care, who use emergency departments for primary care, and those with substance use and/or mental health issues. (NHAS 3.4.3)

Program Activity 5.10: Encourage the expansion of the trauma-informed care model used by the NJDOH Division of HIV, STD, and TB Services (DHSTS) and its funded agencies to all providers who routinely interface with the priority populations who are vulnerable to HIV acquisition. (NHAS 2.3.2 and 3.2.2)

Program Activity 5.12: Create an educational module to provide guidance on performing HIV screening and testing and proper procedures after a person tests positive. (NHAS 3.4.3)



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New Jersey HIV Planning Group Priority Setting Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 10, 2025
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ATTENDANCE

NJHPG Member			
Amy Pereira	P	Kevin E. Taylor	P
Samarie Rivera	P	Monique Springer	P
Rafael Kaipa	P	Jaivon Lewis	P
Johanne Rateau	P	Justin Almodovar	P
Committee Member			
Raymond Welsh	A		
Non-voting Attendees			
Jose Lugo, Alicia Parker, Shwetha Kamath			
HIV Community Planning Support Team (HCPST)			
Dottie Dowdell	P	Taylor Lightner	P
Deyonna Pope	P		

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



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AGENDA

Item	Discussion
Welcome and Moment of Silence	Samarie Rivera welcomed attendees and began the meeting at 10:03am. Samarie then led the committee in a moment of silence to honor those lost to HIV and those still fighting the virus.
Approval of Agenda & Meeting Minutes	<p>Samarie Rivera reviewed the meeting Agenda. Monique Springer motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Rafael Kaipa. The agenda was voted on and approved.</p> <p>Samarie Rivera presented August's minutes. Kevin E. Taylor motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes, seconded by Justin Almodovar. The Meeting minutes were voted on and approved.</p>
Review of July's Evaluation	<p>The Support Team reviewed August's Meeting Evaluation with attendees. 16 people attended the Priority Setting meeting. 11 people responded to the evaluation: 6 NJHPG Members, 2 Committee Members, & 3 guests.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What questions do you have for DHSTS? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NONE, N/A, None at this time (3) Great resource conversation Final Comments, Questions, Concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No/None (2) Everything is very informative. BOOM! Great meeting! Nothing to add. Thank you for having me!!
2026 Elected Co-Chairs	<p>The support Team conducted poll for 2026 Elected Co-Chairs:</p> <p>Justin Almodovar and Kevin E. Taylor</p>
New Business	<p>The Support Team lead the committee to the 2026 Co-Chair Voting process.</p> <p>Kevin E. Taylor and Justin Almodovar were the elected 2026 Co-Chairs for the Priority Setting committee.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Action StepDevelop a centralized resource list accessible through a portal, designed to support both new and



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	<p>established organizations in accessing Trauma-Informed Care training opportunities.</p> <p>a. <i>Stakeholders Involved/Needed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hyacinth, AETC, DOH, <p>b. Is this task measurable? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><i>Deliverables;</i></p> <p><i>Due date;</i></p> <p>2. Action Step Establish a biannual or annual process for collecting data on the outcomes and impact of organizations implementing a trauma-informed framework as a standard of best practice, ensuring continuous evaluation and integration into ongoing quality improvement efforts.</p> <p>a. <i>Stakeholders Involved/Needed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DOH <p>b. Is this task measurable? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><i>Deliverables;</i></p> <p><i>Due date;</i></p>
Next Committee Meeting October 8, 2025	The next meeting will be on October 8, 2025, from 10am to 12pm.
Attendee Announcements	Co-Chairs announced the Generally Assembly happening October 16 th 2025.
Evaluation	HCPST shared a link to the meeting evaluation.
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 11:03am, motioned by Monique Springer and a second by Justin Almodovar.

Meeting Documents

- DRAFT NJHPG Priority Setting Committee Agenda_10.8.2025
- DRAFT NJHPG Priority Setting Committee Meeting Minutes_9.10.2025
- Draft Program Activity 5.10 Recommendation



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