

Community Engagement Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, August 20, 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
6:30pm	Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">Finalize Recommendations Policy Activity 5.3	Shalik Thompson & Saquan Stevenson
7:30pm	2026 Co-Chair Nominations	HCPST
7:40pm	Community Engagement Committee- Next Meeting: September 17, 2025	Shalik Thompson
7:45pm	Meeting Evaluation	HCPST
7:50pm	Attendee Announcements	Saquan Stevenson
8:00pm	Adjournment*	Shalik Thompson

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, July 16, 2025
Electronic Meeting via ZOOM Video Conference

ATTENDANCE

NJHPG Member

Abraham Corsino	P	Lynnette Abdulwaliyy	P
Crystal Mitchell	P	Saquan Stevenson	P
James Valentin	P	Shalik Thompson	P
Javion Lewis	P	Stephanie Berroa-Allen	A
Jocelyn Perry	P	Kelly Williams	P
Justin LiGreci	A	George Lowe	P

Committee Member

Gabrielle Ferrigno	P		

Non-voting Attendees

Judy Collins, Khadiza Haque, Vanessa Herrera

HIV Community Planning Support Team

Taylor Lightner	P	Dottie 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	Shalik Thompson 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	<p>Shalik Thompson reviewed the meeting's Agenda, Lynette Abdulwaliyy motioned to approve the agenda, second by Saquan Stevenson.</p> <p>The Support Team reviewed the Meeting Minutes from June's Committee Meeting. Saquan Stevenson motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes, seconded by Crystal Mitchell.</p>
Meeting Evaluation	<p>The Support Team reviewed June's Meeting Evaluation with attendees. There were 10 who attended the meeting. 9 people responded to the evaluation; 8 NJHPG Members, 1 Committee Members & 0 Guest.</p> <p>What questions do you have for DHSTS?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None/N/A (5) <p>Final Comments, Questions, Concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None, N/A - Amazing conversations tonight. - Great critical thinking with this group. - Great meeting!
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 3 activities, Cycle 4 Work Plan and the 3P's for making recommendations. Today's focus is on Drafting the recommendations for Policy Activity 5.3.



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	The Support Team went over the SMARTIE definition and information as it pertains to the Recommendation.
New Business	<p>Drafted Recommendations for Policy Activity 5.3:</p> <p>Policy Activity 5.3 Strategy Develop and provide trainings on stigma reduction to providers in non-traditional settings, as defined above.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Action Step Obtaining a comprehensive overview packages of how current trainings are conducted. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Stakeholders Involved/Needed</i> Having the DOH identify Stakeholders' capacity to create the NJLM presentation b. Is this task measurable? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <p><i>Deliverables;</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> c. <i>Due by;</i> 2. Action Step Determining how to participate in the conference and understanding the process involved. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Stakeholders Involved/Needed:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • b. Is this task measurable? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <p><i>Deliverables;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identifying the structure of the conference to be • developing a team that could come up with the material to present <ol style="list-style-type: none"> c. <i>Due by;</i> 3. Action Step Develop a draft agenda of topics tailored to the specific needs of the training. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Stakeholders Involved/Needed:</i> b. Is this task measurable? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <p><i>Deliverables;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Developing training focused on routinized testing within a harm reduction framework.</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> c. <i>Due by;</i>



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Next Committee Meeting August 20, 2025	Shalik announced that the next Committee meeting will be on August 20, 2025, via Zoom.
Evaluation	The Support Team shared a link to the meeting evaluation link.
Attendee Announcement	<p>Shalik Thompson opened the floor for announcements.</p> <p>Saquan gave thanks to those who participated in Newark Pride.</p> <p>Shalik announced ball in Jersey City on the 24th the North Museum of Arts is going to be the Lgbtq plus pride ball. Starts at 7 pm; Art After Dark: 6th Annual Pride Ball Tickets, Thu, Jul 24, 2025 at 7:00 PM Eventbrite</p> <p>Shalik also announced a ball happening July 25th held by the Shani Baraka Resource Center, and that is at the Temple of Hip Hop 55 Ludwow Street, in North New Jersey OA Father Fame Dior & Shani Baraka Resource Center Presents 2nd Annual Pride & Joy Kiki Ball Facebook</p>
Adjournment	Lynnette Abdulwaliyy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion was second by Saquan Stevenson.

Meeting Documents

- DRAFT NJHPG Community Engagement Committee August Agenda
- DRAFT NJHPG Community Engagement Committee July Meeting Minutes
- DRAFT NJHPG Policy Activity 5.3
- July Evaluation



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