

# New Jersey HIV Planning Group

## Priority Setting Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, August 13, 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
10:30am	<b>Old Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Finalize Recommendations for Program Activity 5.9</li></ul>	Samarie Rivera & Kevin E. Taylor
11:30	<b>2026 Co-Chair Nominations</b>	HCPST
11:40am	Priority Setting Committee Agenda <b>Next Meeting: September 10, 2025</b>	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, Claudia Ortiz, Kevin Taylor, Amy Pereira, Monique Springer, Rafael Kaipa, Ray Welsh



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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, July 9, 2025**  
Electronic Meeting via ZOOM Video Conference

## ATTENDANCE

NJHPG Member			
Amy Pereira	<b>P</b>	Kevin E. Taylor	<b>P</b>
Samarie Rivera	<b>P</b>	Monique Springer	<b>P</b>
Rafael Kaipa	<b>P</b>		
Johanne Rateau	<b>P</b>		
Committee Member			
Raymond Welsh	<b>A</b>		
Non-voting Attendees			
Alicia Parker, Carol Vincent, Christian Mendez, Jerry Dillard, Jose Lugo, Justin Almodovar, Karyn Berk, Lara Dykstra, Nahid Suleiman, Swetha Kamath,			
HIV Community Planning Support Team (HCPST)			
Dottie Dowdell	<b>P</b>	Taylor Lightner	<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>	Samarie Rivera welcomed attendees and began the meeting at 10:06am. Samarie then led the committee in a moment of silence to honor those lost to HIV and those still fighting the virus.
<b>Approval of Agenda &amp; Meeting Minutes</b>	<p>Kevin E. Taylor reviewed the meeting Agenda. Anjettica Boatwright motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Johanne Rateau. The agenda was voted on and approved.</p> <p>Kevin E. Taylor presented May's minutes. Anjettica Boatwright motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ray Welsh. The Meeting minutes were voted on and approved.</p>
<b>Review of June's Evaluation</b>	<p>The Support Team reviewed June's Meeting Evaluation with attendees. 12 people attended the Priority Setting meeting. 9 people responded to the evaluation: 6 NJHPG Members, 1 Committee Members, &amp; 2 guests.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What questions do you have for DHSTS? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None! We did that! #BOOM</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Final Comments, Questions, Concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We worked it out, no doubt/ none.</li> <li>• None/No comments at the moment (4)</li> <li>• Everything is informative.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<b>NJHPG Overview</b>	
<b>New Business</b>	<p>The Co-Chairs transitioned into Drafting a Recommendation for <b>Program Activity 5.9</b>.</p> <p>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).</p>



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	<p>1. Action Step Presenting evidence-based best practices and quality improvement strategies in contemporary healthcare systems.</p> <p>a. <i>Stakeholders Involved/Needed</i></p> <p>i. François-Xavier Bagnoud Center- Rutgers (Heidi Haiken)</p> <p>ii. All CBO and Ryan White Funded case management CBOs including private organizations</p> <p>b. Is this task <b>measurable</b>? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><i>Deliverables;</i></p> <p>c. <i>Due by;</i></p> <p>2. Action Step Utilizing a resource and incentive list that identifies specific tools and support services for healthcare workers and staff to share with individuals in the targeted population.</p> <p>a. <i>Stakeholders Involved/Needed</i></p> <p>b. Is this task <b>measurable</b>? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><i>Deliverables; STI Outcome summary on white paper.</i></p> <p>c. <i>Due by;</i></p>
<b>Attendee Announcements</b>	<p>Kevin E. Taylor announced a Newark Pride event happening Sunday at Mulberry Commons.</p> <p>Kevin E. Taylor announce General Assembly happening next Thursday in Camden NJ.</p> <p>Christian Mendez-Baez announce NJCRI Pride event updates- parade festival, Newark happening the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July, a house festival and a ball. Christian also mentioned a back-to-school event happening August.</p> <p>Kevin E. Taylor announced the executive director of the Essex County office of Lgbtq. Affairs- Take pride in your rights seminar next Tuesday Newark pride July 15, th for at 5 30 Pm.</p>



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	Amy Pereira announced a health fair on July 24th Proceed at 2 to 6 at 1122 East Grand street in Elizabeth NJ
<b>Next Committee Meeting</b> August 13, 2025	The next meeting will be on August 13, 2025, from 10am to 12pm.
<b>Evaluation</b>	HCPST shared a link to the meeting evaluation.
<b>Adjournment</b>	Meeting was adjourned at 11:33am, motioned by Amy Periera and a second by Monique Springer.

## Meeting Documents

- DRAFT NJHPG Priority Setting Committee Agenda\_8.13.2025
- DRAFT NJHPG Priority Setting Committee Meeting Minutes\_7.9.2025
- Drafted Program Activity 5.9 Recommendation



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