

New Jersey HIV Planning Group Data and Research Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 27, 2024
Electronic Meeting via ZOOM Video Conference

Angela Brandle
Co-Chair

Rosie Ruiz
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	Rosie Ruiz
10:05 am	Establishment of March Agenda* Approval of February Meeting Minutes*	Angela Brandle
10:10 am	Introductions <i>Name & Expertise/Type of Work</i>	Rosie Ruiz
10:20 am	February Evaluation – Cycle 1 Update	HCPST
10:25am	Report Outs (5 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Time to first medical appointment & ADAP approval</i> • <i>Linkage to care from mobile units/self-testing</i> 	Debbie Mohammed & Tanjanay Hardy
10:40am	Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data & Resource Hub – Identify Data Gaps (<i>20 min breakout rooms, 10 min report back</i>) 	Angela Brandle & Rosie Ruiz
11:15am	New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Data Requests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Review Integrated Plan's Request</i> ○ <i>10-Minute Research Session</i> 	Angela Brandle & Rosie Ruiz
11:45am	Announcements	Angela Brandle
11:50 am	Data and Research Committee Agenda Next Meeting: April 24, 2024	HCPST
11:55 am	Meeting Evaluation	HCPST
12:00 pm	Adjournment*	Rosie Ruiz

HCPST – HIV Community Planning Support Team

Members of Committee (Quorum 3): Angela Brandle, Debbie Mohammed, Holden Baranowski, Rosie Ruiz & Steve Dunagan



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



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ATTENDANCE			
NJHPG Member			
Angela Brandle	P		
Jaivon Lewis	P		
Rosie Ruiz	P		
Committee Member			
Debbie Mohammed	P	Stephen Dunagan	P
Non-voting Attendees			
Alex Flores, Aye Maung Maung, Ayo, Jessica, Karyn Berk, Luis Otano, Manny Gamarra, Shwetha Kamath, Tanjanay Hardy			
HIV Community Planning Support Team			
Dottie Rains-Dowdell	P	Taylor Lightner	P
Selena Aponte	P		

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



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AGENDA	
Item	Discussion
Welcome and Moment of Silence	Rosie Ruiz welcomed attendees and began the meeting at 10:04am followed by a moment of silence to honor those lost to HIV and those still fighting the virus.
Approval of Agenda & Meeting Minutes	<p>Angela Brandle reviewed the meeting Agenda. Debbie Mohammed motioned to approve the Agenda, seconded by Steven Dunagan. The Agenda was voted on and approved.</p> <p>The Support Team reviewed the February Meeting Minutes. Debbie Mohammed motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes, seconded by Steve Dunagan. The Meeting Minutes were voted on and approved.</p>
Introductions	Rosie Ruiz asked attendees to introduce themselves and share their expertise/area of work.
February Evaluation	<p>The Support Team reviewed the February Meeting Evaluation with attendees. There were 8 people who responded to the evaluation; 3 Committee Members, 2 NJHPG Member, 3 State Representatives & 1 guest.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) I felt prepared to participate in the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 100% agreed 2) I felt the meeting moved the Committee closer to the goal of providing recommendations to the New Jersey Department of Health: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8 agreed - 1 neither agree nor disagree 3) I will attend future meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 100% agreed 4) What questions do you have for DHSTS? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NA 5) What additional topics would you like discussed or featured at future Data and Research meetings? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Testing home



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	<p>6) Final Comments, Questions, Concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No - How can I get access to the document containing the next meeting's agenda? - Great discussions
<p>Cycle 1 Recommendation Update</p>	<p>Following the Evaluation Review, the Support Team provided the Committee with an update on the Cycle 1 Recommendation completed by the Data and Research Committee. They announced that their recommendation has been reviewed by the Executive Committee and has now been sent to the NJDOH where it will move through the Monitor and Evaluation Guidance.</p> <p>The Support Team shared the finalized System Activity 5.5 in the Zoom Chat and told attendees that members can access this document in the NJHPG Basecamp.</p>
<p>Report Outs</p>	<p>Rosie Ruiz transitioned the Committee to the Report Outs by Debbie Mohammed and Tanjanay Hardy.</p> <p>Time to First Medical Appointment & ADAP Approval – Debbie Mohammed</p> <p>Debbie Mohammed started by sharing data from Peter Ho Memorial Clinic in New Jersey. In 2016, this clinic was able to implement a process where patients who tested positive were able to obtain a medical visit the same day. Due to this change the Cumulative Incidence of Viral Suppression increased from 90% to 96%. She also shared that the change caused the Median Time to First Medical Visit went down from 12 days to 5 days. Following this information Debbie Mohammed shared that although entry into medical care is an observed barrier, there are other factors that must be considered including referrals, income, residence, picture identification, establishment of Ryan White eligibility if there is no insurance coverage, etc. She</p>



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shared that when this change was made, it was a team effort from all staff to get patients a same day medical visit. Debbie Mohammed then opened the floor for discussions.

Alex Flores asked if ADDP covers Cabenuva injections. Debbie Mohammed stated that she thinks an individuals must be virally suppressed first, but she is almost positive that it is covered. Karyn Berk mentioned that ADDP does cover Cabenuva as a last resource.

Alex Flores also asked if ADDP covers younger individuals who test positive and are on their parent's insurance, but do not want them to know. Debbie Mohammed stated that she is not sure but knows that Loretta did some work on this.

Jessica Diaz asked if the DOH has a list of the Rapid Start Initiation Programs in the state of New Jersey. Debbie Mohammed responded by saying that this is something that all clinics should be doing, but they are not which means this is a policy issue.

Debbie Mohammed then asked, what is the capacity for clinics in New Jersey to be able to offer same day medical visits. She said there are about 20-40 Ryan White funded clinics across the state, so they need to be able to understand their capacity.

Angela Brandle shared that they are at an average of 5 days for ADDP approval. She mentioned that often there is an issue with incomplete applications that have to be sent back.

Linkage to Care from Mobile Units & Self-Testing – Tanjanay Hardy

Tanjanay Hardy started by sharing that she reviewed 2 articles as well as CDC statistics. Those



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	<p>articles were shared in the Zoom Chat by the Support Team. She shared that the only FDA approved home testing kit can only be purchased by individuals who are 17 years or older which is a barrier for minors. The price is also a barrier for minors who are still under their parent’s insurance and do not want them to know they are purchasing a test. She stated that the study showed that most minors were unaware that home-testing kits were available.</p> <p>Jessica Diaz then shared that what Hyacinth sees at their mobile units is that the youth are not utilizing these mobile units as much as they would like to see. She also shared that limitations are mobile unit maintenance costs versus the benefits.</p> <p>Tanjanay Hardy asked if it was possible to reach the youth in school-based sexual education programs. Rosie Ruis shared that when they visit schools to provide education, they are not allowed to bring condoms or testing kits with them. They do offer safe spaces that are utilized by the youth.</p>
<p>Old Business</p>	<p>Angela Brandle then transitioned the Committee to Old Business to finalize the Data and Resource Hub. She stated that the Committee will be broken up into breakout rooms to identify gaps within the data/resources listed.</p> <p>The Support Team reviewed the current Data and Research Hub and started the breakout rooms.</p> <p>Following the breakout session, the Committee came back together to do a brief report-out of their findings.</p> <p>For Group 1, Angela Brandle reported the following gaps:</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHRQ - not up to date and limited HIV specific data • AIDSvu – limited State specific data for New Jersey • American Community Survey – data based on survey responses • CDC HIV Basics – not comprehensive for clinical/public health professionals <p>For Group 2, Dottie Dowdell reported her group talked about agency specific data and how that is not present within their sources. She also reported that the CDC sources were only looking at time frames that were 30 days old or less.</p> <p>For Group 3, Jaivon Lewis reported that his group did not know much about these specific sites. He also reported the following gaps they identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NJSHAD – the syphilis data is outdated • Target HIV – unorganized information
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Angela Brandle then presented the Data Request received from the Integrated Planning Committee. This Committee is working on Program Activity 1.1 – Create and promote public leadership opportunities for people with or who experience risk for HIV (NHAS 3.3.1).</p> <p>Their data request is as follows: This Committee would like information on positions, individuals, or best practices in NJ for Public Leadership Opportunities for individuals with lived experiences. <i>Which organizations have lived experience programs, and where does their funding come from? (Any agencies doing storytelling; identify funding opportunities for public leadership roles).</i></p> <p>The Committee then brainstormed the following list of resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMAs/TGAs



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agencies try to hire individuals with lived experience • Leadership Hyacinth (usually private or university funding) • CDC Train – HIV Leadership Training • PROCEED • Minority AIDS Initiative Training • Dear Rosa Project • MVOS • https://clafh.nursing.duke.edu/latinx-institute-hiv-leadership • https://www.cdc.gov/stophivtogether/partnerships/community-ambassadors.html • Community PROMISE – (CDC funding, but not enough funding for marketing) • https://valleywisehealth.org/hiv-ete-speakers-bureau/ • https://www.unaids.org/sites/default/files/media_asset/community-led-aids-responses_en.pdf • Specific funding/trainings for Community Health Workers • Growing Leadership Opportunities for Women (NMAC GLOW) - www.nmac.org • https://www.apbspeakers.com/topics/health-wellness/hiv-aids-awareness/ • https://www.rwjbh.org/documents/rwj-new-brunswick/Transgender-Resource-Guide.pdf
<p>Announcements</p>	<p>Angela Brandle transitioned to ask the attendees if there are any new announcements.</p> <p>Rosie Ruiz announced that April 10th is Youth and Adolescent HIV Awareness Day and Hyacinth will be focusing on offering testing to local Universities they currently collaborate with. She also announced that April 18th is National Transgender HIV Testing Day.</p>



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	The Support Team announced that General Assembly will be hybrid at Rutgers in New Brunswick on April 18 th from 1pm-4pm.
Data and Research Committee Agenda Next Meeting: April 24, 2024	The next meeting will be on April 24 th from 10am to 12pm. HCPST shared the meeting agenda for this meeting. Angela Brandle volunteered to do a report-out at the next meeting on Self-Testing Kits and Number of Days to First Medical Visit.
Meeting Evaluation	HCPST shared meeting evaluation link for attendees to complete.
Adjournment	Rosie Ruiz adjourned the meeting at 11:47am. Debbie Mohammed motioned, Angela Brandle seconded.

Meeting Documents

- Draft Data and Research Meeting Minutes_2.28.2024.pdf
- NJHPG Data and Research Committee Agenda_3.27.23.pdf
- Draft Data & Resource HUB Guidance.pdf



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