

New Jersey HIV Planning Group

Community Engagement Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 11th, 2026

Via Microsoft Teams from 6pm-8pm

*The Community
Committee will work*

Shalik Thompson
Co-Chair

James Valentin
Co-Chair

*Engagement
to identify prevention,*

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.

***Please note all times are approximate**

6:00pm	Welcome Attendees & Moment of Silence Establishment of Agenda Approval of Meeting Minutes	Shalik Thompson
6:10pm	Guest Introductions/Icebreaker	Shalik Thompson
6:25pm	Evaluation Review & NJHPG Overview	HCPST
7:00pm	New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review Didactic for Stigma 6.4 & 6.5Draft Recommendations for Stigma 6.4 & 6.5	Shalik Thompson & James Valentin
7:45pm	Community Engagement Committee- Next Meeting: April 15, 2026 Next General Assembly: April 16th	James Valentin
7:50pm	Meeting Evaluation	HCPST
7:55pm	Attendee Announcements	James Valentin
8:00pm	Adjournment*	Shalik Thompson

HCPST – HIV Community Planning Support Team

Quorum, 5; Abraham Corsino, Crystal Mitchell, Jocelyn Perry, Kelly Williams, Joe Monica, James Valentin, Jose Avila, Shalik Thompson, Vanessa Herrera



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Community Engagement Activities from January 2026 – December 2026

- Stigma Activity 6.1, 6.2, 7.1, 7.2, & 7.4: Create culturally appropriate education and awareness campaigns that address HIV/AIDS-related services available in all locations that screen and test for HIV, PEP, PrEP, U=U and the "harm reduction approach" to care.
- Stigma Activity 6.4 & 6.5: Assess stigma using a standardized stigma measurement tool and work in partnership with the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights to create an educational module on HIV/AIDS and HIV/AIDS-related stigma and discrimination for all support service programs that receive any state or federal funding in NJ.
- Stigma Activity 6.6: Launch an HIV/AIDS Speaker's Bureau, including persons affected by substance use disorder. (NHAS 3.3.1)
- Program Activity 7.9 & System Activity 7.5: Expand the competency and LGBTQ cultural humility of substance use treatment facilities and mental health providers to aid with crystal methamphetamine and other types of substance use-related addictions and co-occurring addictions, like sex addiction. (NHAS 3.1)
- System Activity 8.1, 8.2, & 6.4: Identify and eliminate barriers preventing individuals from engaging in or remaining in HIV care, while simultaneously addressing service gaps to interrupt rapid HIV transmission, particularly among men who have sex with men (MSM) and other key populations.



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Community Engagement Committee
Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 18th, 2026
Electronic Meeting via Microsoft Teams

ATTENDANCE			
NJHPG Member			
Abraham Corsino	P	Luis Otano	P
Gabrielle Ferrigno	P	Jose Avila	P
James Valentin	P	Shalik Thompson	P
Joseph Monica	P	Jocelyn Perry	P
Crystal Mitchell	P	Kelly Williams	P
Vanessa Herrera	P		
Committee Member			
Non-voting Attendees			
Judith Collins			
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 6:15 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 and January's Committee Meeting Minutes.</p> <p>Agenda was motioned to approve by James Valentin and a second by Joe Modica.</p> <p>A virtual vote was conducted, and both were approved.</p> <p>Shalik lead the meeting to a moment of silence and honorary moment was conducted in the memory of Martha Chavis.</p>
Meeting Evaluation	<p>The Support Team reviewed January's Meeting Evaluation with attendees. There were 13 people who attended the meeting. 11 people responded to the evaluation; 7 NJHPG Members, 4 Committee Members & 0 Guest.</p> <p>What questions do you have for DHSTS?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None/N/A, None at the moment (7) <p>Final Comments, Questions, Concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None at this time (6) - Lots of great resources tonight.
NJHPG Overview	<p>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 4 Accomplishments, Cycle 5 Work Plan and the 3P's for making recommendations.</p> <p>The Support Team went over the SMARTIE definition and information as it pertains to the Recommendation.</p>



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<p>New Business</p>	<p>The Co-Chairs presented the Education Didactic for Stigma Activity 6.1, 6.2, 7.1, 7.2, and 7.4 - Create culturally appropriate education and awareness campaigns that address HIV/AIDS-related services available in all locations that screen and test for HIV, PEP, PrEP, U=U and the "harm reduction approach" to care.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Present campaign impact data and lessons learned at the NJHPG General Assembly to advocate for and guide the strategic expansion of existing campaigns. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Stakeholders Involved/Needed</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rutgers FXB, Judy Collins, Iris House (Love Your Life campaign), Philly Keep on Loving campaign, AIDS Healthcare Foundation Campaigns, stigma campaigns, prep campaigns for young straight men, NJHPG, JSUMC A Team, Fireworks, NJHPG- Program Development Committee b. Is this task measurable? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <p><i>Deliverables;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making stakeholders aware of analysis • Presentation overview presented before preparing for the time presented at General Assembly. • Establishing ultimate goals and follow up impact reports. • Establish an evaluation or plan to measure • Include existing focus groups that are currently happening for conversation participation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> c. <i>Due by; April 2026</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Action StepAdapt the 'Take PrEP, Take Charge' campaign into a scalable framework for all priority populations, providing funded agencies with open-access toolkits for flexible, self-directed implementation. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Stakeholders Involved/Needed:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NJHPG, DOH, Rutgers FXB, Funded Agencies, NJ Transit, PACO, NJ Buddies b. Is this task measurable? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <p><i>Deliverables;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a "Campaign Hub"—a digital platform where all



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	<p>creative assets (social media tiles, posters, radio scripts) are organized and hosted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize End HIV NJ for the Campaign Hub. Agencies can house a link to this page on their websites. Develop a standardized style guide framework to ensure consistency and cohesion across campaigns focused on priority populations. <p>c. <i>Due by; February 2027</i></p>
<p>Next Committee Meeting March 11th, 2026</p>	<p>Shalik Thompson announced that the next Committee meeting will be on March 11, 2026, via Microsoft Teams.</p>
<p>Evaluation</p>	<p>The Support Team shared a link to the meeting evaluation link.</p>
<p>Attendee Announcement</p>	<p>Shalik Thompson opened the floor for announcements. Shalik announced a ball happening March 21st at Montclair University with price details, Project TEA and CRI’s Ball happening and a job opportunity with Zufall for a Linkage to Care Coordinator.</p> <p>Judith Collins spoke about the FXB new awareness campaign.</p> <p>Luis Roman announced linkage to resources for South Jersey.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Abraham Corsino made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion was second by James Valentin</p>
<p>Meeting Documents</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DRAFT NJHPG Community Engagement Committee March Agenda DRAFT NJHPG Community Engagement Committee February Meeting Minutes 	



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