

New Jersey HIV Planning Group

Priority Setting Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 13th, 2024
Electronic Meeting via ZOOM Video Conference

TBD
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**

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| 10:00am | Welcome Attendants and New Committee Member Kevin Taylor Moment of Silence Establish Agenda & Review Meeting Minutes | Samarie Rivera |
| 10:10am | Evaluation Review | HCPST |
| 10:15am | Self-Nominations/Co-Chair Election | HCPST |
| 10:25am | Old Business Cycle 1 Recommendation Updates | Samarie Rivera & Johanne Rateau |
| 10:35am | New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Didactic for Program 2.1 • Draft Recommendation for Program 2.1 | Samarie Rivera & Johanne Rateau |
| 11:40am | General Assembly- April 18 th (1pm-4pm) Priority Setting Committee Agenda Next Meeting: April 10th, 2024 | Johanne Rateau |
| 11:50am | New Announcements | Samarie Rivera |
| 11:55am | Meeting Evaluation | HCPST |
| 12:00pm | Adjournment | Johanne Rateau |

HCPST – HIV Community Planning Support Team

Voting Members (Quorum; 3) - Samarie Rivera, Justin Conway, Claudia Ortiz, Tammara Bryant, Kevin Taylor



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Cycle 2 Activities

January 2024- June 2024

System Activity 1.1: Encourage the implementation of effective recruitment of community partners through community-based participatory research and social networking approaches. (NHAS 3.5.3)

Program Activity 2.1: Develop and implement effective, evidence-based, and evidence-informed interventions that address social and structural determinants of health among people with or who experience risk for HIV including lack of continuous health care coverage, HIV-related stigma and discrimination in public health and health care systems, medical mistrust, inadequate housing and transportation, food insecurity, unemployment, low health literacy, and involvement with the justice system. (NHAS 3.4.4)

Program Activity 2.2: Develop new and scale up effective, evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions that address intersecting factors of HIV, homelessness or housing instability, mental health and violence, substance use, and gender especially among cis- and transgender women and gay and bisexual men. (NHAS 3.4.6)



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Minutes

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| ATTENDANCE | | | |
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| NJHPG Member | | | |
| Anjettica Boatwright | P | Michelle Harvey | P |
| Claudia Ortiz | P | Monique Springer | P |
| Johanne Rateau | P | Samarie Rivera | P |
| Kelly Williams | P | Tammara Bryant | P |
| Committee Member | | | |
| Justin Conway | P | | |
| Kevin Taylor | P | | |
| Non-voting Attendees | | | |
| Abel Saldana, Alison Modica, Lara Dykstra, Loyona Hamilton, Shwetha Kamath, Thamara Jean-Louis | | | |
| HIV Community Planning Support Team (HCPST) | | | |
| Dottie Dowdell | P | Taylor Lightner | P |
| Selena Aponte | P | | |

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



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AGENDA

| Item | Discussion |
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| Welcome and Moment of Silence | Samarie Rivera welcomed attendees and began the meeting at 10:06 am. She 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. Claudia Ortiz motioned to approve the Agenda, seconded by Kevin Taylor. The Agenda was voted on and approved.</p> <p>The Support Team presented the February Meeting Minutes. Claudia Ortiz motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes, seconded by Kevin Taylor. The Meeting Minutes were voted on and approved.</p> |
| Review of February Evaluation | <p>The Support Team reviewed the February Meeting Evaluation with attendees. There were 6 people who responded to the evaluation; 3 NJHPG Members, 1 Committee Member, & 2 guests.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I felt prepared to participate in the meeting discussion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 – Strongly Agree • 2 – Agree • 1 – Somewhat Agree 2. What questions do you have for DHSTS? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A • none • Not at this time (x3) 3. What additional topics would you like discussed or featured at future Priority Setting meetings? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None at this time (x3) • housing opportunities • Presentation on the community engagement activities from other states (as highlighted in this meeting) 4. If you could make ONE change to the Priority Setting Committee meetings, what would it be? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None at this time • None (x2) |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing! We are a great team! • More engagement from attendees <p>5. Final Comments, Questions, Concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No • none • Everything is informative • This was a productive meeting |
| <p>Co-Chair Election</p> | <p>Johanne Rateau transitioned the Committee to the next section of the Agenda which was the Co-Chair Election. She informed attendees that they could still self-nominate if they would like.</p> <p>The Support Team shared a list of eligible Nominees.</p> <p>Attendees voted and Anjettica Boatwright was elected Priority Setting Co-Chair.</p> |
| <p>Old Business</p> | <p>For Old Business, Samarie Rivera provided an update on the Cycle 1 Recommendations (System 5.3, System 6.12, and System 7.1).</p> <p>Johanne Rateau explained that the Executive Committee met to make edits and approve the Committee’s recommendations which have now been sent to the DOH.</p> <p>The Support Team shared the finalized recommendations in the chat for attendees to download and review.</p> |
| <p>New Business</p> | <p>Johanne Rateau and Samarie Rivera transitioned to present the Education Didactic for Program Activity 2.1; Develop and implement effective, evidence-based, and evidence-informed interventions that address social and structural determinants of health among people with or who experience risk for HIV including lack of continuous health coverage, HIV-related stigma and discrimination in public health and health care systems, medical mistrust, inadequate housing and transportation, food insecurity,</p> |



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unemployment, low health literacy, and involvement with the justice system (NHAS 3.4.4).

Samarie Rivera shared the NJDOH's update which was:

1. Have not developed, but are trying to structurally intervene with routinized testing. Possible plans to put health advocates for substance users in ER who are specialized in care.
2. Address medical mistrust/repercussions for providers with structural & policy changes.

Within this presentation, there was a description of what social determinants of health are and what is most prevalent in New Jersey, including, but not limited to:

- Transportation
- Housing
- Stigma
- Mental Illness
- Substance Abuse
- Education
- Language Barriers

Johanne Rateau opened the floor and asked attendees to add anything they felt was missing from this list.

The Support Team mentioned that environmental factors such as access to adequate water or air pollution are issues.

A guest mentioned that food deserts are also a concern. They expanded upon that by saying that some neighborhoods do not have access to fresh produce or quality food items. This leads individuals to eat more fast food which impacts their overall health.

Johanne Rateau then presented a list of successful interventions in New Jersey including MPOWER, Safe in the City, and Community Promise.

Attendees added Kiss & Tell, Stay Connected, ARTAS, Sister to



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Sister, Be Proud Be Responsible, and Housing Collaborative to the list of successful interventions.

Johanne Rateau shared a list of possible recommendation ideas:

- Case management that can assist with housing, access to healthcare/insurance, income, job training, food insecurity, etc. for at risk individuals
- Interventions that address each social determinant of health
- Training on social determinants of health
- Community outreach

The Support Team then shared the Miro Board for collaboration on drafting recommendations for Program Activity 2.1.

Claudia Ortiz and Tammara Bryant shared that cost of rent is a barrier for many individuals to obtain housing.

Samarie Rivera mentioned that many case managers are not aware of the housing system in New Jersey and what options are out there, so it may be beneficial to have a training program for them.

The Support Team questioned how case managers are trained to identify informal supports rather than just formal supports. They also suggested training case managers to create ecomaps which are used in social work aimed at mapping and understanding a client's social and personal connections.

The Support Team also suggested increasing the number of single room occupancies.

Kevin Taylor stated that it would be beneficial to create a training program to teach individuals life skills such nutrition, financial literacy, health literacy, and couponing.

Kelly Williams added that new case managers do not have as much lived experience to help others learn how to live on their own.



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| | <p>A guest stated that at Gilead, they have been focusing on a holistic status neutral approach to HIV care and utilizing evidence-based interventions.</p> <p>Johanne Rateau asked the Committee if not having an ID could be a potential barrier to accessing services. The Committee had mixed responses, so Johanne suggested that addressing this could be a possible recommendation idea.</p> <p>Johanne Rateau suggested that to address the issue of food deserts, it could be recommended that the number of food pantries in areas where people are at risk are increased.</p> <p>A guest suggested the use of food trucks or “pop-ups” to go to different areas that need fresh food options.</p> <p>Johanne Rateau mentioned that access to a smart phone could be another barrier for individuals to find services/resources available to them.</p> <p>A guest also brought up that some individuals may not want to take place in training programs and might rather continue to eat fast food. They mentioned it might be helpful to think of a way to engage those individuals.</p> <p>Attendees listed the following stakeholders for their recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOH • Local Agencies • Local Soup Kitchens/Food Pantries • Banks/Financial Institutions • Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVR) |
| <p>Attendee Announcements</p> | <p>Samarie Rivera opened the floor for any announcements.</p> <p>Claudia Ortiz announced that Atlantic City Housing Authority has Section 8 open and they will be taking the first 500 applications.</p> |



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| | Samarie Rivera shared the Housing Collaborative Hotline opened on February 26 th . She shared the information in the meeting chat. |
| Next Committee Meeting April 10th, 2024 | The next meeting will be on April 10th from 10am to 12pm. The next General Assembly Meeting will be hybrid on April 18th from 1pm to 4pm at Rutgers in New Brunswick. |
| Evaluation | HCPST shared a link to the meeting evaluation. |
| Adjournment | Johanne Rateau adjourned the meeting at 11:54 am. Motioned by Anjettica Boatwright and seconded by Claudia Ortiz. |

Meeting Documents

- DRAFT NJHPG Priority Setting Committee Agenda_3.13.24
- DRAFT NJHPG Priority Setting Committee Meeting Minutes_02.14.2024
- Program Activity 2.1 Education Didactic PS



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