New Jersey HIV Planning Group

Data and Research Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 28th, 2026

Electronic Meeting via Zoom

Jose Lugo
Co-Chair

Jessica Diaz
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 Establishment of Agenda & Approval Meeting Minutes	Jose Lugo
10:10 am	Introductions: *Name & Expertise/Type of Work*	Jessica Diaz
10:20 am	Committee Overview and Review Evaluation	HCPST
10:25 am	**DOH Report Out**	Rekha Damaraju
10:40 am	**Old Business** Finalize Recommendation for System Activity 7.3 **New Business** Review Didactic Policy Activity 6.3 & 6.7 Draft Recommendation for Policy Activity 6.3 & 6.7	Jessica Diaz Jose Lugo
11:40 am	Data and Research Committee Next Meeting: November 25, 2026 Meeting	Jessica Diaz
11:45 am	Announcements	Jose Lugo
11:55 am	Meeting Evaluation	HCPST
12:00pm	Adjournment*	Jessica Diaz

HCPST – HIV Community Planning Support Team

Members of Committee (Quorum: 4): John Nelson, Jess Diaz, Rosie Ruiz, Claudia Ortiz, Syd Rosen, & Jose Lugo, Sheree Beacham

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

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ATTENDANCE			
NJHPG Member			
Jose Lugo	**P**	Luis Otaño	**P**
Claudia Ortiz	**LOA**	Rosie Ruiz	**P**
John Nelson	**P**	Sheree Beacham	**P**
Syd Rosen	**P**		
Committee Member			
Jessica Diaz	**P**		
Non-voting Attendees			
Shwetha Kamath, Mohammed Saifuddin, Rekha Damaraju, Mark Brown, Lateefat Odunuga, Karyn Berk, Heidi Haiken, Emmanuel Gamarra, Angela Petrone,			
HIV Community Planning Support Team			
Deyonna Pope	**P**	Dottie Dowdell	**P**

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

AGENDA	
Item	**Discussion**
Welcome and Moment of Silence	Jose Lugo the committee meeting in a moment of silence at 10:05am to remember those lost to HIV/AIDS and to recognize the resilience of individuals living with HIV.
Approval of Agenda & Meeting Minutes	Jose Lugo reviewed the agenda. Jessica Diaz motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by John Nelson Jessica reviewed the minutes from September's meeting. John Nelson motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Jessica Diaz The Support Team opened up a poll for both the Agenda and Meeting Minutes and both were approved.
Introductions	Committee members, state representatives, and guests introduced themselves, stating their names, organizations, and areas of expertise.
Committee Overview and Review Evaluation	The committee reviewed the meeting evaluation from September, noting 12 attendees with 12 completed evaluations. 2 state representatives, 5 guests,4 NJHPG and 1 Committee Member We asked what questions were for DSSUS? - Are the DOH-identified HIV local epidemics listed somewhere publicly for all states and territories? Another was, when will all of DHSTS start to convert all public-facing websites and marketing to DSSUS? Should we most likely rely on DSSUS? - As a resource hub for providers slash clinical staff, or as a one-stop guide for all of New Jerseyans. We asked if there were any Final Comments, Questions or Concerns - How else are we recruiting more public health slash data-minded people for this Committee.
New Business	The committee focused Draft Recommendations for **System Activity 7.3: Electronic health records in emergency rooms, urgent care centers, and primary care settings should prompt clinicians to discuss PrEP and its role as a preventative medicine with patients.**

	1. Action Step: A training that supports the development and implementation of PrEP education and stigma-reduction training for clinical team members in emergency departments, primary care practices, and urgent care settings to increase provider knowledge, normalize PrEP as an HIV prevention strategy, and improve patient awareness and access to PrEP. a. *Stakeholders Involved/Needed* 1. AETC, University of Washington b. Is this task measurable? ☐ Yes ☐ No *Deliverables;* 1. Develop and disseminate standardized PrEP training resources for clinical care staff. 2. Provide implementation-focused training and technical assistance to support integration of PrEP workflows, referral pathways, documentation processes, and related clinical systems. c. *Due by; 9/2027* 2. Action StepImplement standardized EHR-based prompts across electronic healthcare settings to normalize routine HIV testing assessment and trigger appropriate clinical workflows for PrEP, PEP, and ART education, counseling, referral, and initiation. a. *Stakeholders Involved/Needed* b. Is this task measurable? ☐ Yes ☐ No *Deliverables;* 1. Develop standardized EHR prompts that identify clinical and behavioral indicators associated with increased HIV risk, including STI history, substance use, HIV testing history, and other priority populations identified through state and epidemiological data. 2. Incorporate data-informed clinical alerts and advisory prompts that provide relevant HIV prevention and treatment guidance based on patient-specific risk indicators and current epidemiological trends. 3. Integrate a standardized sexual health assessment within the EHR that, based on patient

	responses and clinical indications, automatically prompts appropriate next steps for HIV testing, PrEP and PEP education, ART education, counseling, referral, and linkage to care. *Due by;* 9/2027
Data and Research Committee Agenda Next Meeting: November 25, 2026	Co-chairs announced the next meeting, for November 25, 2026, via Zoom.
Announcements	Jessica announced the Data and Research open co-chair roll. Jessica also suggested for the next meeting to bring someone to next meeting to increase membership enrollment interest.
Meeting Evaluation	The Support Team shared the meeting evaluation link into the chat.
Adjournment	Rosie Ruiz motioned to approve and second was given by John Nelson. The meeting was adjourned at 11:31am.

Meeting Documents

- Draft Data and Research October Meeting Minute.pdf
- NJHPG Data and Research Committee Agenda November 2026