

New Jersey HIV Planning Group

Community Engagement Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 20th, 2024

Electronic Meeting via ZOOM Video Conference

*The Community
Committee will work
care, treatment needs,*

Stephanie Berroa-Allen
Co-Chair

Monique Springer
Co-Chair

*Engagement
to identify prevention,
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**

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| 6:00pm | Welcome & Moment of Silence Introductions in Chat Box <i>Name, agency/affiliation, and email</i> | Monique Springer |
| 6:05pm | Icebreaker | Stephanie Berroa-Allen |
| 6:15pm | Establishment of Agenda Approval of Meeting Minutes | Stephanie Berroa-Allen |
| 6:20pm | Review February Evaluation | HCPST |
| 6:25pm | Old Business • Cycle 1 Recommendation Update | Stephanie Berroa-Allen & Monique Springer |
| 6:35pm | New Business • Education Didactic for Program 1.2 • Draft SMARTIE Recommendations for Program 1.2 | Stephanie Berroa-Allen & Monique Springer |
| 7:40pm | Next General Assembly April 18 th , 2024 (1pm – 4pm) Community Engagement Committee- Next Meeting: April 17 th , 2024 | Stephanie Berroa-Allen |
| 7:50pm | Attendee Announcements | Monique Springer |
| 7:55pm | Meeting Evaluation | HCPST |
| 8:00pm | Adjournment* | Stephanie Berroa-Allen |

HCPST – HIV Community Planning Support Team

Quorum, 7; Abraham Corsino, Crystal Mitchell, Jo Serpico, Jose Avila, Kelly Williams, Rafael Kaipa Llovera, Robert Lord-Schell, Saquan Stevenson, Shalik Thompson, Stephanie Berroa-Allen, Jocelyn Perry,



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The Goal of NJHPG is to provide recommendations to DOH/DHSTS, describing *HOW* the State can complete each of the activities listed in the Integrated Plan.

Community Engagement Activities from January – June of 2024

- 1. Stigma Activity 1.1:** Work with communities to reframe HIV services and HIV-related messaging so that they do not stigmatize people or behaviors. (NHAS.3.2)
- 2. Program Activity 1.2:** Expand community engagement in health communication initiatives and research. (NHAS 3.6.3)
- 3. Program Activity 1.3:** Include critical analysis and health communication skills in HIV programs to provide participants with the tools to seek and identify accurate health information and to advocate for themselves and their communities. (NHAS 3.6.4)



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| ATTENDANCE | | | |
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| NJHPG Member | | | |
| Abraham Corsino | P | Rafael Kaipa Llovera | P |
| Crystal Mitchell | P | Robert Lord-Schell | A |
| Jo Serpico | P | Saquan Stevenson | P |
| Jose Avila | P | Shalik Thompson | P |
| Kelly Williams | P | Stephanie Berroa-Allen | P |
| Monique Springer | A | | |
| Committee Member | | | |
| Jocelyn Perry | P | | |
| Non-voting Attendees | | | |
| Gabrielle Ferrigno, Michael Hager | | | |
| HIV Community Planning Support Team | | | |
| Selena Aponte | P | Dottie Dowdell | P |
| Taylor Lightner | P | | |

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



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| AGENDA | |
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| Item | Discussion |
| Welcome and Moment of Silence | <p>The Support Team began the meeting at 6:04pm by welcoming all attendees. They then led the committee in a moment of silence to honor those lost to HIV and those still fighting the virus.</p> <p>Stephanie Berroa-Allen then led an icebreaker and asked attendees to share their favorite drink.</p> |
| Approval of the Agenda & Minutes | <p>Stephanie Berroa-Allen reviewed the meeting’s Agenda. Saquan Stevenson motioned to approve the Agenda, seconded by Jocelyn Perry. A virtual poll was conducted and the Agenda was approved.</p> <p>The Support Team presented the Meeting Minutes from the February Committee Meeting. Stephanie Berroa-Allen motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes, seconded by Kelly Williams. A virtual poll was conducted and the Meeting Minutes were approved.</p> |
| Meeting Evaluation | <p>The Support Team reviewed the February Meeting Evaluation with attendees. There were 7 people who responded to the evaluation; 5 NJHPG Members, 1 Committee Member & 1 Guest.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) What questions do you have for DHSTS? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A - NA 2) What additional topics would like discussed or featured at future Meetings? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A - Transgender - Updates in the future on our recommendations 3) Final Comments, Questions, Concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good meeting. Continue the great work. - No everything excellent |



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| | <p>- May Hydeia Broadbent rest in peace</p> <p>Following the Evaluation Review the Support Team led the Committee in a moment of silence to honor Hydeia Broadbent.</p> |
| Old Business | <p>Stephanie Berroa-Allen transitioned the Committee to Old Business with an update on Community Engagement’s Cycle 1 Recommendations.</p> <p>The Support Team shared the finalized recommendations in the chat and stated they would also send them in the follow-up email. They also informed the Committee that the recommendations will now move through the Monitor and Evaluation Guidance that the Integrated Planning Committee has developed.</p> |
| New Business | <p>For New Business Stephanie Berroa-Allen presented an Education Didactic for Program 1.2- Expand community engagement in health communication initiative and research.</p> <p>This Education Didactic started with an update from the NJDOH which was MVOS (My Voice Our Story). Following this, there was a definition of health communication. Stephanie Berroa-Allen then presented some things happening in NJ including Health Education Programs, Community Based Organizations, Community Health Workers, and Harm Reduction Sites. She also presented a list of successes including, Psychosocial Support Groups, Pharmaceutical Collaborations and Support Groups, Gilead, Merck, ViiV, and Staffing more CHWs.</p> <p>The Support Team then shared the Miro Board for collaboration on Program Activity 1.2.</p> <p>Michael Hager shared some information in the chat about the Dear Rosa Project and a program in Dallas that involves outreach staff providing services in jails.</p> <p>The Support Team suggested thinking about funding</p> |



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educational programs for students that focus on risk reduction.

Crystal Mitchell added Iris House used to go into a local school to provide lessons about HIV, STDs, etc as part of their curriculum. Funding was cut after a few years, but they still house the curriculum. She said that if more schools were able to do this and establish relationships with local agencies, this could help educate the community and get them involved.

Stephanie Berroa-Allen suggested that if it is hard to get into the schools with these educational programs, then they could consider working with Family Success Centers.

Stephanie Berroa-Allen and Abraham Corsino both mentioned that it is often difficult to provide education in schools because of how HIV is stigmatized.

The Support Team followed up by suggesting thinking about how to do this in non-traditional ways.

Gabrielle Ferrigno suggested that within the RFAs, they ask for the agencies to create educational programs and rebuild their relationships with the schools again.

Jose Avila also suggested creating their programs for college students.

Shalik Thompson stated that one deliverable could be to create a process to ensure that agencies who are receiving funding are held accountable.

The Committee then brainstormed the following stakeholders:

- DOH, Board of Education, PTA, Local Businesses/Organizations, Commissioner of Education, Policy Makers, Faith Based Organizations, CBOs, and Community Members

Stephanie Berroa-Allen then asked if there would be a way to incentivize community members to get involved because often, they do not see any funding or incentives.



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| | <p>Jose Avila reminded the Committee that HIV affects everyone, not just a certain socioeconomic status. He suggested that this is kept in mind when thinking about incentives.</p> <p>The Support Team suggested thinking outside of the box about things such as free gym memberships or partnering with colleges.</p> |
| Attendee Announcements | <p>Stephanie Berroa-Allen next transitioned the Committee to share any announcements.</p> <p>She started by announcing that Camden AHEC is going to be in Trenton working with someone at Quaker House from 10am – 4pm providing services to the first 40 individuals who come out.</p> <p>Shalik Thompson shared the location of his agency (49 Mount Pleasant Ave East Orange, NJ) that provides services to uninsured and underinsured individuals.</p> <p>Jose Avila shared a flyer for a Transgender Day of Beauty and Wellness that will take place on March 26th at EDGE.</p> <p>Crystal Mitchell announced that Iris House was featured in this year’s Windows of Understanding Project. This is a nonprofit organization that partners with local organizations who will allow an artist to paint the mission of their organization on windows to help bring in individuals.</p> |
| Next Committee Meeting April 17th, 2024 | <p>The next meeting will be on April 17th from 6pm to 8pm.</p> <p>The next General Assembly will be on April 18th from 1pm-4pm at Rutgers New Brunswick and on Zoom.</p> |
| Evaluation | <p>The Support Team shared a link to the meeting evaluation link.</p> |



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| Adjournment | The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm. |

Meeting Documents

- DRAFT NJHPG Community Engagement Committee Agenda_3.20.24
- DRAFT NJHPG Community Engagement Committee Meeting Minutes_2.21.24
- Program Activity 1.2 Education Didactic.pptx
- Program 5.13 CM Recommendations
- Program 5.11 CM Recommendations
- Program 5.8 CE Recommendations



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