

HIV Planning Group Meeting Minutes
 Park Inn Mechanicsburg
 5401 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
 September 12, 2018

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Call to Order: Mike Hellman called the meeting to order at 9:10am	Meeting commenced at 9:04am
<p>Introductions: HPG Members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.</p> <p>Members Present: Sonny Concepcion, Jim Davis, Sharita Flaherty, Mike Hellman, Teresa Lowery, Shannon McElroy, Steven Nazario, Rob Pompa, Clint Steib, Michael Witmer</p> <p>Members Absent: Aaron Arnold, Miriam DeGroat, Leah Magagnotti, Jess Netto, Herman Wilson</p> <p>Planning Partners Present: Nicole Risner (Medical Assistance), Doris Gascot (Mental Health), Joanne Valentino (HOPWA), John Haines (SPBP Advisory Council), Barbara Quinn (Drug & Alcohol), Bonnie Krampe (HIV Surveillance), Greg Seaney-Ariano (Philly RW Part A Grantee), Jamie Durocher (TB Program), Kris King (STD Program), Nicholas Slotterback (Education), David Korman (MAAETC)</p> <p>Planning Partners Absent: Health Equity, Corrections, Philly HIV Planning, Viral Hepatitis</p> <p>Guests: Jeremy Sandberg (PEHTI), Kim Wetzal (DHS-OMAP), Cheryl Baumgardner (FQHC), Rebecca Geiser (UPMC Pinnacle), Daisy Rivera (Dorothy Mann Center), Sara Luby (HSO Allies), Ann Ferguson & Dr. Howell Strauss (AIDS Care Group)</p> <p>Department of Health Staff: Jill Garland, Cheryl Henne, Cindy Finley, Christine Quimby, Kyle Fait, Marijane Salem-Noll, Ja’Nae Tyler, Michelle Rossi, Godwin Obiri & Monisola Malomo, (HIV Surveillance), Diane Kennedy, Sean Hoffman</p> <p>University of Pittsburgh Staff: David Givens, Michael Zolovich, Brian Adams, Corrine Bozich</p>	9:04am to 9:09am

<p><u>July Summary</u> David Givens: The July meeting objectives were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To keep the committee updated on DOH and HIV prevention and care-related news, trainings, and events across the commonwealth, including the medical monitoring project and an update on the state-supported SILK diffusion • To further the committee’s planning process through organizational and data updates, including the Division’s Data to Care pilot • To advance the important work of the HPG around the Integrated HIV Prevention and Care plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This includes: the assessment subcommittee’s work assessing the progress that is being made in completing the activities listed in the plan ○ The evaluation subcommittee’s work finalizing recommendations for improving the plan in both the near future and long-term • Important housekeeping items for the good of the group, including CoChair elections, a discussion around how the HPG operates, and the introduction of an intersectional planning concept for the HPG <p>The HPG met all these objectives successfully.</p>	<p>9:09am to 9:11am</p>
<p><u>Approval of May Meeting Minutes</u></p>	<p>9:11am to 9:12am Received motion to approve</p> <p>Received second motion to approve</p>
<p><u>Approval of July Meeting Minutes</u></p>	<p>9:13am to 9:14am Motion to approve: Kris King</p> <p>Second motion: Rob Pompa</p>
<p><u>Agenda Review & Meeting Objectives</u> Mike Hellman: The September HPG meeting objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To inform and update the committee and guests on DOH and HIV prevention and care-related news, trainings, and events across the commonwealth. This includes novel programs like the Rapid Linkage to Care program at St. Christopher’s Hospital. • For the committee to receive and provide feedback on the Bureau of Epidemiology’s latest Epi update for Pennsylvania. This update will inform 	<p>9:15 to 9:18am</p>

<p>the Epi content update to the Division’s Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To advance the important work of the HPG around the Integrated HIV Prevention and Care plan through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The assessment subcommittee’s work on the progress that is being made completing the activities listed in the plan, and ○ The evaluation subcommittee’s work finalizing recommendations for improving the plan in both the near future and long-term. These changes will be brought to the full HPG for a vote as recommendations to improve the IHPCP. • Important procedural items for the good of the group, including discussion and voting on intersectional planning topics for 2019 that will inform the Plan and possibly future Plan activities, and a discussion of what updates may improve the HPG Protocols. 	
<p><u>Announcements/Updates</u></p> <p>Jill Garland (Division of HIV Disease DOH “The Department”):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department HIV Care Manager Program vacancy has been filled by Cheryl Henne. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The HIV Care Program is now integrated with SPBP and HOPWA. It gives DOH a better opportunity to maximize programmatically and fiscally efficiencies. ○ Cheryl will be overseeing these programs. • One of the two Community Health Nurse Field Supervisor positions has been filled. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Department is continuing recruitment to fill the second supervisor position. • NASTAD (formerly the National Alliance for State and Territorial AIDS Directors) sent an announcement to Pennsylvania to invite the departmental and the community co-chair of HIV planning group (HPG) to participate in a technical assistance session. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HPG co-chairs will attend the session to learn from other jurisdictions about many topics, including priority setting best practices as well as monitoring and evaluating Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plans. • The Department has implemented some changes to the Medical Monitoring Project to let individuals know that if they need any additional services that they feel they need or not getting, there are lots of services in place that they can take advantage of. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Individuals are put in touch with the customer service line of the Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program to assist in any way and referring them or linking them to those additional services. 	<p>9:18am to 10:32am</p>

- The Department has been given the go ahead to implement our activities under the five year spend plan.
 - The spend plan includes the media campaign, improving/enhancing some data collection infrastructure, a HIV/AIDS conference, and other important initiatives.
- Philadelphia has been a great resource for the Department with support for integrating all of the various data sources available which will help improve CareWare and aid in monitoring individuals' status in care.
- Ryan White Conferences coming up in December.
 - HRSA provided the Department a limited number of attendance spots with two spots allocated to the Department's provider system and the regional sub-recipients that were randomly chosen to attend are from the southwest and southcentral.
 - Some staff from the Department will be attending the conference and they will be presenting posters during the poster sessions.

Maryjane Salem-Noll (Prevention Section):

- The integrated surveillance and HIV prevention grant annual progress report was submitted to the CDC at the end of August.
 - It serves not only as a report on what we accomplished in the first six months of 2018, but also a continuing application for continued funding for 2019.
- The Department is working with University of Pittsburgh to implement the STD recidivism to PrEP demonstration project.
 - The project will follow individuals that have been identified as potential clients for PrEP and interview them at three month intervals to see if they are engaged with PrEP and if not, what the barriers and how we can help reduce those barriers to PrEP use.
- The Department implemented the data into care pilot in Allegheny County to Allegheny County Health Department Ryan White Part C providers.
 - The southwest district offices are all partners in the pilot.
 - The pilot has so far shown a reduction in the number of people out of care.
 - The pilot is set to begin in Bucks County with one provider participating.
- A six month schedule is out for capacity building training offerings.
 - Needs assessments are conducted to understand what offerings are most needed across the state.
 - DOH encourages all providers to take advantage of these important trainings being offered.
- The restriction on condom distribution (due to limited resources) has been temporarily lifted, so non-partners of the Department can now receive condoms.

- There is still limit restriction on partners such as health departments and PPAs on the number of condoms they can order. However, anybody who had expressed that they were not receiving condoms from the Department can now reach out to Diane Kennedy.

Cheryl Henne (Care Section):

- HOPWA program has started working with the regions and preparing budgets for the next fiscal year. It takes a while to get those in place and they're trying to get them done early so everything as far as funding is July 1, 2019.
- The SPBP online application is being worked on.
 - The case management component is being put together now and that is the most complex piece of this process.
 - SPBP is working toward scheduling some testing dates for that component and will soon be fully implementing the online application.

Godwin Obiri (Epidemiology):

- Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia had a conference call with the CDC regarding the outbreak of new HIV infections in the West Virginia area that was linked to IDU.
 - Although both Ohio and West Virginia had seen an increase in new infections around that time that were linked to IDU, western Pennsylvania reported few MSM HIV infections.
 - Pennsylvania is working with the Department of Drugs and Alcohol to stress the importance of routine HIV testing in these communities and the use of PrEP.

Pitt:

- Acceptance Journeys is participating in the LGBTQ history month in the state capital building on Wednesday, October 24th.
- Stophiv.com has new training sessions available, including new descriptions of the trainings being offered and online enrollment in trainings.
- Registration on stophiv.com is available to anyone in Pennsylvania. HPG members and planning partners are encouraged to enroll so they will have access to working documents of the HPG.
 - Stophiv.com is a one stop spot to find information on the HPG, SPBP, capacity building sessions, and anything else the Department wants made available.
- The HIV Prevention and Care Bulletins are also available on stophiv.com and a main source for information included in the bulletin is the announcements made at the HPG meetings.

- The bulletin is sent to stakeholders across the state and we ask that everyone who receives the bulletin send it to their contacts so we are able to reach more stakeholders and spread the news about the work being done at the HPG and to help make sure the announcements being made at the meeting are shared with as many professional groups and different communities as possible.
- The Division has also asked Pitt to serve as the point person during the HPG meetings regarding attendance, problems with the hotel, or anything members might need for their participation at the HPG meetings.
 - Contact David Givens anytime at 412-383-1512 with any questions or concerns.

Community Members:

Jim Davis

- Discussions during the HPG have allowed the northeast region to have training on trauma informed care from MAAETC for direct care staff.

Mike Hellman

- Mycommunityvoices.org has launched a link to a Facebook page to post weekly topics from the My Community Voices Website to Facebook and will allow Facebook users to comment on the weekly topics presented.

Philadelphia Area:

- AACO developed a PrEP implementation plan with the goal to monitor the PrEP update in priority populations
- The Philadelphia area is seeking to expand syringe service programs. Some possibilities include: writing letters to pharmacies, so that syringes will be made available to those asking; looking to set up a kiosk; or setting up partnerships with organizations with focus on populations most affected.
- Beyond the Walls: Reentry Summit and Prison Healthcare is being offered in the Philadelphia area at the Pennsylvania Convention Center located at 12th and Arch Streets on Friday, October 5th 2018 from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Beyond the Walls: Reentry Summit and Prison Health Care is a conference that welcomes all people interested in learning more about the impact of mass incarceration and health disparities on our communities. Philadelphia Integrated HIV Council is doing their allocations process for next fiscal year 2019.

Planning Partners:

- Medicare Part C advantage plan and Part D enrollment is coming up October 15th through December 7th. It's the standard Medicare open enrollment period.

<p>Pennsylvania Expanded HIV Testing Initiative (PEHTI):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanked the group for their referrals to groups of individuals that should be tested for HIV and possibly weren't being tested. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The recommendations from the group led to a identifying a number of groups that may have been missed due to location or size of the populations • MAAETC will be partnering with PEHTI to have two archived videos available on the MAAETC website. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One video will be on routine testing and the other video will be on reimbursement for routine testing. ○ All are encouraged to sign up on MAAETC for the information being presented on PEHTI to encourage routine testing and routinely offer HIV testing. ○ CME nursing credits are available by taking the course. 	
<p><u>Break</u></p>	<p>10:32am to 10:46am</p>
<p><u>PA EPI Update</u> Monisola Malomo</p>	<p>10:46am to 11:51am</p>
<p><u>Lunch</u></p>	<p>11:51am to 1:07pm</p>
<p><u>Rapid Linkage Pilot Presentation</u> Daisy Rivera</p>	<p>1:07pm to 2:47pm</p>
<p><u>Assessment Report</u></p>	<p>2:47pm to 3:03pm</p>
<p><u>Subcommittee Breakout</u> [Meeting ended early at the hotel's request]</p>	<p>3:04pm to 4:01pm</p>

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<p><u>Announcements/Updates</u></p> <p>Ja’Nae Tyler (Division of HIV Prevention Section):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October is LGBTQ History Month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Activities for the month have been planned but not finalized • LGBTQ History Month Proclamation issued by Governor Wolf and a copy is available on stophiv.com <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 	9:12am to 9:15am
<p><u>Agenda Review</u></p>	9:15am to 9:16am
<p><u>Subcommittee Reports</u></p> <p>Sharita Flaherty presented the report for the Evaluation Subcommittee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explored activity # 3 regarding PEHTI (Pennsylvania Expanded HIV Testing Initiative). • Pleased that PEHTI now includes HEP C and STD testing, and Education around prep, pep came up with recommendations on how to foster the good work they are doing. • Six new activities will be reviewed for the 2019 planning year. <p>Robert Pompa presented the report for the Assessment Subcommittee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed the groups suggested modifications and did not come up with any additional modifications. • Reviewed recommendations from evaluation subcommittee and would like to add more perimeters for dates and timelines to comply with HRSA <p>SEE SUBCOMMITTEE SUMMARIES AT THE END OF MINUTES</p>	9:16am to 9:21am
<p><u>HPG Protocol Updates</u> Michael Hellman</p>	9:21am to 10:43am
<p><u>Break</u></p>	10:43am to 11:05am
<p><u>Intersectional Planning Priority Setting</u> David Givens</p>	11:05am to 11:44am
<p><u>Assessment Subcommittee IHPCP Recommendations</u> Corrine Bozich</p>	11:44am to 11:50pm
<p><u>Break</u></p>	11:50pm to 12:00pm

<u>Lunch</u>	12:00pm to 1:00pm
<u>Subcommittee Breakout</u>	1:00pm to 2:31pm
<p><u>Subcommittee Reports</u></p> <p>Robert Pompa presented the report for the Assessment Subcommittee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed process for making suggestions and the suggestions already made to include language of specific dates and timelines for accomplishing tasks. • There will be a stigma presentation at November meeting from Sarah Krier. Group had a discussion about the New Jersey HPG which includes a stigma subcommittee. The group discussed possibly inviting New Jersey HPG to share their framework and ideas with the Pennsylvania HPG. <p>Sharita Flaherty presented the report for the Evaluation Subcommittee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group continued going through their activities and covered activity #1. • The state gave a report on HIV testing which led to a discussion on making adjustments to the HIV testing component and linkage to care. Discussed including geo-mapping that would show where HIV testing is being done and identify areas where there is a lack of HIV testing. Had a conversation on making recommendations for entities working at a local level to be set up with a PPA or to perhaps become a part of the PEHTI program. • Discussed including more information about HIV testing in a corrections setting. The group doesn't know how testing is implemented at local and state levels. The group would like to learn more about what it looks like for people when they are tested in a corrections setting and how the opt-out process is implemented. Discussed possibly asking Dr. Levine to implement a statewide mandate for correction facilities to implement routine HIV testing. • Prioritized activities for 2019 and their plan is ready. Identified six major tasks for 2019 and will be keeping in mind the three major areas of their work that is to be reported on to the larger HPG planning body. <p>SEE SUBCOMMITTEE SUMMARIES AT THE END OF MINUTES</p>	2:34pm to 2:30pm
<u>Meeting Adjourned</u>	Adjourn at 2:40pm

Subcommittee Work Summaries

- Assessment Subcommittee put its efforts into reviewing all recommended changes to the Integrated Plan that were submitted. After minor edits and additions, these recommendations were then presented to the larger HPG body to undergo a vote. The HPG voted to submit all presented changes to the state. The HPCP is currently working on organizing these changes before final submission. The Assessment Subcommittee also evaluated the process of making this list of plan modifications to better inform the process for the next coming year.
- Evaluation Subcommittee received presentations on two activities under Strategy 1.1.1 - Intensify HIV prevention efforts in the communities where HIV is most heavily concentrated to reduce the number of new HIV infections by 10 percent. This included a presentation from PEHTI on expanding HIV screening, and a presentation from the Department of Health on allocation of funding and focused programming based on geographic location and high-risk populations of the epidemic. The subcommittee crafted recommendations for changes to the activities and future iterations of the IHPCP based on these presentations.

The possible recommendations for Activity #3 (all for PEHTI) included:

- o Explore expanding outreach/support in order to collaborate with county-level health departments
- o Continue developing Spanish language messaging for HIV/HCV/STI information
- o Examine possible methods help test sites monitor or measure the number of repeat testers (people who know their status)
- o Continue promoting best practices around HIV opt-out language

The evaluation subcommittee also began creating their 2019 work plan, which they will finish at the November meeting.