## **HIV Planning Group Meeting Minutes**

Best Western Premier Central Hotel and Conference Center 800 E. Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111 September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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Call to Order: Michael Hellman called meeting to order	Meeting
	commenced at
	9:07am
<u>Introductions</u> : HPG Members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.	9:07am to 9:13am
Members Present: Dominique Carollo, Sonny Concepcion, Liza Conyers, Daphne Curges, Miriam Degroat, Sharita Flaherty, Michael Hellman, Ella Kaplan, Teresa Lowery, Leah Magagnotti, Steven Nazario, Robert Pompa, Roy Spearman, Dane Stratford, Michael Witmer	
Members Absent: James Davis, Courtney Franklin, Shannon McElroy, Clint Steib, Greg Valdisera	
Planning Partners Present: Jeff Geibel (Drug and Alcohol), Nicholas Slotterback (Education), Bonnie Krampe (HIV Surveillance), Joanne Valentino (HOPWA), Susan Thompson (MAAETC), Nicole Risner (Medical Assistance), Doris Gascot (OMHSAS/Mental Health), Nicole Johns (Philly HIV Planning), Sharron Goode-Grant (Philly RW Part A Grantee), John Haines (SPBPAC), Kris King (STD Program)	
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Department of Health Staff: Cindy Findley, Kyle Fait, Cheryl Henne, Lisa Petrascu, Monisola Malomo, Marijane Salem-Noll, Jonathan Steiner, Jill Garland, Ja'Nae Tyler, Michelle Rossi, Godwin Obiri, Matthew James, Wendy Sweigart, Jocelyn Hillman, Qianli Gar, Katina Blair,	
University of Pittsburgh Staff: David Givens, Brian Adams, Corrine Bozich, Maura Bainbridge, Michael Zolovich	

Guests: Ken McGarvey (Community Member), Jeremy Sandberg (PEHTI), Cheryl Bumgardner (PACHC), Lou Montefiori (CNN Pharmacy), Cynseria Gorman (HHC), Jonathan L. Branch (GLO), Amanda Carter (GLO, LGBT Center)	
Moment of Silence for 9/11/2001 victims	9:13am to 9:14am
May Meeting Summary David Givens (HPCP)	9:15am to 9:20am
All of the meeting minutes and presentations are available online at wwwstophiv.com, including the HIV Refresher presentation from May	
<ul> <li>The objectives of the May meeting were:</li> <li>To inform and update the committee and guests on HIV prevention and carerelated news, trainings, and events across the commonwealth.</li> <li>The HP did accomplish its goal of sharing this information and disseminating it to larger stakeholder communities across Pa., both from members and the HIV News Bulletin.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>To examine the intersection of HIV and related, high priority health issues around: the intersection of HIV with racial health disparities in Pennsylvania.</li> <li>The HPG did accomplish the goal of fostering constructive dialogue with Office of Health Equity and learning more about racial disparities in health equity in Pa. Other components of this objective, such as gathering further information and using this collective know/edge to suggest improvements to the IHPCP, remain ongoing.</li> <li>The HPG also received a presentation from the HOME Program to advance their understanding of housing resources in Pa.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>To provide feedback or suggest improvements to various HIV or stakeholder related activities across the state, including The Division's Data-to-Care pilot, the first HPG Stakeholder Townhall meeting, and the Co-Chair's NASTAD report.</li> <li>The HPG did discuss and offer feedback on these items for the betterment of activities across the state.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>To advance the HPG's work on the Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan through:         <ul> <li>The assessment subcommittee's work receiving an update on the statewide stigma survey and delving into the HPG presentations and discussions around HIV and racial disparities in PA. As a result of this work, the subcommittee did pursue improving the IHPCP through researching HIV testing and transitions among incarcerated and newly released populations.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

The evaluation subcommittee's ongoing work measuring the progress being made in the state for HIV-related activities in the Plan. The subcommittee **did** successfully evaluate several IHPCP activities.

released populations.

To advance the operations of the HPG by electing an HPG Co-Chair Elect position, and to continue to promote a uniform basis of knowledge around HIV for the group through an HIV 101 refresher. The HPG did elect Rob Pompa as the Co-Chair Elect for 2019 (and thus the Community Co-Chair for 2020-2021) and did positively receive an HIV 101 refresher from HPG member Dr. Teresa Lowery.

The determinations of success and further action described here are based on the recommendations of the Steering Committee following the conclusion of the May meeting and their approved September meeting agenda.

### **Approval of May Meeting Minutes**

9:20am

9:20 to 9:27am

#### **Agenda Review & Meeting Objectives**

Mike Hellman (Community Member)

The objectives of the September 2019 Meeting are:

- <u>Objective</u>: To inform and update the committee and guests on HIV prevention and care-related:
  - o News, trainings, and events across the commonwealth
    - Purpose: for members and HPCP to utilize and disseminate the information shared here to larger stakeholder communities across Pa.
  - HIV or stakeholder related activities across the state, including the Division's statewide media campaign and the work with the HPG's planning partners in the Office of Health Equity.
    - Purpose: This follow-up report ensures that activities impacting communities and services around the state are continuing and advancing appropriately.
- <u>Objective</u>: To examine the intersection of HIV and related, high priority health issues. The issues this meeting include:
  - A follow-up on the intersection of HIV and Health Equity in Pennsylvania via racial disparities. The HPG Assessment subcommittee is examining what Division partners are doing around supporting communities of color who are disproportionally targeted and incarcerated in our state.
    - Purpose: The subcommittees findings and other Division collaboration with Office of Health Equity will develop recommendations or improvements to the 2021 Integrated Plan.
  - o Reports on the Division's HOPWA program.
    - Purpose: The HPG and then the Assessment subcommittee will use the data and reports from this meeting (and the previous meeting) to review the current state of housing for PLWH. The Assessment subcommittee can, if deemed necessary, develop

recommendations for the 2021 Integrated Plan or ongoing Division activities.

- <u>Objective</u>: To advance the important work around monitoring and improving the Integrated HIV Prevention and Care through:
  - the assessment subcommittee's work using MAAETC and PEHTI Presentations to:
    - [Purpose]: determine if more should be included in the IHPCP on HIV racial health equity and incarceration.
  - The assessment subcommittee's assessment of the HOPWA data and discussion to:
    - **[Purpose]:** determine if more information or goals on housing should be included in the new IHPCP.
  - The evaluation subcommittee's ongoing work monitoring the progress being made in the state for HIV-related activities in the Plan.
    - Purpose: This watchdog activity ensures that activities impacting communities and services around the state are continuing and advancing appropriately while also capturing any changes to current activities that need to be included in the next Plan.
- <u>Objective</u>: To review the composition of the HPG planning partners and HPG subcommittee structures ahead of a new planning year.
  - Purpose: To ensure that the HPG continues to accurately represent impacted communities and engage related organizational partners and can function optimally for the tasks that lie ahead.

Announcements 9:97am to 10:40am

**Division of HIV Disease, DOH** 

- Jill Garland (Division Director)
  - Dr. Lauren Robinson is leaving us. She was our Deputy Secretary for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. She and her new family are moving to Texas. We wish her well!
    - Cindy Findley has been promoted to our new deputy secretary.
    - Jill Garland will serve as acting Bureau of Communicable Diseases Director in the interim until an individual is hired.
  - Pa. Department of Health has officially signed on as community partner for the Prevention Access Campaign's U = U initiative
    - "Prevention Access Campaign is a community of people living with HIV, researchers, organizations, and other allies who share the common goals to end the dual epidemics of HIV and HIV-related stigma by empowering people with accurate and meaningful information."
    - Being a community partner means:

- Community partners agree with the scientific consensus statement of U = U
- "Community partners agree we can comfortably say that a person living with HIV who is on ART and has a sustained undetectable viral load for at least six months does not transmit HIV to sexual partners."
- "Community partners agree that the health and prevention benefits of viral suppression are platforms to underscore the importance of universal access to treatment and care for all people living with HIV worldwide."
- "Community partners agree that treatment is a personal choice, that treatment is first and foremost for personal health, that there are unjust barriers to accessing treatment, that not all people living with HIV will achieve an undetectable viral load, and there is no place for stigmatizing anyone living with HIV at any viral load."
- "Community partners agree to support the U = U message."
- Find out more at https://www.preventionaccess.org/community
- Pa. Department of Health 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> health department to sign on. This can be considered early adoption, which is a great thing for Pa.!
- Hepatitis A is still a significant issue in our state. Syphilis rates are also still very high. It's very important everyone considers this in their HIV prevention and care efforts as it is very relevant to what the HPG does.
- Dept. of Health Secretary Dr. Rachel Levine was recently voted in as the president of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO). It is a huge achievement for her, and we send our congratulations!
- Marijane Salem-Noll (Prevention Section)
  - Marijane and Godwin Obiri are working on the CDC grant submission for 2020.
  - They are still waiting on CDC to respond to carryover request for 2019 funds.
  - o Staffing:
    - Clerk Typist 3 still vacant position
    - Public Health Program Assistant Administrator submitting a name soon. This person will be a program officer for some of our county health departments and PPAs.
    - Capacity Building Coordinator a new hire will start September 30<sup>th</sup>.
    - Currently developing a Hepatitis C position in the prevention section
    - Also developing a Data to Care Assistant to assist Ja'Nae Tyler. It is a contracted position.

- A new Prevention Data Manager has also been brought on board. Welcome!
- Testing
  - Expanding our rapid test options to include Sure Check. We're still working out logistics. PETI field tested it and made some great recommendations for us to adopt the test.
  - Ja'Nae has been working with several health departments to expand Data to Care. She has expanded it to three pilot counties: Bucks, Montgomery, and Wilkes-Barre. We are also combining Data to Care with HI Navigation Services.
- Effective July 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 HIV Navigation Services will be expanding to more jurisdictions and health departments who provide Ryan White services
- Cheryl Henne (Care Section)
  - o Grant has been closed out. We're looking at closing our state fiscal year soon.
  - New contract years has begun for regional grantees- funding is being reviewed to make sure these grantees will be funded through the year
  - Staffing
    - Christine Quimby, our Public Health Program Administrator, has left. We have been quickly trying to fill her position. The interview process is over and a name has been submitted to HR
    - Our Public Health Program Assistant Administrator has left as well. Again, a name has submitted a name to HR. Both individuals should hopefully be on board by the beginning of October, if not sooner.
    - Clinical Quality Manager Position has been filled and that individual will start at the end of September.
  - Monitoring Activities
    - Monitoring season is about to begin
    - Will influence both the budget and our grant continuation
    - There will be a Reverse Site Visit in the middle of October. This is basically a Ryan White 101. HRSA teaches all the grant requirements.
  - HRSA bumped our Site Visit from December to January due to a conflict with NASTAD's national conference.
  - O Data project we have with providers submitting data to the Department is moving along. Sean, our data manger, has been working on this and we have a useable table we can extract from.
    - Sean has also looking on CareWare 6 designed to be a web based version of CareWare
    - We may not be entirely ready to go to a web-based version, but we'll at least be upgrading to localized version of it.
    - Clinical Quality manager will also be working on this
    - More info to come!
- John Haines (Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program):
  - Formulary last updated on the website on July 1st

- o Contraceptives (any type) are now on the formulary effective July 1<sup>st</sup>
- Continuing to work on creating Case Manager Portal
  - Looking to test it in mid-October
- Working on Insurance Recovery Projects
  - SPBP would pay drug claims up front and receive coverage through Medicaid – came from our last HRSA site visit
- Next meeting is at the Radisson Hotel in Camp Hill on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am

#### **Epidemiology**

- Godwin Obiri
  - o Comprehensive EPI profile done, approved, and published.
    - Please let Dr. Obiri know if there's anything you see in it you wish to make comments on or ask questions about
  - Observation in data about pregnant women being HIV positive
    - Noticed that there was some rebound in viral load. They achieved viral suppression up until delivery and then they lost it
    - Compiled data together and put together a presentation and would love to share information at an HPG meeting
    - Dr. Teresa Lowery- "Do we know why they are losing viral suppression?"
      - We're not sure why they are losing it. It might be because they pay so much attention to the baby that they lose track their own care.
    - Rob Pompa— "Do we know how long they have been virally suppressed prior to delivery?"
      - All we know is that by the time we got to them they had viral suppression
      - Rob Pompa "We might think about combining patients' HIV visits with baby visits at the doctor for a form of intervention."
    - Sharita Flaherty- "And a HNS (HIV Navigation Services) coordinator might also be a good form of intervention. It's something to keep in mind."
    - Dr. Obiri would love to do a presentation on it at the next HPG meeting
    - Susan Thompson "Philadelphia has a program where a case manager stays with a patient during her pregnancy and after her birth to make sure she's getting the proper care for both her and the baby. This might be something to consider doing."
    - Steven Nazario "Are we measuring the correlation between this trend and post-partum?"
      - It's definitely possible that post-partum could have a huge effect
      - We didn't technically study this but it's a valid point
      - Jill "I think this is a great illustration of the importance of using the data we identify and trying to find out action items and things that can be done based on what the data says."

#### **HPCP**

- Capacity Building trainings
  - o All are available on stopiv.com
  - Next training is for Motivational Interviewing on September 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> in Harrisburg
- Stakeholder engagement
  - We have a lot of tasks coming up in the next two years for the new plan
  - Hired Dr. Maura Bainbridge to help with these efforts. We welcome her and hope you get to meet her! Feel free to contact her at <a href="mab630@pitt.edu"><u>mab630@pitt.edu</u></a>
- Data to PrEP project
  - Dr. Sarah Krier is excited to announce it is underway and we have hired two staff members
- Dr. Mack Friedman
  - 9/21 will be Pittsburgh's Tony Silvestre Day. Tony founded HPCP in early 90's and was guiding light for Pitt with the HPG.
  - PMS 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary is on 9/21 as well. PMS is one of 4 sites in the US that spearheaded HIV research. We expect even one of our city council members will be there.
- Project GLO in Harrisburg introduced! (a SILK project)
  - o Please get in touch with them if you're interested
  - Our third SILK model replicate opening next month!
  - This is the only space in central PA for this type of community, Young Black MSM and Trans individuals (and allies!) ages 14-29.
  - o Remember, the SILK model is in the integrated plan because the HPG recommended it based on its positive impact

#### Announcements from the Philadelphia Area

- Sharron Goode-Grant (Philadelphia RW Part A Grantee)
  - O Philadelphia Department of Health received notice of funding for a CDC Initiative to end the HIV epidemic. Philly's plan is to eliminate new infections in the city of Philadelphia. The timeline will target reducing the rate of new HIV diagnoses by 75% by 2024 (meaning 34,281 individuals will be served).
    - This is a separate grant from their base grant
  - O Philadelphia Department of Health is also planning on applying for another HRSA grant. If awarded funding, the care service initiative can include information dissemination, public outreach, community engagement, implementation of emerging practices, rapid linkage to care, retention and reengagement in care, and many more.
  - Philly Keep on Loving will launch another campaign focusing on testing, scheduled to release end of September 2019
- Nicole Johns (Philadelphia HIV Planning Council)
  - The Philly Planning council is working very closely with the Philadelphia Department of Public Health to end the epidemic

- o The planning council carried out two of their most important activities this past summer for RW part A − set their service priorities in June and also completed the Part A funding allocations for 2020. Find all this info at <a href="https://www.hivphilly.org">www.hivphilly.org</a>
  - We also have a resource directory on the website that gives information on 400+ service providers in the Philadelphia area that provide HIV services, mental health services, drug and alcohol services, etc.
- Our blog has officially launched
- The council has been working on areas of inclusion, diversity, and accessibility this year in our membership among those living with HIV
- o The council is coming up on 20 years of existence
- The council's report around PrEP implementation in Philly has been approved by the council and is also on website. This report will be added on as an addendum to Philly's integrated plan.
- For the next planning year, the council is focusing more on housing for those with HIV, the impact of caregiving, engagement with youth around HIV prevention, and the opioid crisis and HIV.

#### **Community Members**

- Dr. Teresa Lowery
  - She is resigning from the Center for Public Health at Reading Hospital. She will not be providing direct HIV services anymore. We wish her well and hope she will continue to be involved!
- Steven Nazario
  - "I'm glad to see new faces around the table. We're doing the work that impacts individuals on an everyday basis. I'm very glad that I am here."
- Leah Maganotti
  - o If you're sending records or being asked to send records, read your consent forms carefully.
  - Patient records should never be shared without a patient's signed form of consent.

#### **Planning Partners**

- Susan Thompson MAAETC
  - o PrEP summit entitled "Engagement, Adherence, Retention" will be held in Pittsburgh on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>
  - There will be an "Erie HIV Update: Reducing Stigma and Improving Sexual Health" seminar on 10/22 in Erie.
  - MAAETC provides a HIV Preceptor and a Medically Assisted Preceptor regularly. Check maaetc.org for all seminars and dates.
  - We just finished a project eliminating Hepatitis C for people in Ryan White Care programs in Philly. As part of that, we offered a Hepatitis C preceptor. Since it was a huge success, we are looking for funding to continue it.
  - o We are also looking into creating PrEP preceptor.

- O Sharita Flaherty "Are all those who came to the Philadelphia Hepatitis C preceptor in Philadelphia or are they throughout the state? Is there a list somewhere of people who took this preceptor so we can make referrals for our patients?"
  - They were all form the five-county area, except for a few who came from out of state, but we want to extend it to the entire state of Pa. since it was such a hit and is such an important preceptor.
  - There's no list but you can call me and I'd happy to give you the name of someone who can provide the care.

#### • Kris King (STD)

- o STD is aware the rates Jill mentioned around syphilis are the highest they've been in 25 years
- STD program continues to push the messaging to the community and providers about the importance of STD testing and proper treatment
- STD strongly recommends that with each syphilis and STD test that here is an HIV tests and vice versa, since those at risk for one are very much at risk for another
- There has been 3 confirmed congenital syphilis cases so far in Pa. this year. We continue to push messaging around syphilis for pregnant women.
- We have a number of clinics throughout the state that provide HIV and STD tests at the same time.
- o Educational webinar on Syphilis will be provided to internal field staff and will hopefully be available to providers in the beginning of 2020

# • MMP (Medical Monitoring Project)

o Exceeded the benchmark for number of interviews for grant

<u>Break</u>	10:40am to
	10:55am
HPG Stakeholder Townhall Meeting Feedback and Debrief	10:55am to
Mike Hellman & HPCP staff	11:41am
HPG Planning Update and Planning Partner proposal (Part 1)	1141:am to
Dr. David Givens, HPCP	12:08pm
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Lunch	12:08pm to
	1:10pm
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<b>HIV Intersectional Planning: Housing Opportunities for People Living with HIV</b>	1:10pm to 1:25pm
Discussion Goals and what the current Plan includes on Housing	
Dr. David Givens, HPCP	

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HOPWA: The Division of HIV Disease and Housing for PLWH	
Pa. Regional Housing Summit Report	
Joanne Valentino, HOPWA Cheryl Henne, Care Section	
HIV Intersectional Planning: Housing Opportunities for People Living with HIV	1:45pm-2:45pm
HPG Discussion: Needs, Goals, and Barriers around Housing	1.45pm 2.45pm
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<u>Break</u>	2:45pm-3:01pm
Subcommittee Breakout #1	3:01pm to 4:35pm
Subcommittee Reports, Summaries, and Discussion	4:35pm to 4:45pm
ASSESSMENT SUBCOMMITTEE	
<ul> <li>Encourage Division to support the position of Housing Resource Advocate</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>The money will come from rebates. It will not take money from</li> </ul>	
HOPWA	
<ul> <li>Core training will include trauma informed care, resource management, and HIV 101</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Change the language in plan that includes "utilizing rebates to provide housing" to "utilizing rebates to support housing"</li> </ul>	
EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE	
The subcommittee will make these formal recommendations to the Assessment subcommittee around activities 16 and 17 in the IHPCP:	
• Activity 16:	
<ul> <li>Assess the consumption of written information (who is accessing written materials and how?)</li> </ul>	
• Activity 17:	
• Ensure that the DOH HIV website is user friendly for consumers.	
o Re-vamp the list of available testing locations in Pennsylvania that is	
accessible on the DOH HIV website	
<ul> <li>Include health departments when sending out health alerts</li> </ul>	
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# 9:06am to 9:11am Announcements **Division of HIV Disease, DOH** Jill Garland, Division Director o Pitt has successfully submitted the stigma survey through their IRB, now it just needs to go through ours. o Our department is requiring a little more information from Sarah Krier before it's officially okayed Kyle Fait o If you are an HPG member, please let Kyle know as soon as possible if you need a room for meetings. Rooms tend to book up very fast at the new hotel, so the more advanced notice the better. **Office of Health Equity** Their report on Racial Disparities in Pa. is now available to everyone on the back table and will also be sent out. **Nominations and Recruitment** If you're interested in joining the Nominations and Recruitment workgroup to review possible HPG member candidates for next year, please let David Givens or Mike Hellman know. They will meet over lunch to start their Please also do promote HPG membership as much as possible to any potential new members 9:11am-9:14am **Agenda Review** Subcommittee Breakout #2 9:14am to 11:30am Subcommittee Reports, Summaries, and Discussion 11:30am to 11:45pm ASSESSMENT SUBCOMMITTEE Add section that documents the counterproductive and harmful effects HIV criminalization and HIV sentence enhancements Encourage the Division to educate higher up leaders in the corrections system, as well as people in the legislative process **EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE** The subcommittee will make these formal recommendations to the Assessment subcommittee around activities 28 and 29 in the IHPCP: Activity 28: o Identify reasons that insurance premium payments requires a contract in place Activity 29: Utilize HPG to advocate for moving Activity 29 forward

HPG Planning Update and Planning Partner proposal (Part 2)	11:45am to 12:10pm
Dr. David Givens, HPCP	
<u>Lunch</u>	12:10pm to 1:11pm
Progress update on Racial Disparities Intersectional Planning	1:11pm to 1:31pm
Assessment Subcommittee	
Division update on Statewide Media Campaign	1:31pm to 1:43pm
Division of HIV Disease Staff	
Meeting Adjourned	Adjourned at 1:43pm
Steering Committee	1:43pm to 3:00pm
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