

The February 2020 HPG Meeting Recap

These were the goals for the February HPG meeting:

The HPG met to inform and update the committee and guests on developments in HIV prevention and care.

What we did	Why we did it	Was it completed?
Presented updates on news, trainings, and events across the commonwealth	so that the HPG, DOH, and HPCP could utilize and disseminate the information to larger stakeholder communities across PA.	Yes!

The HPG welcomed its new members through orientation.

What we did	Why we did it	Was it completed?
Offered a comprehensive, 2-day orientation that included an overview of the HPG, member roles and responsibilities, membership reflectiveness, HPG Travel, and HIV Surveillance data	so that both new and returning members could meet each other, understand HPG processes and tasks, and begin their work advising and driving HIV progress in PA	Yes!

The meeting examined the intersection of HIV and high priority health issues, as well as priority setting.

What we did	Why we did it	Was it completed?
The HPG reviewed and discussed how intersectional issues impact HIV and other relevant issues and how the HPG can tackle them.	The HPG completed an important clarifying discussion around the path they wanted to take for both intersectional issues and priority setting	Yes! (and intersectional issues are ongoing)

The HPG advanced its important work around monitoring and improving the Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan through subcommittee work.

What we did	Why we did it	Was it completed?
The assessment subcommittee reviewed and furthered their assessments of Housing and Transportation as intersectional topics	to create recommendations for monitoring or goals on housing and transportation for inclusion in the new IHPCP	Yes. Several possible improvements to the IHPCP were proposed.
The evaluation subcommittee continued monitoring the progress being made in	This watchdog activity ensures that activities impacting communities and	Ongoing!

the state for HIV-related activities in the Plan.	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.	
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In **May 2020**, both subcommittees met virtually:

What we did	Why we did it	Was it completed?
The assessment subcommittee reviewed the status of the Stigma Survey and elected a new Chair and Co-Chair	to continue their assessment of stigma in PA and elect leaders for the subcommittee	Ongoing/Completed. The voting was successfully completed.
The evaluation subcommittee discussed electing new subcommittee leaders, and also continued monitoring the progress being made in the state for HIV-related activities in the Plan.	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.	Ongoing! The committee deferred Co-chair voting.