

HIV Planning Group Town Hall Minutes

May 2023 Town Hall

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| 3:00pm- 3:05pm | <u>Call to Order, Welcome, Agenda and Ground Rules</u> Sonny Concepcion and Mari Jane Salem-Noll HPG Community Co-Chairs | |
| | <u>Attendance</u> HPG Members Present: Sonny Concepcion, Rob Pompa, Gary Snyder, Emma Seagle, Andre Ford, Leah Magagnotti, Rachel Schaffer, Liza Conyers, Sharita Flaherty, Shekinah Rose, Natasha Gorham, Shane Cobert, Clint Steib, Michael Witmer, Carlos Dominguez, Tammi Butler, Paul Kabera, Julia Sughrue, Lupe Diaz, Sofia Moletteri, Miguel Rodriguez, Ginger Scaife HPG Members Not Present: Ella Kaplan, Victor Hurlde, Marci Egel-Guzowski, Stephanie Knupsky, Michelle Troxell, Michael Tikili, Heshie Zinman, Joe Manino | |

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Planning Partners Missing: Corrections, Disability Services Agency, Drug and Alcohol, Health Equity, Medical Assistance, OMHSAS, Education, HOPWA, PA-FQHC, Viral Hepatitis, TB Program, Office of STDs

Division of HIV Disease/Department of Health Staff

Present: Jill Garland, Mari Jane Salem-Noll, Kyle Fait, Moira Foster, Michelle Rossi, Cheryl Henne, Joanna Stoms, Jonathan Steiner, Monisola Malomo, Maddison Toney, Cameron Schatz

Guests:

- Ann Ferguson, Howell Strauss, Edie Berstler, Bruce Schaffer, Karen Wilson, Eleanor Wilson, Nelson O. Diaz, Becky Ferguson (AIDS Care Group)
- Imani Boyde (3rd Ward)
- Desiree Surplus (ACME HIV Care/Prevention)
- Rachael Hernandez (Chester County Health Department)
- Jeremy Sandberg (Penn State)
- Alisha Freeman (COSA)
- Keith Burgess, James Smith (Family Services CC)
- Alana Leger, Bruce Weiss (Access Matters)
- Lisa Spacek (Novus)
- Kim Thomas, Casey Johnson (Viiv Healthcare)
- Tanasiah DeBarry, Kimberly Sabolcik, Regina Hamilton, Stephanie Hills, Audrey O'Connor, Daryl Northern, Yvonne Kingon, Jennifer McGhee, Kim Thomas, Mia Gay, Keith A. Carter, Chevanne Ellison-Littlejohn

University of Pittsburgh Staff: Corrine Bozich, David Givens, Mike Zolovich, Nayck Feliz, Greg Fisher, David Stefanac, Sarah Krier, DJ Stemmler, Harley Roth

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What is the HPG and the Integrated HIV Plan?

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| | David Givens, HPC | |
| 3:18pm- 3:35pm | <u>HPG work in action: Anti-Stigma in Pennsylvania</u> Sarah Krier, HPCP | |
| 3:35pm- 3:53pm | <u>HPG Member Panel</u> HPG Steering Committee and HPG Community members Sharita Flaherty, Shane Cobert, and Sonny Concepcion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All three members were asked to share about their experiences serving as HPG community members • All attendees were invited to ask the members questions | |
| 3:53pm- 4:04pm | <u>Break</u> | |
| 4:04pm- 4:55pm | <u>How the Division of HIV Disease addresses HIV in Pennsylvania</u> Division of HIV Disease Staff | |
| 4:55pm- 5:42pm | <u>Regional Spotlight and Discussion</u> Ann Ferguson, AIDS Care Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ann gave the group a presentation on the work the AIDS Care Group is doing and the services the group provides to those living with HIV • All attendees were invited to ask Ann questions | |
| 5:45-6:30 | <u>Dinner</u> | |
| 6:30- 7:15pm | <u>Town Hall forum: What is important to you?</u> Community Members, Stakeholders, and HPCP (moderators) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This time was used as an open forum for any community member, stakeholder, or provider to ask questions or voice concerns to the Pa. Division of HIV Disease directly | |
| 7:15pm | <u>Summary and Dismissal</u> Sonny Concepcion and Mari Jane Salem-Noll HPG Community Co-Chairs | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Both Sonny and Mari Jane thanked all the attendees for coming and for making it a great dialogue between the state and the community | |
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| <p>9:11am-9:12am</p> | <p><u>Approval of March 2023 Meeting Minutes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shane Cobert made a motion to approve the minutes. Andre Ford seconded the motion. • The Minutes were approved unanimously | |
| <p>9:12am-9:24am</p> | <p><u>Town Hall Recap and Discussion</u> HPG</p> | |
| <p>9:24am-9:26am</p> | <p><u>Announcements</u></p> <p><u>Division of HIV Disease Updates</u></p> <p><u>Care Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Management trainings through Mid-Atlantic AIDS Education Training Center (MAAETC) are in the process of being renewed. | <p>All announcements were compiled and sent out to attendees in advance along with supplemental</p> |

files and attachments

- In an effort to continue to grow the program, the Division has started an internal Innovative Projects Workgroup to evaluate and implement new initiatives. Some initiatives being piloted include medication dispensers and peer navigation projects. Recommendations of projects to be considered are welcome.
- 2023/2024 Contract Renewals with all Regional Grantees are nearly complete
- The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has made the Division aware that we need to submit a letter of concurrence/non-concurrence from the Philadelphia Part A recipient. We are working with the Division of HIV Health in obtaining the concurrence signature.

Clinical Quality Management (CQM):

- The CQM Workgroup conducted three days of rapid improvement events in April to complete the process steps for the quality improvement project focusing on Medical Case Management (MCM) Annual Retention in Services.
 - The developed program guidance, developed by the CQM Workgroup, will be made available after review and formal approval from the Department.

Housing Opportunities for People living with AIDS (HOPWA):

- The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) was submitted to Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in late March and is awaiting final approval from HUD.
- The 2023 HOPWA Action Plan was submitted timely.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- Monitoring continues with Project Officers working on completing all Participating Provider Agreements (PPAs) for non-clinical HIV testing by June.

- Ryan White Part B Regional Grantee monitoring occurs throughout the year.

To date: FHCCP, AIDSNet, United Way Wyoming Valley and PennWest have been completed.

- The Data Team worked on improving how we use data in our Data2Care program to identify People Living with HIV (PLWH) who may have fallen out of care so these individuals can be re-engaged into HIV medical care.
- DOH started a Quality Improvement Learning Collaborative to improve County Municipal Health Department (CMHD) performance measurements. CMHDs were asked if they would like to collaborate to improve measures around testing and partner services, discuss best practices and opportunities for technical assistance. Representatives from York, Bucks, Chester, Allegheny, and Allentown have volunteered their time to work on this activity.
- Project Officers and Program staff have started holding quarterly meetings with CMHDs to facilitate communication between Department of Health (DOH) and the local health departments, review performance measures, monitor spending and provide updates.
- Wendy Sweigart has left the Division as of April 21, 2023, to take a position with the Office of Medical Marijuana. Jan Davis has taken over as the project officer for PennWest.
- Joanna Stoms will be retiring as of June 16, 2023

Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program (SPBP)

- SPBP Advisory Council Meeting:
 - Remaining 2023 meeting dates:
 - Thursday, July 20, 2023 – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (conference call)

- Thursday, October 26, 2023 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (in-person – Penn Harris Hotel)
- SPBP website updates www.health.pa.gov/spbp
 - Pharmacy Network list updated 2/1/23
 - Covered Drug list updated 4/1/23
 - Sunlenca (lenacapavir) was recently added to the SPBP formulary. Sunlenca is the first in a new class of HIV treatment drugs called Capsid Inhibitors. After the initial starting doses, the drug is given subcutaneously every 6 months in combination with other antiretrovirals for heavily treatment experienced adults who are failing their current regimen.
 - MRx Enroll training videos for case managers and super admins are approved and are being added to the website

Prevention

- Capacity Building: Visit www.stophiv.com to register for upcoming trainings. The stophiv.com website is updated every 2-months with new training schedules. The new HIV Testing in Clinical Settings training is on the calendar for 2023. The Division is collaborating with MAETC in adding an HIV and Aging training to our capacity building schedule.
- Maddison Toney accepted the Public Health Program Administrator position to coordinate partner services and cluster activities. Her first day in this new role was May 1, 2023.
- The Status Neutral Navigation & Linkage Program (SNNLP) training is near completion. The SNNLP workgroup has been part of this process.

- HIV, TB/STD and Immunizations are collaborating on a Special Health Situations (SHS) Participating Provider Agreement (PPA) to allow for reimbursement for services provided when new diseases/public health threats are identified. For example, this PPA would allow for reimbursement for MPox vaccine administration. The SHS PPA is in the Departments approval process.
- Field Staff can now distribute Naloxone to clients at no cost. The request is a brief order form/pre-evaluation survey.
- Information on how to access free Naloxone through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency was sent to our PPAs.
- Chembio released a dual HIV/Syphilis platform rapid test. The STD program will be piloting this rapid test with our field staff to determine if this is a test we want to offer under our testing program.

HIV Surveillance and Epidemiology Updates

- Proactive HIV Laboratory Reporting and Management: we have created a new contractor position to oversee all aspects of HIV laboratory reporting to ensure accuracy and completeness. With the implementation of special projects, complete and rapid reporting of HIV laboratory test results have become very important. This contractor will assist in meeting this objective. We hope to have this position as soon as possible.
- While there are no new HIV cluster in recent months, we continue follow up activities on existing active clusters.

Viral Hepatitis

- May is Hepatitis Awareness Month!
- *Fliers for Hepatitis Awareness Month events attached in original announcements email*

Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH)/Division of HIV Health (DHH – formerly AACO)

- PDPH/DHH - PrEP Update for Providers, April 2023 – *see flier attached in following pages*
- The flyer for the Aging with HIV Symposium and share, with impacted community members who are interested in attending.
 - The link to register is here: [Aging and Thriving: Living Beyond HIV Diagnosis Tickets, Tue, May 23, 2023 at 8:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)
 - *Fliers attached in original announcements email*

HIV Prevention and Care Project (HPCP)/University of Pittsburgh

- Dr. Ken Ho to be honored with Kerry Stoner Award by the Allies for health + Wellbeing
 - Renowned infectious disease expert Dr. Ken Ho and former Allies for Health + Wellbeing board member and vice president will be presented with the annual Kerry Stoner Award at the Allies Ball on Friday, May 26.
 - *Articles attached in original announcements email*
- Pitt is currently in the process of hiring a Community engagement specialist and an HIV Planning Lead specialist to fill Maura Bainbridge and Brian Adams' old positions, respectively.

MidAtlantic AIDS Education and Training Center (MAAETC)

- Upcoming trainings and webinars – *see event descriptions attached in following pages*
- MAAETC will be hosting an in-person conference on HIV and Aging titled *Beyond the Limits of HIV and*

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| | <p><i>Aging: Prevention, Treatment, and Resilience on June 12th in Pittsburgh</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Flier attached in original announcements email</i> | |
| 9:26am-9:50am | <p><u>Icebreaker/Game Activity</u> HPG and Mike Zolovich, HPCP</p> | |
| 9:50am-12:00pm | <p><u>HPCP Project Spotlight: Anti-Stigma Project Overview & Discussion</u> Sarah Krier and Harley Roth, HPCP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The HPG agreed to skip morning subcommittee time in favor of a longer discussion around the anti-stigma project and what HIV stigma looks like in Pennsylvania | |
| 12:00pm-1:00pm | <p><u>Lunch</u></p> | |
| 1:00pm-2:05pm | <p><u>Subcommittee Breakout Sessions</u> HPG Subcommittees</p> | |
| 2:05pm-2:19pm | <p><u>Subcommittee Breakout Summaries</u> Subcommittee Co-Chairs</p> <p>Evaluation Subcommittee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Evaluated activities 43, 44, 45, and 46 in the IHPCP. ● Michelle Schlegelmilch, the CQM workgroup lead, presented on all four activities, the CQM process, some of the deliverables, and why those activities are specific to Ryan White Services. ● The group had no specific recommendation around these activities after the presentation <p>Assessment Subcommittee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Received an update on the PrEP media campaign project from the HPCP - It's still actively ongoing on Instagram and Facebook in Allegheny County, with the goal of expanding it further. HPCP found that lack of proper awareness about PrEP. They also pointed out some barriers women may experience in getting on PrEP. | |

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| | <p>They're looking at different ways to evaluate the effectiveness of this project as well</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received an update from the Partner Elicitation project. The group requested a longer and more in-depth presentation about this project so they can make recommendations on how to guide it and move it forward. • David Givens presented on the Rural Care Outreach and Education project the HPCP is working on, focusing on Hep C, substance use, and HIV Education. There will be two events in Pa. The group is excited to see where this project goes since it's a new way of getting information out and educating the community in a non-typical way. • DJ Stemmler noted that the National Disability Survey will come out later this year. The group will see if the survey includes HIV. If it is not included, the group will recommend that the full HPG make a formal recommendation to include it in the survey. | |
| <p>2:19pm- 3:26pm</p> | <p><u>Workgroup Updates: CQM, Employment, Status Neutral, Protocols</u></p> <p>Workgroup Leads and Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CQM – did not present but will give an update at July meeting • Employment – working on coordinating the next meeting • Status Neutral- Working on shoring up documents for the trainings and the training itself. Both are moving along pretty smoothly. Everyone hoped to get all of that a lot of that wrapped up by January 1st but it looks more like that deadline will get pushed back • Protocols – meeting often and will have items to present to the HPG at the July meeting. Items discussed included: clearer language around ad-hoc groups, how often the group should meet once the protocols are updated, a glossary of acronyms that appear consistently through the document, clarification on minimum and maximum numbers language, inclusive language, and general typos/edits. | |

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| 2:36pm | <p><u>Meeting Summary and Adjournment</u> Sonny Concepcion and Mari Jane Salem-Noll HPG Community Co-Chairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sonny adjourned the meeting | A detailed summary of the meeting will be emailed to all attendees. |
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