

HIV Planning Group Town Hall Minutes

July 2022 Town Hall

July 20th, 2022

Meeting held in-person and virtually via Microsoft Teams.

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3:08pm	<u>Call to Order and Welcome</u> Sonny Concepcion and Mari Jane Salem-Noll HPG Community Co-Chairs	Sonny called the meeting to order
3:08pm- 3:10pm	<u>Attendance</u> HPG Members Present: Rob Pompa, Gary Snyder, Marci Egel-Guzowski, Stephanie Knupsky, Emma Seagle, Andre Ford, , Sonny Concepcion, Leah Magagnotti, Rachel Schaffer, Liza Conyers, Sharita Flaherty, Michelle Troxell, Ginger Scaife, James Chapman HPG Members Not Present: Chris Benson, Jessica Burdick, Cornelius Holmes, Daniel Pipkin, Michael Latady, Shauna Weible, Victor Hurlde, Natasha Gorham, Shane Cobert, Clint Steib, Michael Witmer, Ella Kaplan, Carlos Dominguez, Michael Tikili, Joe Mannino	Attendees were either in-person or on Microsoft Teams

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<p>3:10pm- 3:15pm</p>	<p><u>Monkey Pox Update</u> Mari Jane Salem-Noll Director of the Division of HIV Disease and HPG Community Co-Chair</p>	
<p>3:15pm- 4:10pm</p>	<p><u>What is the HPG and the Integrated HIV Plan?</u></p>	<p>Town hall attendees</p>

	David Givens, HPCP & HPG Member Panel	were invited to ask questions after the presentation
4:10pm-4:51pm	<u>How the Division of HIV Disease addresses HIV in Pennsylvania</u> Division of HIV Disease Staff	Town hall attendees were invited to ask questions after the presentation
4:51pm-5:05pm	<u>Break</u>	
5:05pm-5:35pm	<u>Dinner</u>	Anyone who RSVP'd was invited to attend dinner
5:35pm-6:10pm	<u>Regional Spotlight and Discussion</u> Leah Magagnotti, PA Thrive Partnership	Town hall attendees were invited to ask questions after the presentation
6:10pm-7:00pm	<u>Town Hall Forum – What do you think?</u>	All attendees were invited to ask any questions about the HPG's work
7:00pm	<u>Summary and Dismissal</u> Sonny Concepcion and Mari Jane Salem-Noll HPG Community Co-Chairs	Sonny and Mari Jane adjourned the meeting

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9:05am- 9:23am	<u>Town Hall Discussion</u> HPG	The HPG discussed what went well and what could be improved from the town hall
9:23am- 9:33am	<u>Introductions and Attendance</u> HPG Members Present: Rob Pompa, Gary Snyder, Marci Egel-Guzowski, Stephanie Knupsky, Emma Seagle, Andre Ford, Sonny Concepcion, Leah Magagnotti, Rachel Schaffer, Liza Conyers, Sharita Flaherty, Michelle Troxell, Ginger Scaife,	Attendees were either in-person or on Microsoft Teams

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<p>9:33am-9:58am</p>	<p><u>Town Hall Discussion (cont.)</u></p>	

<p>9:58am-10:03am</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"> • Final Notice of Award (NoA) received June 16, 2022, for Ryan White Part B/SPBP- \$37.5 million received for total award • Progress Report due to HRSA at the end of July (this was previously reported to HPG as due in June, that was an error) • Case Management Workgroup is working on updating the Medical Case Management (MCM) and non-MCM Standards • Medical Case Management training with Mid Atlantic AIDS Education Training Center (MAAETC) will begin in the next few months <p>CAREWare:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAREWare Centralization project continues, project is expected to be completed early 2023 • 10 Providers have been centralized to date <p>Clinical Quality Management (CQM):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022 Quality Improvement Project: Medical Case Management Best Practices for Maintaining/Updating Client Contact Information document was approved and distributed to the Regional Grantees 6/24/2022. Full implementation was requested to be completed by 7/24/2022. • CQM Workgroup is using the CQM Plan Review Checklist to evaluate the 2022 CQM Plan content in preparation of the 2023 CQM Plan. 	<p>Full announcements were compiled and distributed as a flier in advance to all members, planning partners, Division staff, and guests</p>
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- Ryan White Part B service category utilization data 1/1/2022-8/31/2022 will be used as a foundation for the 2023 CQM Plan.
- 2023-2024 CQM Workgroup member recruitment will soon begin. The CQM Workgroup membership is representative of HPG, department staff and 1 representative from each of the regional grantees. Current members will have the option to continue to serve or end their participation 12/31/2022. An email about this was sent out. If you are interested in joining the CQM workgroup, or know others who may be, reach out to Michelle Schlegelmilch at c-michesch@pa.gov

Housing Opportunities for People living with AIDS (HOPWA):

- The 2022 HOPWA Action Plan was approved sent to DCED for submission to HUD. Once approved by HUD, the action plans are published on the HUD website.
- HUD released CPD-22-09 on June 15, 2022, which outlined the availability and application process for new Expedited Regulatory Waivers being offered for HUD Grants to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and limit COVID-19's ongoing impact on programs.

There were three waivers that applied to the HOPWA Program:

- Time-Limits for Short-Term Housing Facilities and Short-Term Rent
- Mortgage, and Utility Payments, Space Security
- Self-Certification of Income and Credible Information on HIV Status

The CPD also outlined HUD's allowance for flexibilities in Housing Quality Standard- Inspection of Unit requirements. These flexibilities allow for programs to continue the use of virtual inspections by proxy for initial inspections.

- The Department is reviewing the CPD and determining if the Pa. HOPWA program needs qualify for use of the waivers.
- HUD released CPD-22-10, Clarification of the Rent Standard Requirement for the HOPWA program, on June 29, 2022.

This notice reviewed the HOPWA Rent Standard requirement for Grantees, outlined the HUD approved methods in determining a Rent Standard, and provided new options for how Grantees can establish Rent Standards for their program.

HOPWA programs now have the option to submit personalized Rent Standards to HUD for approval. This allows for HOPWA programs to design Rent Standards to address the specific housing and rent issues within their program and can include varying Rent Standards between different regions within a program's oversight.

- The Department will be working with Regions to conduct research and collect the necessary data and feedback to create a plan for submission to HUD

Monitoring and Evaluation

- We have requested that the regions return to in-person monitoring of their providers
- DOH will begin in person monitoring starting with the County Municipal Health Departments (CMHDs) in September
- All the contracts have been sent to the regions for signature except PennWest which is delayed due to a naming convention issue
- The Delaware County Health Department contract is in the DOH approval process

Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program (SPBP)

- SPBP Advisory Council Meeting:

- Next meeting: Thursday, July 28th 10am-12pm (virtual meeting)
- In-person meeting on Thursday, October 27th, 10am-3pm (Penn Harris Hotel in Camp Hill, PA)
- The SPBP Covered Drug List effective July 1, 2022, has been updated on the SPBP website: Professional Report (pa.gov)
- The English full and express enrollment applications have been updated on the SPBP website:

Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program Full Application - Effective May 2022.pdf (pa.gov)

Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program Express Application - Effective May 2022.pdf (pa.gov)

The Spanish applications will be updated on the website as soon as the translation is complete.

Prevention

- Staffing: Savannah Runco filled the Public Health Program Associate 2 position for HIV/HCV testing. This position reports to Jon Steiner. She comes to us from the Florida Department of Health, where she previously held positions as an Epidemiologist in COVID-19 Response and Emergency Preparedness. She is the new HIV/HCV Testing associate, working with Jon Steiner to review, analyze, and improve HIV and HCV testing programs across the commonwealth. We are excited to welcome her to the team.
- Capacity Building: Visit www.stophiv.com to register for upcoming trainings. The [stophiv.com](http://www.stophiv.com) website is updated every 2-months with new training schedules.

HIV Surveillance and Epidemiology Updates

- Staffing:

- Bonnie Krampe who retired in September 2021 has returned as an Annuitant. We are pleased to have her back and she is helping us on some special projects
- Heather Bossie was hired in June 2022 as an Epidemiology Program Specialist to assume the position vacated by Emily Tholen. She will be one of our HIV disease investigators.
- While there are no new HIV clusters in recent months, we continue to investigate seven active clusters.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will be conducting a site visit of the HIV Medical Monitoring Project from July 27-29, 2022.

Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH)/AIDS Activities Coordinating Office (AAO):

- JAIDS Special Issue - "Strengthening HIV Prevention Services Through an Implementation Science Approach: Perspectives From the HIV Testers in Philadelphia"
- See the article here:
<https://tinyurl.com/StrengtheningHIV>
- AAO Staff Authors - Kathleen A. Brady, MD and Mary E. Torres, MBA and Javontae L. Williams, MPH

MidAtlantic AIDS Education and Training Center (MAAETC)

Here is a list of Upcoming Events from the

- Tuesday August 2, 2022 from 1:00pm – 2:00pm ET – Overview of the 2021 CDC PrEP Guidelines and Related Clinical Pearls
 - Presented by the Delaware Regional Partner of the MidAtlantic AETC.
 - This lecture serves as a relevant overview of the updated 2021 CDC PrEP Guidelines as well as a

practical clinical perspective on the prescribing of oral PrEP.

- [Click Here for Event Details & Registration](#)
- Tuesday, August 9, 2022 from 1:00pm – 2:00pm ET – An Ounce of PrEP: A HIV PrEP Medication Review
 - Presented by the Delaware Regional Partner of the MidAtlantic AETC.
 - Participants of this event will learn how to recall CDC guideline recommendations for safe and effective PrEP use, identify medication options for PrEP and the drug information guiding their use, review the literature that informs the use of PrEP agents, and apply knowledge of PrEP to an example patient case
 - [Click Here for Event Details & Registration](#)
- Thursday, August 11, 2022 from 10:00am – 11:15am ET – Partnership: Why it Matters and How to Build It
 - Presented by the University of Pittsburgh Regional Partner of the MidAtlantic AETC
 - By the end of this session, the learner will be able to identify unique challenges if serving individuals at risk of STI/HIV and Substance Use Disorder, discuss 3 strategies for building a trusting partnership with the individuals you serve, and practice 3 strategies for building a trusting partnership with the individuals you serve
 - [Click Here for Event Details & Registration](#)
- Tuesday, August 16, 2022 from 9:00am – 10:00am ET – HIV Prevention: Are you utilizing all of your tools?
 - Presented by the Delaware Regional Partner of the MidAtlantic AETC
 - This session will describe the benefits of the Status Neutral Approach in normalizing and de-stigmatizing HIV testing. Treatment plans for HIV- and HIV+ for newly diagnosed will be explored. Explore potential resources that are available. Will take a deeper dive into the barriers and stigma of PrEP through a trauma-informed lens.
 - [Click Here for Event Details & Registration](#)
- Tuesday, August 30, 2022 from 8:00am – 4:15pm ET – Ending the HIV Epidemic Conference: Implementing

	<p>Screening for Substance Use, Mental Health, HCV and STIs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presented by the MidAtlantic AETC, STD/HIV Prevention Training Center at Johns Hopkins and the Central East Addiction Technology Transfer Center ○ The topics of discussion include the Syndemics of HIV, communication skills and best practices, harm reduction, STI, HCV screening and integrating in primary and HIV care, substance use disorder screening, and mental health screening for suicide. Information on screening will also include an introduction to intervention best practices. ○ In-person registration: https://www.maaetc.org/events/view/20461 ○ Virtual registration: https://www.maaetc.org/events/view/20496 	
10:03am-11:58am	<p><u>Integrated HIV Prevention (IHPCP) and Care Update and Discussion</u> David Givens, HPCP</p>	The HPG looked over the activities in the draft of new IHPCP. They asked questions about and made slight edits to specific activities.
11:58am-12:55pm	<p><u>Lunch</u></p>	
12:55pm-12:57pm	<p><u>Approval of May 2022 Minutes</u> HPG</p>	The May 2022 HPG meeting minutes were approved unanimously
12:57pm-1:21pm	<p><u>Integrated HIV Prevention (IHPCP) and Care Update and Discussion (cont.)</u> David Givens, HPCP</p>	The HPG decided to continue the

		IHPCP discussion and move the HIV Navigation Services presentation to the September meeting
1:21pm-2:32pm	<u>Subcommittee Breakout Sessions</u> HPG Subcommittees	
2:32pm-2:49pm	<u>Subcommittee Breakout Summaries</u> Subcommittee Co-Chairs	
	<p>Evaluation Subcommittee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The subcommittee broadly reviewed the 94 activities in the draft of the new IHPCP. They considered multiple options for evaluating activities starting next year. • Pitt will provide a sample work plan for the subcommittee as they continue to consider how to effectively evaluate the activities in the Plan. This tentative work plan will be discussed at the September HPG meeting. • Both Sharita Flaherty and Clint Steib’s terms as HPG members are ending in 2022. They both must wait a year before reapplying. As such, the committee will have to hold elections in the coming months to elect two new co-chairs. <p>Assessment Subcommittee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In regards to the next phase of the anti-stigma project, the subcommittee is looking into a Community readiness assessment. The committee discussed purpose of it and what they hope to obtain from it. They’re utilizing the Tri Ethnic Center for Prevention and Research Communities Readiness Handbook as a guide since they've already done this type of work. The focus right now will be 	

	<p>southwest, South Central and AACO and that was based off of epidemiology data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those that will be targeted are healthcare staff, clients themselves, and leadership within the Ryan White facilities. The group discussed who within the facilities might be asked, or how the questions we're going to come about or what questions were going to be asked. • This is only phase one. From there, the group will focus on groups on a larger scale in those regions. 	
2:49pm	<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 	<p>A detailed summary of the meeting will be emailed to all attendees.</p>