



IHIPC Epidemiology/Needs Assessment Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday September 5th 2019, 10am – 11am

Attending: M. Andrews – Conrad, J. Charles, J. Filicette, C. Hicks, C. Hoffman, C. Jackson, F. Ma,

Co-Chair M. Maginn, J. Maras, A. Meirick, C. Rodriguez, C. Ward, R. Wheeler

Absent: **Co-Chair** N. Holmes, J. Nuss, C. Rodriguez

Welcome and Introductions - Name, Agency/Region, Preferred Pronouns (optional). See above.

- 1) Nominations and Vote on Epi/NA Committee Co-Chair** – M. Maginn began by opening nominations for Epi/NA Committee co-chair to replace N. Holmes, who is becoming the Community co-chair for the IHIPC in 2020. J. Charles nominated himself, there were no other nominations. M. Maginn asked for a roll call vote and it was unanimous among the attendees in the affirmative, and M. Maginn welcomed him to the position. J. Charles thanked the committee for their confidence in him.
- 2) Review Root Cause Analysis from August Meeting** – M. Maginn started with a review of root cause analysis strategies identified by the EPI/NA committee and presented at the IHIPC webinar on 8/15/19. M. Andrews-Conrad gave an example of an IHIPC response to one of the strategies: implementing a Positive Lived Experience feature in the IHIPC newsletter in order to bring the experiences of HIV positive individuals forward. M. Maginn continued by asking if the committee had suggestions for activities that would help implement some of these strategies, and explained one resource related to the linkage to care among youth and engagement with social media: IPHA is scheduling social media trainings focused on engagement of youth into care throughout the state. The training is open to everyone, so he suggested forwarding the schedule to Marleigh for possible distribution to the IHIPC. A. Meirick added information concerning successful work being done through an advisory group in communities of color with HIV positive and negative individuals by including their thoughts and experiences in a marketing campaign. She mentioned that this inclusion has had a positive effect on how the campaign is viewed in the community. A. Meirick also mentioned that youth had asked for blog content at focus groups. Further discussion led to suggesting that IHIPC members operating similar programs focused on engagement be asked for schedules and content information that may be shared with all IHIPC members. The implementation process of these strategies and the need for effective tracking of progress was discussed in depth and it was agreed that more dialog was necessary. M. Andrews-Conrad reminded the committee about the IHIPC activities chart and that it or a template similar to it could be used for this purpose.

3) 2020 Objectives - M. Maginn explained that when reviewing the 2019 objectives he did not identify any that might be eliminated. Dates would need to be changed to match next year's schedule. It was noted that the Priority Populations and Risk Group Definitions presentations and vote are now set to occur every three years to follow the grant cycle, and that the current recommendations (voted on at the June 2019 meeting) would be in effect until the current grant cycle ends in 2021. M Andrews-Conrad mentioned that objectives 8, 9, and 10 need review along with how the information was presented to the IHIPC. Following much discussion that helped to explain the information and how it was generated, M. Maginn recommended that the committee continue discussions on these objectives at future meetings.

Note: M. Andrews-Conrad mentioned that S. Frank the liaison from Substance Use Prevention and Recovery has transitioned her position on this committee to one of her staff named James Kalowsky. The committee thanks S. Frank and looks forward to working with J. Kowalsky if he chooses to join this committee.

Next meeting: October 3rd, 2019, 10am – 11am.