



IHIPC Epidemiology/Needs Assessment Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday January 9th, 10am – 11am

Attending: M. Andrews – Conrad, **Co-Chair** J. Charles, J. Filicette, C. Hicks, K. Hoffman, T. Howard, C. Jackson, J. Kowalski, L. Lewis, F. Ma, **Co-Chair** M. Maginn, J. Maras, A. Meirick, P. Murphy, J. Nuss, C. Rodriguez, C. Ward, R. Wheeler

Absent: K. Hoffman, N. Holmes

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

1) New member announcements and mentoring opportunities. The committee welcomed new members Tawana Howard from the St. Clair County Health Department and Rev. Lamont Lewis from Elohim Urban Mission in Chicago. M. Maginn volunteered to be mentor to Rev. Lewis and J. Charles volunteered to be mentor to T. Howard.

2) Discussion regarding “Addressing Stigma in HIV” presentation for March IHIPC meeting. M. Maginn reminded the committee that the Medical Monitoring Project data report released by the CDC and a fact sheet summary were distributed to the IHIPC membership. Work done by the Getting to Zero project and other committees should be included. J. Nuss explained that the Power Point presentation will be only part of the session with emphasis on group discussion. This committee can help by suggesting group discussion questions or activities to generate ideas for overcoming stigma. K. Hoffman is working on slides for an overview of what stigma is for the committee to review. ***A Meirick was not able return to the call and sent her comments as an email that I am including.*** “My sharing comment/thought centers around intercept of racial inequities & stigma >>> consider a structural intervention within organizations delivering services. For example, TPQC 2020 cultural competency training will be delivered in parts (1x per month = 12 months continuous training). We will be listening to the Duke University Seeing White podcast episodes with facilitated discussion with staff. I strongly feel the low-hanging fruit is creating change within the organizations delivering services, with the goal to ensure creating a workplace environment where people of color/lived experiences can be recruited and retained within the organization to improve the delivery of care>>> end HIV.”

3) Risk group recommendation submission updates. J. Nuss will send an email requesting recommendations for new risk groups for prioritizations to the IHIPC membership. Any recommendations will be forwarded to the Co-Chairs for review at the next EPI/NA meeting.

Next meeting: February 6th, 2020, 10am – 11am.