



IHIPC Epidemiology/Needs Assessment Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday February 6th, 10am – 11am

Attending: Co-Chair J. Charles, J. Filicette, C. Hicks, N. Holmes, T. Howard, Jackson, J. Kowalski, A. Meirick, P. Murphy, J. Nuss, C. Rodriguez, C. Ward, R. Wheeler, M. Maginn,

Absent: M. Andrews – Conrad, K. Hoffman, L. Lewis, F. Ma, J. Maras

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

1) Discussion regarding “Addressing Stigma in HIV” presentation for March IHIPC meeting.

J. Charles asked the committee for recommendations for changes to the Stigma and HIV presentation draft created by M. Andrews-Conrad and K. Hoffman. The committee discussed how changes in treatment and prognosis for PLWH have affected the intensity and types of stigma surrounding HIV and AIDS. J. Nuss suggested including information from the **MMP Community Advisory Board Meeting** presentation regarding stigma experienced by PLWH broken down by clinic type and individuals that were and were not accessing Ryan white services. J. Nuss also suggested using the document **Intersectional and Structural Stigma: Findings on HIV Stigma and Resilience from the Stigma Index in the United States- Andrew Spieldenner, Ph.D.** provided to the committee by M. Maginn which references mechanisms for addressing stigma. N. Holmes commented that including information about the **trauma informed approach** and how it helps address issues such as HIV related stigma is important. J. Charles and M. Maginn will work on-the Addressing Stigma in HIV presentation and have it ready for review during the EPI/NA committee meeting March 5th in order that topics and questions for discussion can be developed for the IHIPC March 16th meeting. Questions that might prompt discussion were suggested such as “what do you do in your daily work with PLWH that helps to reduce stigma” and “what are ways that your agency addresses stigma”.

2) Risk group recommendation submission updates.

J. Nuss brought the recommendation adding the following criteria to the HRH definition – **African American female who has had unprotected sex with an African American male released from incarceration within the last 24 months**. She summarized several pieces of research that pointed to an elevated risk for this group, some of which were emailed to the committee along with the recommendation prior to this meeting. C. Hicks commented that a similar definition was used in the past which did not specify race, and that found few seropositive results. J. Nuss commented that because those factors have been removed from the risk group definitions, we aren’t able to analyze more recent Illinois testing data to see if that has changed. This discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

Next meeting: March 5th, 2020, 10am – 11am.