



## IHIPC Epidemiology/Needs Assessment Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup> 2020, 10am – 11am

**Attending:** M. Andrews – Conrad, **Co-Chair** J. Charles, J. Filicette, C. Hicks, N. Holmes, C. Jackson, F. Ma, **Co-Chair** M. Maginn, J. Maras, J. Nuss, A. Meirick, C. Rodriguez, C. Ward,

**Absent:** C. Hoffman, T. Howard, L. Lewis, P. Murphy, R. Wheeler

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

- 1) **Review final “Addressing Stigma in HIV” presentation and materials for March IHIPC meeting. Formulate questions for discussion period.** M. Maginn gave an overview of the presentation pointing out that the discussion portion will be the main focus. He highlighted the important differences between stigma and discrimination as well as the negative impact these influences can have on health outcomes for individuals living with HIV. J. Charles will facilitate the discussion for the IHIPC membership following the presentation. J. Nuss recommended adding a slide that ties this presentation to the Illinois GTZ plan, highlighting how stigma impacts health outcomes. EPI committee members discussed ways they are addressing health equity and stigma in their organizations and how they can highlight these efforts during the question and answer portion of the presentation.
- 2) **Risk group recommendation submission updates.** No new submissions besides the two briefly discussed in last month’s call have been received. The two submissions are *impact of partner incarceration on HIV among AA females* and the narrowed definition for *People who Inject Drugs: HIV positive and HIV negative People who Inject Drugs (PWID) - prioritization of HIV and/or HCV testing among PWID*. M. Maginn mentioned that Harm Reduction providers he has discussed the prioritization of HCV testing with follow up HIV testing for seropositive results approve of the change - as long as progress with HIV testing is not negatively affected. C. Rodriguez reported that a project he is part of in sixteen southern Illinois counties testing PWIDs resulted in many HCV positive results which has given rise to stigma issues. The discussion will be continued during the next committee call.
- 3) **Begin discussion / review data for prioritized populations for 2021-2023 (presentation at April meeting).** M. Andrews-Conrad gave a review of the prioritized population 2020 document

highlighting the changes from the previous year's document. M Andrews-Conrad will create the presentation that will be presented at the March IHIPC meeting.

- 4) **Review HIV and STD 2020 Epi Presentations** M. Maginn stated that the presentation developed by C. Ward was comprehensive and appropriately concise. J. Nuss reminded the committee to review the presentation and provide input to C. Ward for questions that she may use to prompt discussion among the full committee membership. The suggestions or comments can be forward to the committee co-chairs, M. Andrews-Conrad, J. Nuss, or sent to C. Ward directly, prior to the March meeting.

**Note:** [Review 2019 Care and Prevention service delivery presentations, providing input for 2020](#) was not discussed do to time constraints.

**Next meeting:** [To be decided.](#)