



Needs Assessment Project (NAP) Team
CHPC Data and Assessment Committee
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Anthony reminded the group that this plan is an effort to create a stronger connection with other HIV planning groups and their needs assessment activities, and is a way of making sure our group is informed of the key work being done by others in order to help in the development of the statewide plan.

Anthony states to the group that these three presentations will be the topic for a rich discussion about what we have learned from these studies and what we would like to see moving forward.

Anthony asks group if there are any questions or concerns with this approach.

- No questions or concerns from group.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING SUMMARY

NAP members approve by consensus the May 18, 2022 meeting summary.

PRESENTATION FROM RYAN WHITE PART B

Anthony introduces Mitchell and Mukhtar to begin their presentation for the group.

NAP members review the findings from 2022 statewide Persons With HIV (PWH) needs assessment survey from RW part B.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GROUP

Anthony thanks Mitchell and Mukhtar for presenting and for providing an opportunity for the group to ask questions/comments and have a space for discussion.

- Question from Angelique Croasdale-Mills: Slide 1.7 was this done for all pop or those individuals who identified needing this services?
 - Mitchell: All slides are people who indicated they could not access this service.
- Question from Angelique: Was there a question for did you know if the services was available?
 - Mitchell: I don't recall that there was.
- André L. McGuire: It is significant that Men were unable to receive Domestic Violence assistance. It seems there are significant areas where men are unable to get services. Employment, Utilities and likely housing.
- Angelique asks, do we pay water bill with RW funding?
 - Mitchell: I'd have to check the service standards! Can't recall off the top of my head
- Melanie Alvarez: Do folks really understand STIGMA and the impacts that would make them know whether stigma was impacting them?
 - Mitch explained that case managers were available to explain and/or answer any questions respondents may have.



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- André L. McGuire: For future reference: Most time stigma is only discussed with reference to the gay community. The questions are not set to cover all instances of stigma. They actually need to make sure persons living with HIV and reflective of the disease are on the committee developing the tool itself.
- Question from Melanie: How many people had help answering the survey with a case manager?
 - Mitchell: 60% of the respondents had help.
- Anthony J. Santella: Next time, should do a reading level check on instrument because education doesn't mean literate.
- Mitchell suggests a future needs assessment for oral health.

UPDATE ON WORKFORCE TRAINING COORDINATION

Anthony transitions to Workforce training and thanks Bob and Xavier for their work in securing Melita Arms as the presenter for the training, *Understanding the Complexity of Mental Health and HIV*, on Wednesday June 29th from 12:00-1:00pm.

When the NAP group meets again in July, planning will resume for the Fall training.

NEXT STEPS

Anthony describes the NAP meeting items outlined for July and August.

Anthony states to the group that these three presentations will be the topic for a rich discussion about what we have learned from these studies, what stood out to everyone and what future direction do we think is needed in terms of additional needs assessment work and projects that could help supplement what the different planning councils and the DPH have done.

Ken and Anthony will email NAP group the links to the three presentations prior to our next meeting.

Anthony requests a one page document from Mitchell/DPH, which highlight and summarize the findings from the presentation today to help foster a rich discussion in our July meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Anthony reminds NAP group about the upcoming training, *Understanding the Complexity of Mental Health and HIV*, on Wednesday June 29th from 12:00-1:00pm.

Marianne reminds group about the LGBTQ Health Equity Summit next week 6/23 and 6/24.

ADJOURNMENT

Anthony thanks group for attending and reminds everyone the NAP committee will meet next on July 20, 2022 at 11:00 am. The NAP Team adjourned the meeting at 12:22 pm.



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TRAINING CHART – UPDATED APRIL 2022

HIV Training Topics	Training Providers	Training Updates and Next Steps
Self-care for HIV workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boundaries, Ethics and Self-Care training conducted by Melanie Alvarez on March 16, 2021 for 40 participants. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training not recorded due to the sensitive nature of topic and confidentiality.
Confidentiality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confidentiality and HIPPA Law Training conducted by Olinda Morales, DPH HIPPA Attorney, on Sept. 22, 2021 for 11 participants. Original date, Sept. 21st was changed at late notice to accommodate presenter’s scheduling conflict. The date change may have resulted in fewer participants. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recorded training will be uploaded to CT Train. • Recommendations for next time shared with presenter.
Motivational Interviewing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The four-part Motivational Interviewing training with Chip Tafrate, CCSU was completed on Nov. 12 and 18, 2021 and January 20 and 21, 2022. Feedback from participants was very positive. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Motivational Interviewing training was not recorded. The trainer reported that providing an opportunity for participants to practice skills and receive feedback is critical and cannot be done in a recorded format.
Gender and Trauma Informed Care Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Jose Michael Gonzalez conducted the training: <i>The Universal Experience of Trauma: Socio-Cultural Guidance for a Developmental Trauma-Informed Approach</i> on March 31, 2022, from 10:00 am – 12:30 pm. 100 attendees (max capacity) Feedback from participants was very positive. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training announcement will be posted on CT Train and shared with CHPC listserv. • Training was not recorded for privacy and also to encourage participation from attendees.
Substance Misuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substance Misuse and Harm Reduction training will feature 3 parts – biology of addiction, harm reduction strategies, resources and strategies to help clients engage in treatment (possible panel) • Cathy Eggert from APT Foundation was recommended as possible trainer for biology of addiction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD
Mental Health Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Understanding the Complexity of Mental Health and HIV</i>, Wednesday June 29th from 12:00-1:00pm. • Presented by Melita Arms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training announcement will be posted on CT Train, NEAETC, and shared with CHPC listserv.
Social Drivers of Health Equity (New training topic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing discussion. Training to occur during Sept. or Oct. 2022. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD
Cultural Humility & Cultural Competency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD