



MEETING SUMMARY

Date:	15 March 2023	Start Time:	12:30 p.m.	End Time:	1:45 p.m.
Chair:	Anthony Santella	DPH Liaison:	Marianne Buchelli	Location:	Zoom
Attendees:	Refer to page 4	Recorder:	Ken Plourd		

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Approved the February meeting summary.
- Reviewed the 2023 NAP goals and objectives and workplan.
- Developed questions for May 5th *Housing and HIV* event.
- Preparation started for the committee’s work on stigma objective.

ACTION ITEMS

- Anthony Santella and Ken Plourd will develop flyer for the May Housing and HIV event.
- Ken Plourd will create registration and link for the May HIV and Housing event.
- NAP committee members will promote the HIV and Housing event.
- Ken Plourd will email the stigma resources compiled by QPM to the NAP group.
- Anthony Santella will share with the Executive Committee the group’s preference to use CHPC meeting time for mini-training segments that reach more people.
- Ken Plourd will circulate the draft meeting summary and materials.

WELCOME

Committee Chair Anthony Santella welcomed individuals to the meeting and reviewed the agenda. Anthony asked folks to introduce themselves via the chat box.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING SUMMARY

The group approved the February meeting summary by consensus with no additions or corrections.

TRAINING

Anthony debriefed the group on the training from February 28, 2023 titled, “A Strategy for Implementing HIV Prevention and Treatment Innovations in Health Facilities: Intersectional Stigma Reduction:” by Dr. LaRon Nelson. The group reviewed the event evaluation report provided by Sharen McKay from AETC. The evaluation report indicated that folks raised their level of knowledge on this topic from medium to high and that they would recommend this



learning experience to a colleague. Anthony informed everyone that the training is posted and available on CT TRAIN.

Anthony stated that 30 people attended the training. Most of the participants were either from NAP or Cross Sector. He expressed his concern about low attendance levels and asked the group to share any feedback about moving forward with the same training approach or exploring alternatives such as offering a shorter training at the main CHPC meeting as part of the knowledge building segment. Most of the NAP members felt shorter trainings at CHPC meetings would be more effective in reaching more people. Anthony told the group he would discuss this idea at the next Executive committee meeting.

The next training topic will be on HIV and Confidentiality. Hartford legal aid is one possible presenter. Anthony asked the group to email him any other suggestions for speakers.

HIV AND HOUSING

Anthony confirmed with the group that the HIV and Housing event will occur on Friday May 5th from 10:30a.m. - 12:00p.m. Ken and Anthony will develop a flyer for the event and circulate through the CHPC listserv. The flyer will include a registration link for the event.

Panelists who have confirmed their participation in the event include, Erika Mott from Aids CT, Amber Freeman from the CT Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH), and Steve DiLella from the Connecticut Department of Housing.

Anthony asked the group to brainstorm some potential questions for the panelists. The group developed questions which included:

- How has the landscape changed for people with HIV seeking housing?
- What determines the number of affordable housing units in new housing developments?
- With the centralization of the CAN system via 211, how can someone living with HIV readily access emergency housing?
- What are some of the barriers to those experience homelessness seeking services?
- What is a more equitable solution for folks with HIV to access housing services?
- What are some underused resources for people living with HIV?

Anthony asks the group to continue to think about questions for the panelists and says that we will resume this discussion at the April NAP meeting.

CT DPH PREVENTION NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

Luis Diaz provided an update on the statewide prevention needs assessment survey. He stated that the survey closed on February 28, 2023 with 2,040 respondents, a solid response for this first-ever statewide HIV prevention survey. Luis shared some emerging themes and stated that he will present the results at the CHPC main meeting in June.



2023 NAP WORKPLAN

Participants reviewed the NAP workplan. Marianne Buchelli discussed how each activity the group is doing (trainings, housing, stigma) is connected to the integrated plan. She stated that stigma represents a major project and asked the group to begin thinking about the HIV Plan goal and objectives related to stigma and/or the development of a stigma indicator.

- Peta-Gaye Nembhard stated that the QPM committee has already started researching different instruments to access stigma. She also stated CCMC pilot tested an abbreviated version of the HIV Stigma Survey. Peta-Gaye said that QPM will share all the materials they have compiled related to this.
- CIRA researcher, Jianghong Li expressed that she would like those materials emailed to her.

Marianne stated that this will be an agenda item for the NAP April meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

CHPC Members	1/18	2/15	3/15					
Angel Cotto	x	x						
Xavier Day	x	x	x					
Martina De La Cruz	x	x	x					
Mitchell Namias	x	x	x					
Nilda Fernandez		x	x					
Dante Gennaro		x						
Sue Major		x						
Santos Cancel		x	x					
Peta-Gaye Nembhard	x	x	x					
Anthony Santella	x	x	x					
CHPC Member #	6	11	7					
Public Participants	1/18							
Marianne Buchelli	X		x					
Angelique Croasdale-Mills	X	x						
Amber Freeman		x						
Dones-Mendez		x						
Angel Ruiz		x						
Maria Diaz		x	x					
Consuelo Munoz		x						
Makayla Dawkins			x					
Erika Mott			x					
Mieykeya McClendon		x						
Melinda Vazquez-Yopp			x					
Jianghong Li		x	x					
Luis Diaz	X	x	x					
Clunie Jean-Baptiste			x					
Daniel Hulton	X							
Danielle Warren Diaz	X	x						
Public Participant #	5	10	8					
Total Attendance	11	21	15					