

DIAGNOSE Workgroup Meeting Minutes - May 2nd, 2024

Breakout Agenda

- Welcome
- Meeting Ground Rules – determined by the group
- What is the IHP?
- What is our Workgroup's Goal?
- What are our Workgroup's Objectives?
 - Where to begin?
 - What are the next steps?
- Schedule Meeting Dates/Times for 2024
- Assign Tasks and Timeframes
- Status Reports

Introductions

- Participants introduced themselves

Meeting ground rules

- Think about ground rules you would like to see for every meeting.
- Make a list and review it as often as the group decides.
- Examples:
 - Safe Space – Comfortable to share what you desire, however, what is shared in the meeting (that is personal), stays in the meeting
 - No judgment, including body language and verbal
 - Be open to receiving feedback
 - Be kind when giving feedback
 - Keeping our assumptions in check
 - Things that are said in the meeting stay in the meeting
- Everything we share outside of this session is deidentified; we ensure to protect everyone's confidentiality
- Has anyone ever had a bad experience in a group like this?
 - Responses:
 - Not necessarily in a group, but has had interesting experiences in a clinical setting; would hope if any issues ever arise that they will be handled immediately
 - Discussions around feeling rejected by the HIV community or witnessing a gatekeeping effect within some support groups based on identity; important for all of us to keep our assumptions in check and having a person-centered approach; we all have a common goal that we're working towards

What is the Integrated HIV Plan?

The Integrated HIV Plan (IHP) is required by the federal funders of the State of New Hampshire's HIV Prevention and Care Programs and is prepared and implemented jointly with the NH HIV Planning Group (HPG).

Each IHP Workgroup oversees the work of the IHP Goals and Objectives, including any successes, problems, and updates.

What is our Workgroup's Goal?

Diagnose all people with HIV as early as possible.

What are our Workgroup's Objectives?

1. Increase the number of people who identify as having lived experience with HIV actively participating in efforts impacting HIV, STI and or HCV by 15% in five (5) years.
2. Increase HIV, STI and HCV testing by 10% in five (5) years.
3. Increase capacity of three (3) healthcare delivery systems and their workforce to effectively identify, diagnose and care for people living with HIV/STIs/HCV in five (5) years.

Each objective is for 5 years - through December 31st, 2026

Where to begin?

Review existing objectives

- Are there any questions about the objective?
- What are our data sources and what are they telling us?
- What successes have we had to meet the objective?
- What problem(s) do we face to meet the objective?
- How can we overcome the problem(s)?

- Trying to find better equity for testing with women
 - Looking at specific populations such as transgender women of color
 - Wonder if we could find data on what this looks like in NH; trying to get tested and missing it
- A participant has had clients struggle to get testing; issues with connecting with local health departments, and getting transportation
- How do individuals with scarce resources find information about testing?
- Taking note of conversations we hear; addressing the barriers and gaps in accessing information and services
- A participant has not seen a lot of information on testing locations
- Important to see providers in the area that are champions and non-judgmental in their approach
- Dartmouth is offering free testing; has hired a community health nurse

Regular meeting time:

- Third Thursday of the month from 9-10:30 am
 - Next meeting: July 18th, 2024