

MAY HPG AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON HIV AND EMPLOYMENT UPDATES

- Invited by Dr. Eva Weiss of Temple University to contribute to a Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment (CSNA).
 - CSNA informs the PA Vocational Rehabilitation State Plan, and consequently budget, and identifies evidence-based practices and recommendations to better meet the employment/employment service needs of Pennsylvanians with disabilities.
 - Ad-hoc committee role:
 - Assist with developing brief (5-7 item) online survey to identify employment needs of PLHIV
 - Assist with the distribution of the survey link to key stakeholders
 - Provide input to facilitating focus group and individual interviews to add qualitative data
 - Identify other existing data sources that may help to inform employment needs
 - Medical Monitoring Project

UPDATES SINCE JANUARY MEETING

Finalized Draft of Brief Employment Needs Survey

- Completed initial pilot of survey
 - Incorporating revisions and will review once more
 - Will then need to translate into Spanish, get IRB approval, and distribute
- Planning for qualitative data collection
 - Decided to complete 20 individual interviews instead of focus groups.
 - Developing protocols
 - Outreach will be based on selecting a diverse range of individuals who complete the survey and volunteer to participate in paid research
 - Each interviewee will be paid \$50.00 for the interview.
- Based upon findings provide input to the CSNA report that Temple staff will present to OVR