

## **HIV Planning Group (HPG) Updates for September Meeting**

### **Care Program:**

- The Needs Assessment survey for the Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan (IHPCP) was distributed during the last week of June. The link to the survey is still live through **September 30, 2025**, and is as follows: <https://tinyurl.com/PAHIVNeedsAssessment>
- This survey is a means of gathering information for the federally required Statewide Coordinated Statement of Needs (SCSN) and is essential in helping us determine service utilization needs, planning, and for the development of the next Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan.
- This questionnaire is intended for people living with HIV who receive HIV medical care or support services in Pennsylvania and for healthcare and service providers who deliver HIV care or support services in the state.
- The Division is asking that you **please distribute this survey** and make those in your networks aware of its existence and the importance of its completion. Supporting documents to help with the rollout of this survey are available, including a recruitment script that you can use for emails through your distribution networks as well as flyers for both providers and individuals living with HIV. These flyers include a QR code that participants can use to access the survey. If you wish to receive these supporting documents, please contact Kyle Fait [c-kyfait@pa.gov](mailto:c-kyfait@pa.gov) and copies will be provided.

### **Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program (SPBP):**

- 2025 SPBP Advisory Council meeting dates
  - Thursday, October 23, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. (teleconference)
- 2026 SPBP Advisory Council Meeting Dates
  - Thursday, January 29, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. (teleconference)
  - Thursday, April 30, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. (teleconference)
  - Thursday, July 30, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. (teleconference)
  - Thursday, October 22, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. (teleconference)
- Updates on the SPBP website ([www.health.pa.gov/spbp](http://www.health.pa.gov/spbp))
  - SPBP Pharmacy Network List – September 2025

### **Prevention Program:**

- The Status Neutral Navigation and Linkage Program (SNNLP) training is now available on [Education and Training | HIVhealthPA.com](http://Education and Training | HIVhealthPA.com). Trainings are scheduled for September,

October and December 2025. This link includes all capacity building opportunities for the coming months.

- The HIV Prevention and Surveillance Programs will be submitting their End of Year (EOY) report and required data by the September 15 due date.

### **Monitoring and Evaluation:**

- HIV Prevention Project officers will begin scheduling County and Municipal Health Department Annual Monitoring visits in the coming weeks. All visits will be virtual this year.
- HIV Testing Data for the 2024-25 CDC Grant for HIV Prevention is on track to be finalized and submitted via EvaluationWeb prior to the September 15 deadline.

### **HIV Surveillance and Epidemiology:**

- 2024 Annual HIV Surveillance Report has been approved and is now posted on the DOH website.
- Presented "An Overview of HIV Epidemiology in the Northcentral Region of Pennsylvania, 2020-2024" during the annual monitoring site visit to the Northcentral District Allied Connection Ryan White subrecipient on August 5, 2025
- Presented "An Overview of HIV Epidemiology in the Southeast Region of Pennsylvania, 2020-2024" during the annual monitoring site visit of Division of HIV Health Ryan White subrecipient on August 12, 2025
- No new HIV clusters.

### **Update from HPG Membership and Recruitment Workgroup:**

- The Membership and Recruitment workgroup would like the HPG to be aware that two of its members' first terms will be ending at the end of the year and they plan to reapply for a second HPG term. Membership and Recruitment have discussed this situation and do not believe there will be a conflict of interest as it pertains to member selection as the scoring and decision process is kept confidential. The Membership and Recruitment workgroup will be releasing the application for 2026 membership soon and will make their selections for new membership prior to the end of the year.
- For current HPG members who's terms are to continue into next year, if you believe you will not be able to continue, please reach out to Kyle Fait [c-kyfait@pa.gov](mailto:c-kyfait@pa.gov) and he will

make the workgroup aware that your membership spot on the HPG will need to be filled.