

Main Meeting Summary

January 15, 2025

Date:	Wednesday, January 15, 2025	Type:	Virtual
Start Time:	9:00 a.m.	End Time:	10:05 p.m.
Participants:	75+ ¹	CHCP Members:	16
Co-Chairs:	Xavier Day, Nilda Fernandez, Africka Hinds		
Next Meeting:	February 19, 2025 (Virtual)		

WELCOME AND CHPC OVERVIEW

CHPC Co-Chair Africka Hinds welcomed participants to the virtual meeting, shared guidance on how participants could contribute to a productive, virtual meeting environment, and identified the meeting objectives which focused on providing transparency to the group about the 2025 planning year, process, and efforts to strengthen the CHPC. The group held a moment of silence and quickly reviewed the CHPC vision, mission, values, structure, and goals.

CHPC GENERAL BUSINESS UPDATES

November Meeting Summary. The November meeting summary was posted on the CHPC website (www.cthivplanning.org).

2025 Meeting Schedule & Meeting Structure. The Executive Committee set the meeting schedule for 2025. It includes a mix of in-person and virtual meetings. The virtual meetings have been restructured to include a shorter main meeting, committee meetings that occur simultaneously, and a professional development event coordinated by the AIDS Education and Training Center(AETC). The table shows meeting schedule by type. The October in-person meeting will feature the statewide Quality Summit. CHPC may decide not to meet in August.

Type	CHPC Meeting Schedule											
In-Person				Apr 16		Jun 18			Sep 17	Oct 15		No meeting in Dec
Virtual	Jan 15	Feb 19	Mar 19		May 21		Jul 16	Aug 20			Nov 18	

Recruitment for New CHPC Members. The CHPC will add up to 15 new members during 2025 and more depending on level of interest. CHPC will use an open enrollment process instead of recruiting and adding members only once per year. Participation support such as stipends, ride sharing, and technology help will be available for eligible participants. Individuals with lived experience related to the syndemic areas of focus or reflective of priority populations as well as those living or working in Litchfield, Windham, or New London Counties are encouraged to apply. Applications are available online at www.cthivplanning.org.

CHPC Leadership Openings and Recruitment. CHPC Members can apply for open leadership positions for the Community Co-Chair position as well as for CHPC Members interested in leading or co-leading committees. The first (of two) CHPC Community Co-Chair elections will occur as early as February 2025. A second will occur in the fall. The Executive Committee will review applications for committee leadership positions. Applications for both leadership positions are available online at www.cthivplanning.org.

CHPC General Communications Process. CHPC Members and partners were encouraged to use the CHPC website to access meeting information (i.e., agendas, meeting summary, virtual access links) and other resources. An email will be sent to the full contact list one week prior to the CHPC meeting containing agendas/meeting documents as well as the meeting link. Project support staff reviewed areas of the CHPC website. Two videos were shown on topics of PrEP and HIV prevention. These videos can be used and shared by CHPC partners. Participants

¹ Number does not include virtual access points where multiple individuals gathered and signed in under one identity.

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shared feedback about the videos (e.g., length, mix of interview footage and still images) and suggestions for additional videos (e.g., Spanish).

Other Areas Under Review by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is currently addressing several other areas that will improve CHPC or support compliance with federal funders: (1) reviewing the CHPC by-laws and making recommendations as needed, (2) reviewing the CHPC committee structure and charges, (3) updating the CHPC policy and operations manual, (3) improving the process to communicate with and engage the Ryan White Part A Planning Council leaders, (4) exploring how to support virtual meeting access points in partnership with community-based providers, and (5) clarifying the role of HIV Funders Group in the process to develop the 2027 to 2031 statewide HIV Plan.

IMPLEMENTATION OF CONNECTICUT INTEGRATED PLAN 2022-2026

Update on Process to Align 2022-2026 Plan Goals with National HIV/AIDS Strategy and Gain Concurrence from CHPC and Ryan White Part A Planning Councils. The CHPC Co-Chairs with support from CT DPH continue to work with the Ryan White Part A Planning Councils to secure updated letters of concurrence for the revised 2022 to 2026 HIV Plan goals. The revision uses goals and indicators consistent with the National HIV and AIDS Strategy which was the point of concern for both Part A Planning Councils. The New Haven and Fairfield Planning Council has decided to issue a new letter and offered editorial suggestions to improve the language. The Hartford Part A Planning Council remains in process. After these letters are received, the CHPC will then hold another vote to approve the revised goals and indicators.

CHPC Committee Meeting Previews. CHPC Committee leaders reviewed the upcoming meeting agenda. It was noted that each of the committee meetings will start at 10:15 a.m.

Committee	Areas of Meeting Focus <i>(*all committees will review 2024 progress and accomplishments)</i>
Quality Performance Measures (QPM)	(1) Update the list of QI projects, (2) Initiate planning for the 2025 Quality Summit, and (3) Confirm the 2025 committee work plan and areas of focus
Ending the Syndemic (ETS)	(1) Hear updates from syndemic partners, (2) Provide input on Hepatitis Elimination Plan goals, (3) Discuss how to enhance the syndemic referral process and network
Needs Assessment Projects (NAP)	(1) Discuss the next steps for the housing resource and open letter, (2) Review the committee charge, (3) Discuss 2025 action plan – including addressing the identification of a stigma indicator and/or options to collect pilot data
Membership and Awareness (MAC) & Positive Prevention Connecticut (PPCT)	(1) Discuss CHPC newsletter development, (2) Hear updates on the Prevention Pack Campaign, (3) Explore next steps to strengthen the development of a partner network of social media and influencers

PLAN DEVELOPMENT FOR CONNECTICUT INTEGRATED PLAN 2027 – 2031

Context and Considerations. The federal government released (December 2024) new guidance for the development of a 2027 to 2031 HIV integrated prevention and care plan for states and/or cities. The submission deadline will be in June 2026. The plan requires completion of specific components related to data such as HIV epidemiology, financial resource inventory, persons living with HIV needs assessment, workforce survey, HIV service inventory, and a gap analysis. All these components then inform the development of the plan objectives and strategies.

Emerging Process and Timeline for Plan. The new plan development process will take over 12 months to complete and will require (1) the Ryan White Part A Planning Councils to decide whether they will participate in a joint state/city plan or develop their own individual plan, and (2) clarity on how the HIV Funders Group and individual partners will support the completion of the data-related components. The CHPC Executive Committee,

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with the assistance of CT DPH, hopes to have these questions answered by the end of February. This will allow more intensive data collection activities to occur during March through September and position the CHPC and its partners to identify gaps, priorities, and discuss how to update the existing plan – with plenty of time for all partners to review and approve the plan during the spring of 2026.

NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

No new business was introduced. Participants shared announcements throughout the meeting and were encouraged to send information to CHPC support staff members for distribution to the CHPC contact list.

- Health Collective is temporarily operating out of a mobile satellite at 64 Church Street 64, Manchester, Connecticut 06040. Tel: (860) 278-4163.
- Please check out the Getting2U Podcast series and new episodes for season 2. <https://yalepodcasts.blubrry.net/category/getting2u/>
- Save the date for the Hep C Symposium on Friday, March 28, 2025 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the High Watch Recovery Center in Kent, Connecticut. Registration information will be forthcoming.
- Check out online webinars offered by the national network of AETC Programs <https://aidsetc.org/calendar/webinars>

MEETING FEEDBACK

Over 50 participants completed an interactive poll to share their meeting experience and suggestions for improvement. 100% of respondents reported the CHPC event was well organized, inclusive, and respectful.

ADOURN

The CHPC Co-Chairs adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance records are kept on file with the CHPC support staff.