NEW JERSEY HIV/AIDS PLANNING GROUP
2010: A Year in Review
NJHPG MEETINGS
NJHPG MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES

- Eight Main NJHPG Meetings
- Ten Executive Committee Meetings
- Six Governance Committee Meetings
- Nine HIV/AIDS Issues Committee Meetings
HIV/AIDS ISSUES COMMITTEE

- Created and implemented a series of six Statewide Town Hall Meetings charged with gathering input from individuals who do not know their HIV status; as well as those who are HIV+ but are not accessing care.
  - Town Hall Meetings were held in Camden, Atlantic City, New Brunswick, Trenton, Newark and Hackensack
  - NJHPG Town Hall Meeting Series Summary Report was finalized and distributed in September
  - Executive Summary was included in the New Jersey Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Services Plan (The Plan)
  - Recommendations resulted in three, two-day Stigma trainings for HIV Counseling & Testing and Care & Treatment providers in 2011
HIV/AIDS ISSUES COMMITTEE

- Combined planning documents (HIV Prevention Plan and Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need) into one Statewide Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Services Plan

- Revised The Plan to include Syringe Access Programs (SAPs)
  - Update included recommendations for SAPs, referred to by the CDC as Syringe Service Programs (SSPs)
  - Revised the 2010 Letter of Concurrence in support of federal funding being used for SSPs

- Created a Prescription Assistance Resource Directory for Case Managers
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

- Prioritized gaps in NJHPG membership and nominated 11 individuals to the slate for election at the January 2010 Business meeting

- In the process of creating the NJHPG Policy and Procedures Manual
NJHPG WORKGROUPS

In 2010, five Workgroups were created to address emerging issues:

- Budget Workgroup for HIV/AIDS Services
- ADDP Advocacy Workgroup
- MSM Workgroup
- Universal Standards of Care Workgroup
- Prevention & Care Collaborative Workgroup
WORKGROUPS

- Budget Workgroup for HIV/AIDS Services
  - Submitted a letter to Larry Ganges, Assistant Commissioner, outlining the NJHPG’s position on Governor Christie’s Budget and its affect on HIV/AIDS Services

- ADDP Advocacy Workgroup
  - Submitted a letter of support to the Assistant Commissioner in support of Senator Vitale’s Bill to fully restore ADDP
  - Submitted three recommendations to the Assistant Commissioner to improve ADDP’s fiscal position
WORKGROUPS

- MSM Workgroup
  - In the process of creating an MSM Glossary for distribution to providers who are unfamiliar with the MSM Community’s terminology
  - Looking into presenting the Glossary at the MSM Day of Learning Community Forum/Conference on March 25, 2011
WORKGROUPS

- Universal Standards of Care Workgroup
  - Workgroup was created to develop a Universal Standard of Care that will serve as a baseline standard for all care and treatment agencies in New Jersey
  - Submitted a request for existing Standards of Care for Medical Case Management from Part A Planning Councils and Part B
  - In the process of reviewing existing Standards of Care for Medical Case Management
WORKGROUPS

- Prevention & Care Collaborative Workgroup
  - Workgroup was created to address the HRSA mandate directed at the Early Identification of Individuals with HIV/AIDS (EIIHA)

  - Submitted a request for the four-page addendum to the 2010 Part A Grant Application and Priorities from each Planning Council and Part B

  - In the process of reviewing both sets of documents
IN PROCESS

- Compiling a Statewide, Comprehensive Resource Directory for HIV Prevention, Care & Treatment and Counseling & Testing

- Submitted a request for Part A Planning Council Needs Assessment Reports and Executive Summaries in preparation for the 2011 Gap Analysis

- Introducing Social Media to the NJHPG:
  - Webcasts with New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services’ Directors
  - Video conferencing
NJHPG Recommendations and Letters of Support
LETTERS OF SUPPORT

- In 2010, the NJHPG received one request for a letter in support of New Jersey’s application for CDC Program Announcement PS10-10138 entitled, “Expanded Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Testing for Disproportionately Affected Populations.”