



Primary Prevention Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 2020, 11 am – 12 pm Meeting Minutes
Call-in number: 1-888-494-4032; Passcode: 5018896374#

- **Welcome and Roll Call (including pronouns used)**

Present: T. Box, W. Bradley, L. Choat, C. Crause, J. Dispenza, C. Montgomery, M. Andrews-Conrad, J. Moore, B. Madden, J. Kochele

- **Review and make recommendations for the 2021 Ryan White Satisfaction Survey (with a primary focus on Prevention related questions)**

To begin, M. Andrews-Conrad gave a brief overview of the survey and results presented at the October 27 IHIPC meeting and provided a summary of the related discussion.

First, the committee discussed language in some of the Prevention questions that might be stigmatizing, specifically in the question about risk reduction. Suggestions included replacing the word “risk” with “chance” and “contracting” with “acquiring or transmitting”.

Focusing on GTZ and its principles of viral suppression and PrEP, participants wondered if the detailed Prevention questions currently in the survey were necessary. It was suggested that the PrEP questions remain, but all other questions be wrapped up into one or two less specific questions such as “Do you and/or your partner(s) have access to the tools you need to stay healthy?”, and “If not, do you know who to contact to address your needs?”. It was voiced that by asking the questions this way, we are recognizing that people are taking care of themselves and their partners regardless of what type of practices they may have, and that condoms and syringes might not be a part of said practices.

If the recommendation in the paragraph above was accepted, there would be no space in the survey 4-5 questions new questions. The committee recommended that these gaps be filled with questions about structural barriers that might inhibit uptake and use of ARTs and PrEP. Some examples included:

- “ Do you feel that your race/ethnicity influenced the quality of services you received through this Program?” (It was noted that it is important to be very deliberate and straightforward with this question especially).
- “ Do you feel that your sexual orientation and/or gender identity influenced the quality of services you received through this Program?”
- The committee also thought that more questions around some of the care categories (housing, pharmacy access) might be good to elaborate on.



- The group was also in favor of adding questions about viral suppression and what best helps/would help them achieve it (if able).
- **Review Workgroup Activities**
 - Gender Terminology – It was announced that the Gender Language Workgroup would meet on 11/16. The group is focusing on gender affirming education of providers and creating a “Gender Language 2.0” training.
 - Health Equity Workgroup – The Health Equity Workgroup is currently working on finalizing guiding statements, goals, and objectives.
- **Announcements/Adjourn**
 - M. Andrews-Conrad noted that the committee had met all of its objectives and proposed that the December meeting be canceled. All committee members were thanked for their participation throughout the year.