

**Ending the HIV Epidemic/Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Planning Body**  
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STATUS-NEUTRAL SYSTEMS AND DIAGNOSE COMMITTEE

AGENDA

3:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 8, 2024—This meeting is virtual only

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8899837982>  
Meeting ID: 889 983 7982  
Or, join by telephone at: 346 248-7799

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| I.   | Welcome   | Kathryn Fergus and<br>Rodney Mills, Co-Chairs |
|      | A. State who will facilitate today’s meeting                    |   |
|      | B. Introductions  |   |
|      | C. Review Goals – see pages 3-5                                 |   |
|      | D. See below for a review of April meeting notes                |   |
| II.  | Revisit Proposed Activities and/or Explore New Ones             | Kathryn Fergus                                |
|      | A. Survey to go to community partners to<br>capture initiatives |   |
|      | B. Other options: online tracker, quarterly call, online forum  |   |
|      | C. New options  |   |
| III. | Evaluation Process  | Kathryn Fergus                                |
| IV.  | Recap   | Kathryn Fergus and<br>Rodney Mills, Co-Chairs |
|      | A. Make Task Assignments  |   |
|      | B. Confirm next meeting date: 3 p.m., Wed., July 10, 2024       |   |
| V.   | Adjourn   |   |

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**Notes from Status-Neutral Systems and Diagnose Committee 03/13/24, Chelsea Frand, HHD:**

The committee reviewed its goals and activities and described the current status of each. The team discussed keeping track of activities that take place in the community by using an online tracker accessible to multiple representatives of local organizations and perhaps distribute a survey or host a quarterly call or online forum with them. Such links could help identify specific services, such as those currently offering nontraditional hours. The committee will identify additional members as well as resources that can assist with carrying out the activities assigned to the Status-Neutral Systems and Diagnose Committee. Co-chair Kathryn Fergus will create a survey form that will go to community partners to capture activities conducted by local agencies. Tori will see if other committees/workgroups have survey questions they want to add. **Next meeting: 3 p.m., Wednesday, May 8, 2024.**

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SUMMARY OF MEETING:

NEXT MEETING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DECISIONS MADE & TASK ASSIGNMENTS:

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chelsea Frand, Staff Member

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Status-Neutral Systems and Diagnose Committee

**Goal 1A:** Increase individual knowledge of HIV status by diagnosing at least 90% of the estimated individuals who are unaware of their status within 5 years.

**Goal 1A.1:** Encourage status awareness through increased screening, diverse non-stigmatizing campaigns, improved hiring practices, and updated accessibility in historically marginalized communities in Houston and Harris County.

## Key Activities:

- Extend health center hours and/or partner with healthcare systems to demonstrate consideration for persons seeking services outside traditional hours.
- Explore a collaborative routine opt-out initiative with hospital emergency room providers outside a policy requirement.
- Add five nurse-operated mobile units offering extended hours and bundled services (e.g., sexually transmitted infection [STI], hepatitis C, pre-exposure prophylaxis [PrEP], non-occupational post-exposure prophylaxis [nPEP], body mass index assessment, glucose testing, immunizations, service linkage partner services, etc.) to dispatch across Houston and Harris County.
- Implement at minimum a yearly multilingual health education and promotion campaign empowering ALL sexually active Houstonians and Harris Countians to insist on initial and routine rescreening for HIV.
- Prioritize hiring a diverse and representative staff whom people can trust to administer status-neutral services.
- Pilot HIV and STI home testing kits and develop a protocol for timely, status-neutral follow-up, and quarterly evaluation to improve the service delivery.
- Reestablish an annual testing for tickets (e.g., "Hip Hop for HIV") event.
- Conduct outreach efforts in screening locations near identified areas (e.g., college campuses, barber and beauty shops, shopping centers, and recreational centers) through ongoing partnerships with community leaders and gatekeepers.

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**Goal 1A.2:** Advance legislative and non-legislative policy changes at the local, state, and federal levels to aid the End the HIV Epidemic initiative.

## Key Activities:

- Educate policymakers on the need for a statewide mandatory offering of routine opt-out testing.
- Revise policies that institute county-wide age appropriate comprehensive sexual education that empowers youth to make informed decisions about their health.
- Advance county-wide policy modifications that require HIV testing and access to care for all arriving persons involved with the justice system and retest prior to facility release with enough medication and linkage to care if need determined.
- Update local policies and procedures to implement an electronic automated reminder system and/or modify existing options to send annual screening reminders.
- Conduct provider detailing (e.g., obstetrician/gynecologist, general practitioner, gerontologist) to promote internal policy changes to incorporate universal screening as a standard practice.

**Goal 1B:** Using the status-neutral approach, develop X number of Rapid Start programs in order to increase the capacity of the public health healthcare delivery systems and healthcare workforce in order to improve HIV-related health outcomes of the individuals being tested.

<p>UPDATED: 04/30/24</p> <p><b>INTEGRATED PLANNING BODY (IP)</b></p> <p>Unless otherwise noted, ALL meetings will be held via Zoom or hybrid</p> <p>Z = Zoom (virtual only)</p>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>	
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 12 noon RW Steering Committee	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	
	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>TENTATIVE</b> or → 2:00 p.m. RW HTBMN Special Wg #3 - Various Topics	<b>7</b> or ← <b>TENTATIVE</b> 2:00 p.m. RW HTBMN Special Wg #3 - Various Topics  6:00 p.m. <i>IP Youth Workgroup</i>	<b>8</b> 10:00 a.m. <i>IP Needing In Person Engagement Workgroup</i>  3:00 p.m. <i>IP Status Neutral Systems and Diagnose Committee</i>  6:00 p.m. <b>Z</b> <i>IP Leadership Team</i>	<b>9</b> 12 noon RW Planning Council  2:00 pm RW Comp HIV Planning with the <i>IP Research, Data &amp; Implementation and Monitoring, QA &amp; Evaluation committees</i>	<b>10</b> <i>12 noon IP Treat Committee</i>	<b>11</b>	
May  2024	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 11:00 a.m. RW Operations	<b>14</b> 12 noon <i>IP Prevention and Policy Committee</i>  2:00 p.m. RW Quality Improvement	<b>15</b> 12 noon <i>IP Aging &amp; HIV Workgroup</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> National HIV Vaccine Awareness Day	
	<b>19</b> National API HIV Awareness Day	<b>20</b> 11:00 a.m. RW Affected Community with the <i>IP Consumer &amp; Community Engagement Workgroup</i>	<b>21</b> 12 noon <i>IP Education &amp; Awareness Committee</i>  6:00 p.m. <i>IP Racial and Social Justice Workgroup</i>	<b>22</b> 1:00 p.m. <i>IP Respond Committee</i>	<b>23</b> CANCELLED RW Priority & Allocations  2:00 pm <i>IP Housing Workgroup</i>  4:00 CPG	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	
	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Memorial Day Holiday	<b>28</b> 7:00 p.m. RW Public Hearing	<b>29</b> TENTATIVE 2:00 p.m. RW Quality Improvement	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		