

DRAFT Minutes
MSSNY's Infectious Diseases Committee
April 16, 2015
7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Via Web conference and Teleconference

Teleconference

William Valenti, MD, Chair
James Braun, DO, Vice Chair
Eric Ganz, MD
Gary Zeitlin, MD
Karen Myrie, MD, MPH
Monica Sweeney, MD, MPH

Absent

Evelyn Dooley-Seidman, MD
Samuel Kolander, MD
Tadd Lazarus, MD
Pankaj Mathur, MD
Jessica Mounessa, Student

Invited Guest

Joan Cincotta, Alliance

MSSNY Staff

Pat Clancy, VP, Public Health & Education

- 1 **1) Review Committee List**
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3 **2) Adoption of Minutes:** September 18, 2014 adopted as written.
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5 **3) End AIDS Task Force Executive Summary:**
6 The three-point plan:
7 1. Identifies persons with HIV who remain undiagnosed and link them to health care.
8 2. Links and retains persons diagnosed with HIV in health care to maximize virus suppression so they
9 remain healthy and prevent further transmission.
10 3. Facilitates access to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for high-risk persons to keep them HIV
11 negative.
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13 On October 14, 2014, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced members of the Ending the Epidemic
14 Task Force (Task Force). The Task Force was established to support Governor Cuomo's three-point
15 plan. The Task Force developed and synthesized recommendations, presented in New York's Blueprint
16 to end the epidemic.
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18 **Identify persons with HIV who remain undiagnosed and link them to health care**
19 • Make routine HIV testing truly routine
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21 • Expand targeted testing
22 **Link and retain persons diagnosed with HIV in care to maximize virus suppression so they**
23 **remain healthy and prevent further transmission**
24 • Use client level data to identify and assist patients lost to care or not virally suppressed
25 • Enhance and streamline services to support the non-medical needs of persons with HIV
26 **Provide access to PrEP for high-risk persons to keep them HIV-negative**
27 • Undertake a statewide education campaign on PrEP and nPEP

1 • Create a coordinated statewide mechanism for persons to access PrEP and nPEP and prevention-
2 focused care
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4 **Recommendations in support of decreasing new infections and disease progression**

5 • Increase momentum in promoting the health of people who use drugs

6 • Ensure access to stable housing

7 • Remove disincentives related to possession of condoms

8 • Provide HCV testing to persons with HIV and remove restrictions to HCV treatment access based on
9 financial considerations for individuals co-infected with HIV and HCV
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11 **4) NYS DOH Letter on PEP:** The letter was provided to all committee members. An effort is
12 being made to push this to providers. It was stated that the letter has very good details in terms
13 of what to do and how to do it.
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15 **5) HIV and HEP C Webinars:** Dr. William Valenti conducted an HIV seminar and Dr.
16 Michael Mancinido conducted an HCV webinar. Both are now available online.
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18 **6) Adjournment – Next Meeting October 1, 2015**
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