Orientation to the Community Engagement Program

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Overview

• Defining Community and Community Engagement

• HPTN’s Community Engagement Program
  – LOC Community Staff
  – Community Working Groups
Defining Community and Community Engagement
What is Community

- The United States National Institutes of Health, Division of AIDS (NIH-DAIDS) defines community by the population in and for which the research is being conducted.
What is Community Engagement

- Community engagement focuses on the development and/or maintenance of partnerships with various stakeholders.

- Community engagement works to cultivate trust and engage stakeholders in a shared vision that is mutually beneficial to all parties.
Community Engagement in the HPTN

- HPTN supports partnerships between the community and researchers in research design, implementation, and dissemination of study information.

The HPTN’s Community Engagement Program
HPTN Community Program Structure

- LOC Community Engagement Program Staff
- HPTN Community Working Group
- Global CWG
- Study Specific CWG
- CWG Steering Committee
HPTN LOC Community Engagement Program Staff

- Provide support to the function and identified plans of the HPTN CWG.
- Facilitate community involvement in research
- Assess community education activities and advisory processes.
- Provide technical assistance to CRS
Community Working Groups
HPTN Global CWG

• Conducts community preparedness and continuous involvement of activities to ensure successful implementation of studies through partnerships.
• Ensures community input into science generation and the research process
• Builds community capacity to provide input into research.
HPTN Global CWG

- Develops mechanisms for sharing experiences, lessons learned and best practices.
- Assesses the impact of community involvement and develop scholarship on community participation in research.
HPTN Global CWG

Membership includes:

Voting Members
- CWG Co-Chairs
- One site selected CE and CAB

Non-Voting Members
- HPTN LOC Community Program Staff
- HPTN Associate Directors
- HPTN PI’s
- Division of AIDS Representative
- Ad-hoc External Scientific Advisor
Study-Specific CWGs

- Enhances study specific community strategies
- Identifies possible challenges/barriers to study implementation
- Generates solutions
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Study Specific CWG Objectives

- Phase II and Phase III Studies
- Open Label Extension Trials
- Feasibility Studies
- Community Engagement Work Plans
CWG Steering Committee

• Provides guidance and support to the HPTN CWG and advises HPTN Leadership on matters concerning community engagement in all aspects of the HPTN research agenda.

• Serves as a conduit of information between the HPTN CWG, HPTN leadership, and other HPTN working groups and committees.
CWG Steering Committee

- Membership includes:
  - CWG Co-Chairs (2)
  - Performance Evaluation Committee rep
  - Science Review Committee rep
  - Ethics Working Group rep
  - HPTN scientific committee reps (5)
  - HANC Community Partners reps (3)
  - HPTN LOC CEP staff (non-voting)
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