

# PRIORITY SETTING 2026

Comprehensive Planning Committee

Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

# PRIORITY SETTING - What is it?

## ▶ **DEFINITION:**

- ▶ Priority setting is the DATA-DRIVEN process of ranking ALL service categories in order of importance, helping to guide the council's work

## ▶ **PURPOSE:**

- ✓ **To Identify Essential Services:** Determining which HIV services are most crucial to ensure that funding is directed toward areas of greatest need
- ✓ **To Guide Resource Allocation:** Informing how funds should be distributed across prioritized services
- ✓ **To Support the Continuum of Care:** Ensuring engagement in care, retention in care, and viral suppression for people with HIV (PWH)
- ✓ **To Fulfill Federal Requirements** for Ryan White Part A funding

# PRIORITY SETTING - How do we do it?

- WHEN: While the Priority Setting Process is every **three years** (for the full process) and yearly for the shortened process
- Allocations/funding does NOT guide Priority Setting
- Data-Driven Ranking:
  - *CSU (Client Services Unit)*
  - *MMP (Medical Monitoring Project)*
  - *Consumer Survey*
  - ★ **COMMUNITY VOICES**

Service Category			Medical Monitoring Project (MMP)	Client Services Unit (CSU)	Consumer Survey 2022	Community Voices					
	2022 Rank	2025 Rank	20%	20%	20%	Members Voting	8	5	1	score before %	40%
Housing Assistance	3	1	5	8	8	6	4	1	1	6.33	2.53
Medical Case Management	3	2	5	8	5	11	9	0	2	6.73	2.69
Mental Health Services	4	3	5	5	5	11	11	0	0	8.00	3.20
Transportation	1	4	5	8	5	7	4	2	1	6.14	2.46
Food Bank	7	5	5	8	5	5	3	1	1	6.00	2.40
Dental Care	3	6	8	3	5	12	9	2	1	6.92	2.77
DEFA	2	7	1	5	8	13	11	1	1	7.23	2.89
Ambulatory Care	6	8	8	3	1	8	7	0	1	7.13	2.85
Psychosocial Support Services	10	9	8	3	5	5	0	3	2	3.40	1.36
HIPCP - Benefits Assistance	11	10	1	3	5	9	1	8	0	5.33	2.13
Substance Use (Outpatient)	9	11	3	3	1	13	7	5	1	6.31	2.52
Nutritional Services	15	12	1	3	5	12	2	8	2	4.83	1.93
Information & Referral	19	13	3	1	1	9	5	4	0	6.67	2.67
Early Intervention Services	16	14	1	1	1	13	10	3	0	7.31	2.92
ADAP	8	15	3	3	3	7	2	2	3	4.14	1.66
Home & Community-Based Health Services	23	16	1	1	5	13	3	8	2	5.08	2.03
Legal Services	5	17	1	3	8	4	0	1	3	2.00	0.80
Translation & Interpretation	12	17	1	1	1	10	5	5	0	6.50	2.60
Home Health Care	22	18	1	3	3	14	2	8	4	4.29	1.71
Health Education Risk Reduction	13	19	1	3	1	6	1	4	1	4.83	1.93
Substance Use (Residential)	6	20	1	1	1	9	3	4	2	5.11	2.04
Hospice Services	24	21	1	1	1	13	3	7	3	4.77	1.91
Care Outreach	8	22	1	1	1	5	0	4	1	4.20	1.68
Local Pharmaceutical Assistance	14	23	1	1	3	11	0	4	7	2.45	0.98
Child Care Services	18	24	1	1	3	9	0	3	6	2.33	0.93
Case Management (non-medical)	20	25	1	1	1	9	0	5	4	3.22	1.29
Rehabilitation Care	21	26	1	1	1	9	0	4	5	2.78	1.11
Day or Respite Care	17	27	1	1	1	6	0	2	4	2.33	0.93

# AIDS Drug Assistance Program

The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) is a state-administered program authorized under RWHAP Part B to provide FDA-approved medications to low-income clients with HIV who have no coverage or limited health care coverage.

ADAP may also use program funds to purchase health insurance for eligible clients and for services that enhance access to, adherence to, and monitoring of antiretroviral therapy.

## 2021 Consumer Survey Data

- ▶ SPBP/ADDP: 23%
- ▶ Medicare Part D: 25%
- ▶ Patient Assistance: 6%
- ▶ Other insurance: 12%
- ▶ Pay myself: 13%

## WORTH NOTING:

- ▶ 2018-2022 MMP data: 58.9% fully adherent to ART
- ▶ Missed ART dose because...
  - ▶ 17% problem with prescription
  - ▶ 3.9% cost

# WHY: AIDS Drug Assistance Program

7 Votes (2025 ranking #15):

- ▶ Higher ranked (x3)
- ▶ “Reflects emerging need and needs discussion.”
- ▶ “There's a priority population that needs this service.”
- ▶ Income limit changes and medication coverage (x4)
- ▶ Priority for survival

# Food Bank

Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals refers to the provision of actual food items, hot meals, or a voucher program to purchase food. This also includes the provision of essential non-food items that are limited to the following:

- ▶ Personal hygiene products
- ▶ Household cleaning supplies
- ▶ Water filtration/purification systems in communities where issues of water safety exist

## 2021 Consumer Survey Data

- ▶ 32.6% used this service in the past year

## WORTH NOTING:

- ▶ **Program Guidance:** Unallowable costs include household appliances, pet foods, and other non-essential products
- ▶ 2023 CSU data – 62% (most requested)
- ▶ 2023 Food Insecurity Rates [1](#):
  - ▶ Philadelphia: 17.6% (71% above SNAP threshold)
  - ▶ Salem County: 13.2% (62% above threshold)
  - ▶ Camden County: 12.7% (60% above threshold)
  - ▶ Delaware County: 11.5% (50% above threshold)
- ▶ Prices for five of the six major food at home groups increased from 2024 to 2025
- ▶ MMP Data suggests need

# WHY: Food Bank

5 Votes (2025 ranking #5):

- ▶ A social determinant of health which is also a “priority in addition to medication adherence”
- ▶ Rising cost of food / economic circumstances (x2)
- ▶ “Inflation, cuts to SNAP, and increasing aging populations in need of food assistance geographically CLOSE to residences”

# Mental Health

Mental Health Services are the provision of outpatient psychological and psychiatric screening, assessment, diagnosis, treatment, and counseling services offered to clients living with HIV. Services are based on a treatment plan, conducted in an outpatient group or individual session, and provided by a mental health professional licensed or authorized within the state to render such services. Such professionals typically include psychiatrists, psychologists, and licensed clinical social workers.

## 2021 Consumer Survey Data

- ▶ Depression: 43.64%
- ▶ Anxiety: 43.64%
- ▶ PTSD: 13.14%
- ▶ 37.71% reported using mental health services
- ▶ 5.93% reported needing but not receiving this service

## WORTH NOTING

- ▶ PWH are twice as likely to experience mental health conditions
- ▶ Viral suppression is lower in those with bipolar disorder and mental health multimorbidity
- ▶ Our EMA's residents are reporting more mentally unhealthy days than both state averages
- ▶ MMP: suggests need

# WHY: Mental Health

3 Votes (2025 ranking #3):

- ▶ A social determinant of health which is also a “priority in addition to medication adherence”
- ▶ Service “assists with sustaining individuals”
- ▶ Should be shifted upwards, because it helps individuals “to maintain stable housing, successfully manage their finances, adhere consistently to treatment directives concerning medication compliance and compliance with attending doctors' visits, and their ability to implement personal prevention strategies such as condom use, PREP, etc.”

# Health Education & Risk Reduction

Health Education/Risk Reduction is the provision of education to clients living with HIV about HIV transmission and how to reduce the risk of HIV transmission.

- ▶ Education on risk reduction strategies to reduce transmission such as preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for clients' partners and treatment as prevention
- ▶ Education on health care coverage options (e.g., qualified health plans through the Marketplace, Medicaid coverage, Medicare coverage)
- ▶ Health literacy
- ▶ Treatment adherence education

## 2021 Consumer Survey Data

- ▶ Sexually active participants reported that their HIV-negative partner...
  - ▶ Was on PrEP (8.4%)
  - ▶ Was not on PrEP (14.8%)
- ▶ In their HIV medical care, information about PrEP was offered to 13.6% of the sample and disclosure support to 11.4%
- ▶ Condoms/safer sex kits reported as most offered harm reduction service by a provider at 27.5%

## WORTH NOTING:

- ▶ **Program Guidance:** Cannot be delivered anonymously
- ▶ Awareness of PrEP varies greatly between populations (NHBS)

# WHY: Health Education/Risk Reduction

3 Votes (2025 ranking #19):

- ▶ “Should be ranked higher to increase efforts around prevention. I believe there is an opportunity to reach more general audiences and collaborate on community education around Doxy as well as PreP and PeP. Amongst women of color, there are opportunities for education and advocacy.”
- ▶ Should be “ranked higher because MCMs no longer have capacity to do as much of this as they have historically done.”
- ▶ “The medical changing landscape; medical/treatment options are changing.”

# Substance Use (Outpatient)

## Key activities include:

- ▶ Screening
- ▶ Assessment
- ▶ Diagnosis, and/or
- ▶ Treatment of substance use disorder, including:
  - ▶ *Pretreatment/recovery readiness programs*
  - ▶ *Harm reduction*
  - ▶ *Behavioral health counseling associated with substance use disorder*
  - ▶ *Outpatient drug-free treatment and counseling*
  - ▶ *Medication assisted therapy*
  - ▶ *Neuro-psychiatric pharmaceuticals*
  - ▶ *Relapse prevention*

## 2021 Consumer Survey Data

- ▶ 2.9% needed **but did NOT get** the treatment
- ▶ 20.76% used this service in the last 12 months
- ▶ 9.75% reported ever being diagnosed with substance use disorder

## WORTH NOTING

- ▶ **Program Guidance:** Acupuncture therapy may be allowable under this service category if included in a documented plan
- ▶ **Program Guidance:** Syringe access services are allowable, though not syringes themselves
- ▶ PWID were second highest rate of new diagnoses in Philadelphia (2024)
- ▶ PWID experience lowest percentages across continuum of care (2024)

# WHY: Substance Use (Outpatient)

3 Votes (2025 ranking #11):

- ▶ Greatest need
- ▶ Data backing that “substance abuse, particularly injection drug use and unprotected sex with injection drug users, leads to high rates of transmission of HIV, and that active drug use mitigates against consumers' ability to maintain stable housing, successfully manage their finances, adhere consistently to treatment directives concerning medication compliance and compliance with attending doctors' visits, and their ability to implement personal prevention strategies such as condom use, PREP, etc
- ▶ Should be “ranked slightly higher. The service reflects emerging need and needs discussion. There's a priority population that needs this service.”

# Next Steps:

- ▶ ***Calculate new rankings with new, available data***
- ▶ ***Discuss and approve new order in CPC***
- ▶ ***Finalize order in HIPC***