

AGENDA

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 | Virtual | Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87395921796>

Co-Chairs Angel H. Ruiz & Reggie Knox / CT DPH Resource Liaison Jenny Bobadilla-Pincos

MEETING OBJECTIVES	MEETING ETIQUETTE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative and Leadership Updates February Newsletter: Final Review & Distribution Social Media Resource Folder Presentation PACE Work Plan & Campaign Development Youth Subcommittee Update Identify other business / share out announcements Complete meeting feedback 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be present and encourage participation One person talking at a time Raise hand to indicate a desire to speak Share the floor / treat all with respect Ask questions if an acronym or term is not clear

Welcome & Self-Care Moment12:30 p.m.

Administrative Matters12:35 p.m.

- Review and approve January meeting summary
- Committee updates and upcoming CHPC dates

February Newsletter: Final Review & Distribution12:40 p.m.

- Present final newsletter (interactive, mobile, and print-ready versions)
- Translation status update (Spanish and Haitian Creole) and distribution timeline

Youth Subcommittee Update12:50 p.m.

- Status of recruitment: Jordan, Blaise, and new recruits from Angel
- Subcommittee goals, focus areas, and youth-led project ideas
- Orientation plan and timeline for first subcommittee meeting (March target)

PACE Work Plan & Campaign Development1:05 p.m.

- Review draft work plan: deliverables, timelines, and Integrated Plan alignment
- Statewide campaigns: approach, NAP collaboration, and awareness day calendar
- Cross-committee collaboration (Data/NAP, ETS, QPM, Syndemic Partners)
- Next newsletter planning: June issue content ideas and call for contributors

Other Business and Announcements.....1:20 p.m.

Meeting Feedback Poll and Process Improvement1:25 p.m.

Adjourn.....1:30 p.m.

Committee Charge & Connection to the Integrated Plan

The **Public Awareness and Community Engagement (PACE)** Committee is responsible for recruiting, retaining, mentoring, and orienting members of the Connecticut HIV Prevention Coalition (CHPC). The committee also coordinates marketing initiatives, public awareness campaigns, and health communication strategies. Its primary focus is on developing strategies that support populations living with or at the highest risk of HIV in Connecticut.

PACE activities relate directly to the Integrated Plan goals and objectives, particularly those focused on community engagement, reducing stigma, and ensuring people living with and affected by HIV have a voice in planning and implementing strategies.