



# PUBLIC AWARENESS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (PACE) COMMITTEE



## AGENDA

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 | In-Person | Chrysalis Center, Hartford

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

MEETING OBJECTIVES	MEETING ETIQUETTE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administrative Updates and February Summary Approval</li> <li>2026 PACE Work Plan: Comprehensive Review (Key Activities 1–6)</li> <li>Newsletter Distribution Update and Next Steps</li> <li>Youth Subcommittee: Concrete Next Steps and Recruitment</li> <li>June Newsletter Content Planning and Call for Contributors</li> <li>Announcements and community updates</li> <li>Complete meeting feedback poll</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be present and encourage participation</li> <li>One person talking at a time</li> <li>Raise hand to indicate a desire to speak</li> <li>Share the floor / treat all with respect</li> <li>Ask questions if an acronym or term is not clear</li> </ul>

**Welcome & Self-Care Moment** .....1:30 p.m.

**Administrative Matters** .....1:35 p.m.

- Review and approve February meeting summary
- Committee updates and upcoming dates

**2026 PACE Work Plan: Comprehensive Review (Key Activities 1–6)** .....1:40 p.m.

- Key Activities 1–6: deliverables, timelines, and Integrated Plan alignment
- Statewide campaigns: syndemic approach, seasonal strategy, and awareness calendar
- Cross-committee collaboration update (NAP/Data, ETS, QPM)
- June newsletter: content ideas, contributor recruitment, and timeline

**Newsletter Distribution Update** .....2:05 p.m.

- Print distribution status and interactive website version update
- Spanish and Haitian Creole version status and remaining edits

**Youth Subcommittee: Next Steps** .....2:10 p.m.

- Coordination update: outreach emails sent, first meeting scheduling
- Recruitment materials needed: orientation packet, outreach flyer, FAQ sheet
- Confirm first meeting date and define member roles

**Other Business and Announcements**.....2:20 p.m.

**Meeting Feedback Poll**.....2:25 p.m.

**Adjourn**.....2:30 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.