



Section 4

Setting Priorities

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Introduction

The process of presenting a priority setting protocol to the RICPG has been a continuing challenge because of differing adult learning styles, expertise, biases, and the natural passion of a group of individual community advocates.

In 2003, a training and accompanying workbook was offered to the RICPG. HEALTH-RI was to take feedback on this process and improve the training and the workbook for future priority-setting activities. This was an attempt to anticipate the group’s needs for the development of the next five-year comprehensive planning process from 2005-2009. The RICPG essentially needs to conduct priority-setting updates every three years to coincide with the Request for Proposals (RFP) schedule that HEALTH-RI follows for HIV prevention services. On a three-year cycle, the funding for services needs to reflect the RICPG priority setting as demonstrated in the most recent RFP.

Going forward, the cycle of priority setting and HIV prevention services funding is as follows:

Year	Major Activities Performed by the RICPG	Major Activities Performed by HEALTH
2005	<p>RICPG assessment activities are being directed and focused through the use of the task force workbook.</p> <p>Committee assessment activities are being directed and focused through the committee workbooks.</p>	<p>RICPG facilitation</p> <p>Social marketing of the RICPG, 2005 Plan and the annual conference took place 2/2005.</p> <p>Capacity building of the RICPG by updating and revising workbooks; providing leadership and team building trainings and orientation training.</p> <p>Capacity building and credentialing of the provider community through Project REACH.</p> <p>The services of the epidemiologist were made available to the task forces and the RICPG in May 2005.</p>
2006	<p>RICPG assessment activities – task force outcomes are presented to the Strategic Planning Committee.</p> <p>RICPG – Strategic Planning Committee assessment activities are used to develop</p>	<p>RICPG facilitation</p> <p>Social Marketing of the RICPG activities and annual conference</p> <p>Capacity building of the RICPG by providing leadership and team building trainings.</p>

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	<p>the comprehensive Community Service Assessment.</p> <p>RICPG task force activities include assessment of the capacity building issues among community providers (assurance).</p> <p>RICPG task force capacity building assessments are used to update the REACH needs assessment process (assurance).</p>	<p>Capacity building and credentialing of the provider community through Project REACH.</p> <p>The services of the epidemiologist are made available to the task forces and Strategic Planning committee.</p>
2007	<p>RICPG – Review the work of the Strategic Planning Committee on the community service assessment to adjust and reset priority populations and interventions. The RICPG use the priority setting workbooks to update priority populations/behaviors and interventions (assessment).</p> <p>RICPG use outcomes from the task forces and committees to advise and make recommendations to HEALTH on the request for proposal for HIV prevention services, policy changes and capacity building issues needs (policy).</p>	<p>RICPG facilitation</p> <p>Social Marketing of the RICPG activities and annual conference</p> <p>Capacity building of the RICPG by providing leadership and team building trainings.</p> <p>Capacity building and credentialing of the provider community through Project REACH.</p> <p>The services of the epidemiologist is made available to the task forces and Strategic Planning committee</p> <p>The priorities set by the RICPG are incorporated into the new RFP for HIV prevention services issued in the fall, 2007. The services will be a three year cycle starting January 1, 2008 - December 31, 2010.</p> <p>Task Force Workbooks and committee workbooks are updated and revised for 2008 activities.</p>
2008	<p>RICPG assessment activities are directed and focused through the use of the task force workbook.</p> <p>Committee assessment activities are directed and focused through the committee workbooks.</p>	<p>RICPG facilitation</p> <p>Social Marketing of the RICPG, Plan and annual conference</p> <p>Capacity building of the RICPG by updating and revising workbooks; providing leadership and team building trainings.</p> <p>Capacity building and credentialing of the provider community through Project REACH.</p> <p>The services of the epidemiologist are made available to the task forces.</p>

Goal Two: The Rhode Island Community Planning Group identifies priority HIV prevention needs (a set of priority target populations and interventions for each identified target population) in Rhode Island.

Indicator E.2: Proportion of key attributes of an HIV prevention community process that RICPG membership agreed have occurred.

Population/Behavior Priorities

The Welcome to Priority Setting with the Rhode Island Community Planning Group for HIV Prevention workbook used in 2003-4 and the information on proven effective interventions was shared beyond the RICPG. At the annual conference, *Advancing HIV Prevention*, information about proven effective programs and the new list of funded programs was presented to the participants (see attached Annual Meeting handouts). The membership is very familiar with the need for priority setting and awarding funding to proven effective programs and seeks to impress the community with the importance of this type of standards-setting in prevention.

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Priority Populations & Interventions						
Priority Populations/Behaviors	Intervention Priorities					
HIV positive and high-risk men who have sex with other men and/or men who have sex with men and women	HERR:Prevention Case Management /Rapid Testing	HIV Counseling, Testing & Referral	HERR: Individual Level Intervention/Rapid Testing	Targeted Outreach/Rapid Testing	HERR:Group Level Interventions/Rapid Testing	Comprehensive Syringe Exchange Program
HIV positive and high-risk men and/or women who share injecting equipment and syringes	HERR:Prevention Case Management/Rapid Testing	HERR:Individual Level Intervention/Rapid Testing	Comprehensive Syringe Exchange Program/Rapid Testing	HIV Counseling, Testing & Referral	Targeted Outreach/Rapid Testing	Group Level Interventions
HIV positive and high-risk women who have unprotected sex and/or share syringes	HERR:Individual Level Intervention/Rapid Testing	HERR: Group Level Interventions/Rapid Testing	Targeted Outreach/Rapid Testing	HIV Counseling, Testing & Referral	HERR:Prevention Case Management/Rapid Testing	Comprehensive Syringe Exchange Program
HIV positive and high-risk youth who have unprotected sex and/or share syringes	HERR:Individual Level Intervention/Rapid Testing	HERR:Group Level Interventions/Rapid Testing	HIV Counseling, Testing & Referral	HERR:Prevention Case Management/ Rapid Testing	Targeted Outreach/ Rapid Testing	Comprehensive Syringe Exchange Program
HIV positive and high-risk individuals who do not know their serostatus	HIV Counseling, Testing & Referral	Targeted Outreach/ Rapid Testing	Comprehensive Syringe Exchange Program/Rapid Testing	HERR:Prevention Case Management/ Rapid Testing	HERR:Group Level Interventions/Rapid Testing	Individual Level Intervention