

All Caucus Kick-Off Meeting Summary

Tuesday, June 23, 2026 | 4:00PM – 6:00PM

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At-a-Glance

Strong Participation

The All-Caucus Kick-Off Meeting brought together more than 40 participants from all five caucuses for an evening of strong engagement, community voice, and shared learning.

Community Feedback

Attendees participated in discussions and activities that gathered feedback on community needs, service experiences, and ways caucuses can better support the Commission's work.

Connection + Engagement

Participants connected across caucus spaces, enjoyed dinner provided by Gilead Sciences, and took part in a raffle for four \$50 gift cards.

Purpose of the Meeting

The Commission on HIV convened the All-Caucus Kick-Off Meeting to bring together the Aging, Black, Consumer, Transgender, and Women's Caucuses after a period of transitions and to reaffirm the purpose and value of these caucus spaces. Caucuses are designed to elevate community voices and lived experiences within the Commission's planning efforts. Their role is not to function independently, but to strengthen the ways the Commission listens, learns, and responds to what communities are observing and experiencing.

The meeting gathered over 40 community members, consumers, providers, partners, and caucus leaders to explore how caucus input supports the Commission's Ryan White Program planning. This included discussions on service standards, needs assessments, recruitment, outreach, engagement, identifying service gaps, and advancing the [Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan](#).

The room was full and the engagement was strong, showing that an all-caucus format can work when the purpose is clear and the space is welcoming. Co-Chair nominations opened for each caucus, elections will follow once caucus meetings are scheduled, and four \$50 gift cards were raffled.

Community Feedback on Caucus' Priorities

Participants filled out an engagement worksheet during the meeting and joined group discussions; a copy of the worksheet is included in the [meeting materials](#). Participants expressed a strong desire for deeper connection, clearer communication, more meaningful community engagement, and better coordinated services. Many attended to learn about the Commission and its caucuses, explore ways to get involved, and help community needs are clearly represented. Several participants shared that they left the meeting feeling more informed and reminded them that they are not doing this work alone. They also shared appreciation for Commission staff, while noting that more people are needed at the table to help move the work forward. Participants highlighted several areas where caucuses can offer helpful input over the next year: community engagement, HIV education and awareness, recruitment and outreach, needs assessment, service standards, reviewing community feedback, and identifying barriers, gaps, and community needs.

Common Themes

Whole-person care: Care should reflect the full reality of people's lives, not just one diagnosis or service need.	Culturally responsive care: Need for better provider education, cultural humility, and respect.
Service navigation: Weak referrals, unclear steps for getting help, and the need for better coordination between providers and Community-based organizations.	Awareness and outreach: Many people still do not know what services are available, where to go, or how to get connected.
Stigma and mistrust: Stigma, misinformation, and past harm continue to shape whether people feel safe accessing services.	Shared and specific needs: Many barriers overlap across communities, while some needs may require focused workgroups, task forces, or listening sessions.
Missing voices: Need to hear more from people aging with HIV, youth, Indigenous communities, immigrant communities, and others who aren't fully represented.	Action and accountability: Community feedback should help shape next steps and come back to the community.

Nutrition Support Services Feedback

The Division on HIV and STD Programs' (DHSP) Clinical Quality Management team presented on [Nutrition Support Services](#) and gathered feedback from consumers and providers. Participants learned what the service offers, how it fits into the Ryan White system, and how it supports whole person care. Feedback highlighted barriers such as low awareness, paperwork challenges, eligibility questions, and the need for better coordination among nutrition services, case management, food programs, and medical care. Participants also emphasized that nutrition needs are closely linked to housing, transportation, income, health, and overall stability. Overall, the input gave DHSP and the Commission clearer insight into how the service is understood, where access is difficult, and where better communication and coordination are needed.

Latino/Latine Caucus Recommendation

Participants discussed the idea of creating a Latino/Latine Caucus, with mixed opinions. Some felt communities might be stronger combined under one caucus, while others supported creating a Latino/Latine Caucus since other priority groups have their own. The conversation raised broader questions about the purpose of caucuses, capacity, representation, and sustainability, as well as whether certain community needs are better addressed through a caucus, workgroup, task force, or other focused engagement approach. The [Membership and Community Engagement \(MCE\) Committee](#) will continue exploring these issues as part of its caucus oversight role.

Key Outcomes and Next Steps

- ✓ Staff will schedule the first individual caucus meetings and support next steps.
- ✓ Co-chair nominations are now open for caucuses; elections will happen once those meetings are scheduled.
- ✓ The Membership and Community Engagement (MCE) Committee will review the request for a Latino/Latine Caucus and discuss broader questions about the caucus structure.
- ✓ Staff will use engagement feedback to guide caucus planning, community engagement, needs assessment, recruitment, outreach, and service feedback.

Final Thoughts

The June 23 All Caucus Kick-Off Meeting was a meaningful step in bringing the caucuses back together with clearer purpose, stronger connection, and renewed community engagement. The feedback shared will help guide next steps, strengthen how caucuses support the Commission's planning work, and ensure that community voice and lived experience remain centered in the work ahead.

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If you or someone you know is having difficulty accessing services from a HIV service provider, or has concerns about the quality of services received, the DHSP Customer Support Program can help.

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