

# PHILADELPHIA SYPHILIS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Statement of Purpose

The Philadelphia Syphilis Advisory Committee (PSAC) was established in 2008 in response to a call for action by Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and providers serving Philadelphia residents disproportionately affected by an ongoing outbreak of syphilis in their communities.

The purpose of the PSAC is to provide a forum for:

1. The Philadelphia Department of Public Health STD Control Program (PDPH/STD) to present relevant syphilis control efforts, data, and emerging trends;
2. CBOs, Philadelphia Department of Public Health AIDS Activities Coordinating Office (AACO), PDPH/STD, and the public who serve and/or are members of identified target populations to discuss and inform PDPH/STD on their syphilis control efforts;
3. CBOs, AACO, PDPH/STD, and the public who serve and/or are members of identified target populations to provide recommendations to the Philadelphia Department of Public Health STD Control program on best practices for engaging identified target populations;
4. CBOs, AACO, PDPH/STD, and the public who serve and/or are members of identified target populations to share information and coordinate efforts on current programs and initiatives that reach and serve populations at the highest risk for becoming infected with syphilis; and
5. Committee members to work collaboratively to develop educational and informational messages for the public and press.

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