

**Philadelphia HIV Integrated Planning Council**  
**Mission Statement for**  
**January 13, 2022**

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***Explanation:***

The following mission statement is to be displayed on the hivphilly.org website. The suggested language for the mission statements is only a draft and has been discussed and altered during the December 2021 HIPC meeting. This language has been up for discussion/comment for a period of 30 days.

The suggestion of a mission statement being included on the HIPC webpage came about through conversations within HIPC/Executive Committee related to the alteration of bylaws mandating 20% quorum of PLWH.

***The following language is to ensure that the importance of involvement and participation of PLWH within the Council is acknowledged.***

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**Our Mission:**

The HIV Integrated Planning Council (HIPC) works to ensure that all people living with HIV (PLWH) have **fair, equitable, and appropriate access to all services** within the Philadelphia EMA. HIPC focuses on the continuous improvement in service system standards and functions to **maximize the quality of life for PLWH**.

We do so by:

1. Promoting diversity and inclusivity through listening to individual needs;
2. Maximizing meaningful involvement of PLWH on the Council through active recruitment and by providing an additional, designated space for PLWH to meet with each other;
3. Diminishing barriers to care and promoting dignity by following client-centered approaches;
4. Ensuring that PLWH and service providers work together and have open discussions around all levels of design, delivery, and evaluation of services;
5. Upholding and advocating for the autonomy and agency of PLWH.