

NYLinks Long Island Regional Group (LIRG) **RESPONSE TEAM SUMMARY**

I. Purpose

The NYLinks Long Island Regional Group (LIRG) Response Team is a self-organizing, peer-driven group, made completely up of LIRG participating members, representing different funding streams, provider types, community roles, and localities. It adds a level of infrastructure that provides a shared, peer leadership and augments the capacity of the existing regional group structure. It creates an opportunity for members to work together on developing specified regional group goals and planning based on initiative measures and to act as a liaison between LIRG Members, AIDS Institute staff, and regional and statewide planning bodies. The objective is to improve and streamline communication among participating programs and community members.

Ultimately, the Response Team organically strengthens leaders from within the regional group framework, further promoting linkage through sustainable cross-provider connections. Furthermore, this response team strengthens the sustainability of the regional group, focusing current work and directing work for the future.

II. Expectations

- The Team will have regularly scheduled team meetings between regional and sub-regional meetings (via teleconference, web conferencing, and/or in person if possible) to achieve the objectives of the regional group.
- The Team will develop a routine process to update and share information across regional group participants.
- Team members report back on the progress of the regional group work within their constituencies.
- Team members will learn the models used in the regional group and assist programs in improving their quality improvement competencies.

III. Membership

- A Response Team would be a voluntary, self-nominated based group akin to an executive committee for the regional group.
- Membership would be cross-agency, cross-provider, and consumer-based, and would reflect the various functional skill needs of the regional and sub-regional groups with team member categories.
- Team composition and core team roles can/will be refined and redefined as the response team develops. Here are the various proposed Team roles:
 - Senior Leads
 - Quality Improvement Leads
 - Data Leads
 - Clinical Leads
 - Consumer Representatives