

SHaRP Salons: Community Conversations on Harm Reduction Data

SHARING DATA WITH COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPANTS

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Introductions



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SHaRP Salons



Series of 3 community conversations to talk about some of harm reduction's common data issues, organized by SHaRP at UW and supported by NACCHO.

2/28: How can we improve the quality of our data?

Today: Sharing Data with Community and Participants

3/28: Asking Sensitive Questions

SSP Indicators Project Background

Started in 2023 with funding from CDC as part of the National Harm Reduction Technical Assistance Center (NHRTAC)

Aimed to develop community informed indicators that can be recommended to SSPs and harm reduction programs

As of December 2023, NACCHO and UW are no longer part of NHRTAC

SSP Indicators Project is continuing until July, 2024 under different CDC funding

Goals for Current Phase of SSP Indicators

1. Hold Salons to:

- Create space to discuss common data issues brought up by community
- Learn from each other and document creative solutions

2. Create implementation guide for indicators, coming out July 2024

Why do harm reduction programs collect data?

Better understand their participant population

Improve services

Budgeting

Equity

Internal tracking/accountability

Reporting/external accountability

Apply for funding

Influence local policies

Demonstrate impact

Identify areas for growth



What data do harm reduction programs have?

- ✓ Services provided (e.g., syringes, naloxone, safer smoking, testing, wound care)
- ✓ Referrals to other services (e.g., HCV/HIV care, MOUD, housing)
- ✓ Overdose-related (e.g., overdoses reversed with naloxone, surveillance data)
- ✓ Participant demographics
- ✓ Drug use-related behaviors
- ✓ Drug checking results
- ✓ Participant needs and preferences
- ✓ Participant anecdotes and success stories
- ✓ Budget and staffing levels



Why share data with community and participants?

PARTICIPANTS

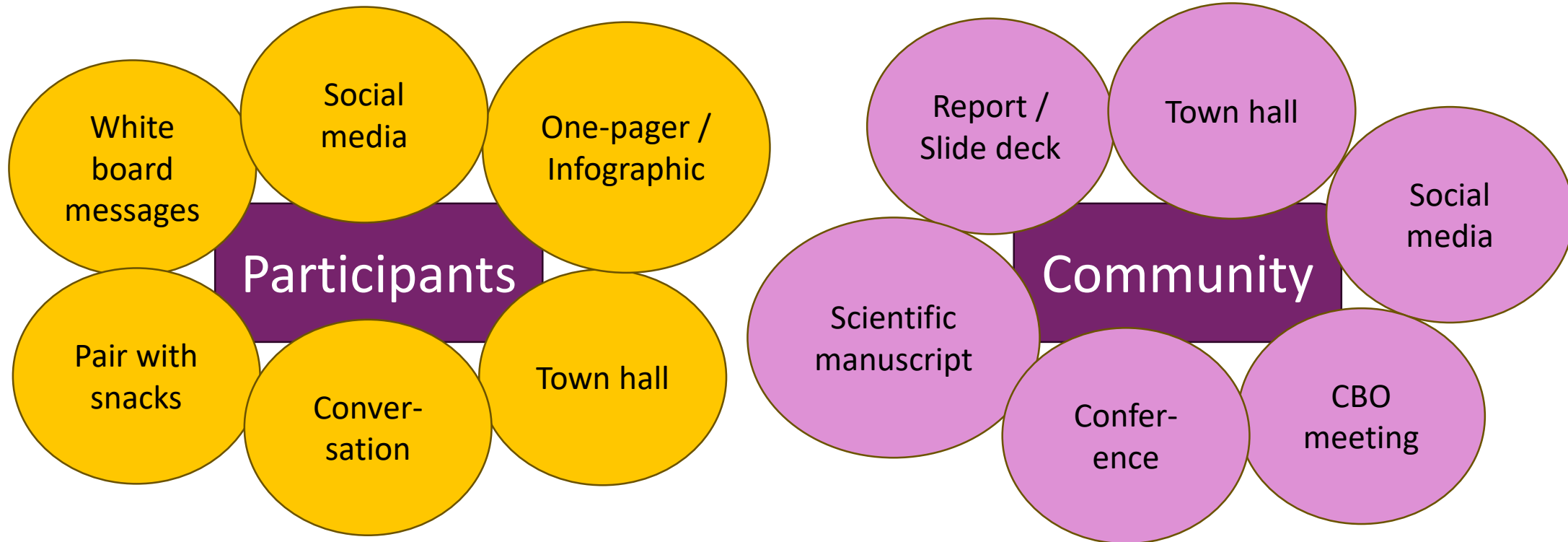
- How their data is used to improve programming
- Keep participants informed about the program
- Educate participants about new trends or risks
- Inform about new or existing services
- Use as a discussion prompt
- Build trust related to future data collection

COMMUNITY

- How harm reduction services benefit participants
- What harm reduction services look like
- Highlight trends in drug user health
- Can be necessary to defend services



Strategies for sharing data



Considerations for sharing data

- Only share analyzed (grouped) data; never share raw (individual) data
- Consider asset-framing vs. deficit-framing
 - % of people who always use a sterile syringe vs. % of people who share syringes
- Choose appropriate framing based on your audience
 - Data on number of syringes out
 - Could be a measure of success among a harm reduction audience
 - Could be interpreted negatively among a NIMBY audience
- Assume what you present could become public



Breakout groups

We'll be discussing strategies for how you've shared data with participants and community

20 minutes

Facilitated by SHaRP team members

Short shareback when we come back

Report back will be sent out next week



Share back

- Please share 2-3 examples or themes from the discussion

Upcoming SHaRP Salons

3/28: Asking Sensitive Questions

THANK YOU!



We appreciate your attendance,
participation, and contributions!

Report back from today will come
out next week



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