SHaRP Salons: Community Conversations on Harm Reduction Data

ASKING SENSITIVE QUESTIONS

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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?

3/14: Sharing Data with Community and Participants

Today: 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

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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

SHaRP Team Values and Guiding Principles for Data

- Services first, data second

- Participant confidentiality (anonymity if possible)

- Minimize burden on programs and participants

- Only collect data that can be used to benefit people who use drugs and programs

- No one size fits all

Overdose Prevention Indicators

- Program services and activities directed towards preventing fatal overdose

- Count of naloxone doses distributed
  - Low-barrier indicator
  - May be collected through inventory or encounter data

Overdose Prevention: Participant Overdose Experience

- An indicator to document participants' experience with *themselves* overdosing

- Sensitive indicator

- May help programs...
  - Document the physical and psychological burden of overdose
  - Advocate for policies that decrease population level overdose risk

Overdose Prevention: Reported Overdose Reversals

- An indicator to document participants' experience with reversing an overdose on *someone else*

- May help programs…
  - Document the physical and psychological burden of overdose
  - Advocate for policies that support the community labor of people who use drugs

Structural Violence

- The ways that local, regional, and national systems and institutions, including economic, political, cultural, and legal institutions, affect the lives and health of participants

Structural Violence: Participant Housing Status

- May help programs...
  - Ensure they are reaching populations that have been most marginalized
  - Document the physical and psychological burden of being unhoused
  - Advocate for policies that support housing people who use drugs

Structural Violence: Participant Interactions with Law Enforcement

- May help programs...
  - Document the violence that participants face
  - Develop services to help prevent police interactions
  - Organize across local spaces to work against police violence

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Group Discussion: Utility?

- How has or how might your program use these data?

  - Overdose experience/overdose reversals

  - Housing status

  - Interactions with law enforcement

- Write in chat or unmute!

Collecting Sensitive Data

- Frequency of collection – **don't** have to ask every time!

- Directly ask about services

- Collecting vs. receiving data (**always** ask consent!)

- Pilot testing

- Anonymous and deidentified

Breakout groups

We'll be discussing strategies to collect these data

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

THANK YOU!

We appreciate your attendance, participation, and contributions!

Report back from today will come out next week

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