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Ryan White Case Management Training:

"Engaging and Retaining Clients in Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment During COVID-19"

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Agenda





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Agenda

- ₩ Welcome & Introductions Courtney Parson & Charles Brown, CMOC Co-Chairs 10:00 am
- Introduction of Guest Speaker: Ashley Coleman 10:15 - 10:45 am (30 mins) Self-guided Meditation: "Coach with Coco" Coach with Coco, Health & Life Coach
- Mental Health Forum 10:45 - 11:45 am (1 hr) Kyla Flanagan, Behavioral Health Coordinator, FMCS Guided Q & A
- Substance Use 11:45 am - 12:45 pm (1 hr) Mark Robinson, Regional Syringe Service Program Coordinator, FMCS Stephen Reese, Harm Reduction Coordinator, HAHSTA
- Levaluation & Closing Anita Jackson, QA Chair 12:45 - 1 pm (15 min)





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Guided Meditation

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Behavioral Health Services during COVID-19

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K Flanagan, LICSW, LCSW-C



Goals of the session

- You will walk away being aware of :
 - How behavioral health services are being provided on the ground during COVID-19
 - Recommendations for working with clients with behavioral health needs
 - The above effects on the delivery of HIV care in DC



Mental Illness during COVID-19

- Public health actions, such as social distancing, can make people feel isolated and lonely and can increase stress and anxiety.
- Stress during an infectious disease outbreak can sometimes cause the following:
 - Fear and worry about your own health and the health of your loved ones, your financial situation or job, or loss of support services you rely on.
 - Changes in sleep or eating patterns.
 - Difficulty sleeping or concentrating.
 - Worsening of chronic health problems.
 - Worsening of mental health conditions.
 - Increased use of tobacco, and/or alcohol and other substances.



Substance Use During COVID-19

- SUD individuals are more likely to experience:
 - Limited access to health—will experience even greater barriers to treatment for COVID-19
 - Homelessness, and housing instability--increased risk for disease transmission in homeless shelters is particularly important now
 - Incarceration—prison populations are at great risk for disease transmission during this pandemic
- Self-quarantine and other public health measures may disrupt access to medications and other support services
- For those in recovery, social support is crucial since social isolation is a risk factor for relapse



Environmental Stability & Safety during COVID-19

- The home may not be safe for many families who experience domestic violence, which may include both intimate partners and children.
- Violence in the home has an overall cost to society, leading to potentially adverse physical and mental health outcomes, including a higher risk of:
 - chronic disease
 - substance use
 - Depression
 - post-traumatic stress disorder
 - risky sexual behaviors.



HIV & COVID-19

- Approximately 1.2 million people in the U.S. are living with HIV today. About 14 percent of them (1 in 7) don't know it and need testing
- Approximately 3.9 million people in the U.S. have tested positive for COVID-19. About 1.1 million people in the US have recovered and over 142,000 have succumb to the virus
- Minimizing stigma and misinformation about COVID-19 is very important. People with HIV have experience in dealing with stigma and can be allies in preventing COVID-19 stigma.
- Stigma can negatively affect the emotional, mental, and physical health of stigmatized groups and the communities they live in. Stigmatized individuals may experience isolation, depression, anxiety, or public embarrassment Health DC HEALTH

Case Management Resources

- Disaster Distress Helplineexternal icon: 1-800-985-5990 (press 2 for Spanish), or text TalkWithUs for English or Hablanos for Spanish to 66746. Spanish speakers from Puerto Rico can text Hablanos to 1-787-339-2663.
- National Suicide Prevention Lifelineexternal icon: 1-800-273-TALK (8255) for English, 1-888-628-9454 for Spanish, or <u>Lifeline Crisis Chatexternal icon</u>.
- National Domestic Violence Hotlineexternal icon: 1-800-799-7233 or text LOVEIS to 22522
- National Child Abuse Hotlineexternal icon: 1-800-4AChild (1-800-422-4453) or text 1-800-422-4453
- National Sexual Assault Hotlineexternal icon: 1-800-656-HOPE (4673) or Online Chatexternal icon
- The Eldercare Locatorexternal icon: 1-800-677-1116 TTY Instructionsexternal icon
- Veteran's Crisis Lineexternal icon: 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or Crisis Chatexternal icon or text: 8388255
- SAMHSA's National Helplineexternal icon: 1-800-662-HELP (4357) and TTY 1-800-487-4889
- Stronghearts Native Helpline 1-844-762-8483



Resources

- https://www.drugabuse.gov/drug-topics/comorbidity/covid-19resources
- https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-lifecoping/managing-stress-anxiety.html
- https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/social-distancingdomestic-violence.pdf
- https://www.hiv.gov/hiv-basics/overview/data-and-trends/statistics
- https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extraprecautions/hiv.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.g ov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fspecific-groups%2Fhiv.html
- https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html



Thank you

Breakout Questions



Question #1

What is your organization doing now to address mental health during COVID-19?

Question #2

What is your organization doing now to address substance use disorder during COVID-19?



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Needle Exchange Programs/Harm Reduction During COVID-19 Pandemic

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Mark Robinson, Regional SSP Coordinator, FMCS, Inc.



Learning Objectives

- Discuss how NEX programs are functioning on the ground during COVID-19
- Discuss trends in use of substances and overdose in DC
- Discuss treatment challenges and solutions during this time



NEX Ground level-COVID-19

- Strategic Goal
- Reduce substance-related morbidity and mortality by optimizing services to PWUD's
 - Sterile Syringe Distribution/ Narcan Distribution
 - Hygiene Kit distribution
 - PPE Distribution/ COVID-19 Literacy
 - Used Syringe Clean-up
 - Engage Program participants using Social Distancing



Strategic Priorities

- Meet people where they are
 - Prioritization of highly impacted populations
 - Pairing services with reported Overdose Spike alert data
 - Utilization of street intel/ PWUD's frequent HDTA
 - Participant centered service delivery and low barrier/low threshold services
 - Syringes distributed based on participant needs and preferences
 - Home delivery via call in services/ drop offs with Narcan
 - Program flexibility- outreach moves throughout DC quadrants
 - Non judgmental service approach



Strategic Priorities Con't

- Provide culturally competent and peer run services
 - Indigenous staff who are relatable, credible, with lived experience
 - Knowledge of substances
 - Understands the service landscape
 - Able to address the health literacy of program participants
 - Aware of health risk and respects Pandemic boundaries



Substance Use Trends/Overdose

- Heroin
- Synthetic Opiates
 - Oxycodone
 - Fentanyl
 - K2 laced with Fentanyl

Trends:

- Fentanyl is to Heroin what Crack is to powdered Cocaine
- PWID's are preferring Fentanyl vs Heroin
- Heroin was being cut with Fentanyl



Substance Use Trends/Overdose

- Participants are preferring Fentanyl
 - Program participants report needing Narcan to prevent OD's
 - Fentanyl is the drug of preference in spite of OD risk
 - Fentanyl requires more frequent dosing/not as long lasting but more lethal

COVID-19 has not impacted the supply of drugs to communities which are disproportionately impacted by social determinants

PWUD's often self medicate due to increased trauma, and anxiety/mental illness

Cannot purchase paper products but Opiates are available



Treatment Challenges/Solutions

- COVID-19 has placed hard stops in the SUD treatment matrix
 - Limited to no human contact/intervention
 - Introduction of virtual technology to population without ways and means
 - Complicated telephone matrix without positive results
 - Outdated information listed in resource guides (i.e.) google
 - Unresponsive hotlines
 - Lack of after hour services
 - Overburdenson treatment entry criteria



Treatment Challenges/Solutions

- Lack of valid acceptable identification among PWUD's
- Overall desperation vs simplified access to treatment services
- Transportation
- Solutions:
 - Treatment systems which meet needs of PWUD's in a comprehensive community based manner/ empathy
 - Equitable access to high quality care/value the patient's life
 - Treatment services free from stigma, judgement and discrimination/ save a live before judging the life
 - Increase treatment service entry points/no wrong door
 - Design treatment continuum to prioritize patient care and communicates to its varied parts/ fluid system of care Health HIV DC HEALTI

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Drug Trends in DC

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Stephen Reese, Harm Reduction Coordinator, DC Health HAHSTA

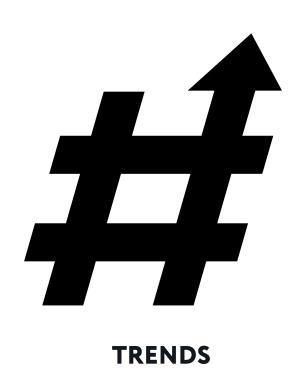


Learning Objectives

- Discuss trends in substance use during COVID-19
- Discuss harm reduction programming during COVID-19
- Discuss changes in Naloxone distribution and MAT programs

Trends in Substance Use

- Synthetics
- Methamphetamines
- Polysubstance use



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Synthetics

Fentanyl and Synthetic Opioids

2018: While the overall number of overdose deaths declined during the first nine months of 2018, the percentage of overdoses involving fentanyl rose sharply — to 81 percent

Synthetic Marijuana

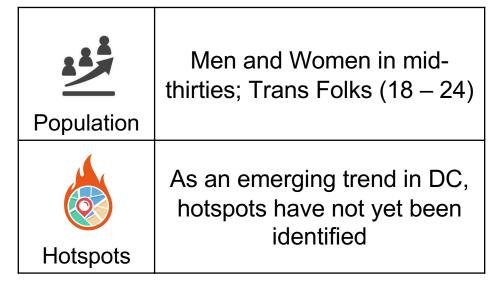
2019: Through July, there was a have a 128 percent increase in K2 overdose cases (3,000 vs. 1,300) in the same stretch of time last year

Population	Black Men, 50+	Population	Initially adolescents; shifted to indigent and homeless individuals
Hot Spots	Wards 2, 5, 6, 7, 8	Hot Spots	MLK Library, Union Station, Starburst Plaza, Shelters

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Methamphetamines

- In a federal study of 31 states and Washington, D.C., deaths related to stimulants — mostly meth — rose by a third in one year, with more than 7,500 deaths in 2016.
- Most of the Meth on the streets today is made by Mexican cartels, dubbed "ice," has a purity often close to 100 percent, much more lethal than the 50 percent purity of local labs





Polysubstance Use

- The increased use of heroin as an initiating opioid, along with the proliferation of the highly potent fentanyl—either sought out specifically or unknowingly mixed with heroin—has led to a dramatic increase in overdose fatalities.
- Recent overdose mortality data provide evidence of a relationship between of methamphetamine and opioid use
- Fentanyl is also making its way into cocaine, with deadly results
- Synthetic cannabinoids are frequently mixed with other drugs, like cathinones, fentanyl, and even rat poison.





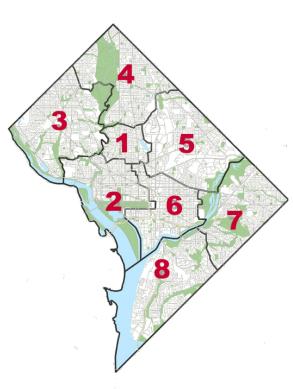
COVID Changes

- 75-100%Telemedicine
- Longer Rx
- More technology

- Group, virtual meetings
- Telephonic outreach
- Increased flexibility



Available In Every Ward



Ward 1:

- CVS Pharmacy #1351 1755 Columbia Rd., NW
- CVS Pharmacy #1355
 1900 7TH Street, NW
- CVS Pharmacy #6419
 1000 U Street, NW
- CVS Pharmacy #2834 3031 14th Street, NW
- Kalorama Pharmacy 1841 Columbia Road, NW
- Mary's Center 1707 Kalorama Rd., NW
- Walgreens #16049 2041 Georgia Avenue., NW

Ward:2

- Bread for the City 1525 7th Street NW
- CVS Pharmacy #1347
 6-7 Dupont Circle, NW
- CVS Pharmacy #7218
 400 Massachusetts, Ave.,
 NW
- Morgan Pharmacy 3001 P Street, NW
- Grubbs Care Pharmacy
 NW
 1517 17th Street NW
- Walgreens #15360 801 7th Street, NW

Ward:3

 CVS Pharmacy #1354 2601 Connecticut Ave, NW

Ward:4

- CVS Pharmacy #1364 6514 Georgia Avenue, NW
- Mary's Center 3912 Georgia Ave., NE

Ward:5

- Andromeda Transcultural Health
- 1400 Decatur St., NW
- CVS Pharmacy #1333 3601 12TH Street, NE
- CVS Pharmacy #1363 2350 Washington PL., Suite 101, NE
- CVS Pharmacy #1340
 845 Bladensburg Road, NE
- Mary's Center
 100 Gallatin St., NE

Ward:6

- <u>CVS Pharmacy</u> #1344 <u>500 12th Street, SE</u>
- CVS Pharmacy #10287
 645 H Street, NE
- CVS Pharmacy #1338 661 Pennsylvania Ave., SE
- DC Health and Wellness Center 77 P Street, NE
- Grubbs Care Pharmacy NE
 326 East Capitol Street, NE

Ward: 7

- CVS Pharmacy #22 320 40th Street, NE
- CVS Pharmacy #1335 3240 Pennsylvania Ave., SE
- CVS Pharmacy #1360
 2834 Alabama Avenue, SE
- Safeway #1445 2845 Alabama Avenue, SE

Ward: 8

- Excel Pharmacy
 3923 South Capitol Street, SW
- Family and Medical Care Services, Inc. (FMCS)
 2041 Martin Luther King Jr., Avenue, SE
 Suites: 200, 206, 230, 300, 303, 311, LL3
- Giant Foods #384
- 1535 Alabama Avenue, SE
 Goodcare Pharmacy
- 2910 Martin Luther King, Jr., Ave, SE
- Grubbs Care Pharmacy, SE 1800 Martin Luther King, Jr., Avenue, SE

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