Harm Reduction CAB 7/14/2021

Attendance:

Zach K.

Jenn T.

Stacy M.

Jack K.

Austin T.

Jessica E.

Robb H.

Linda B.

Karen

Marcus W.

Patrick

Greg F.

Jason B.

Chris G.

Sandi G.

Tara L.

Notes From HCHD

* Health Department is Hiring – Behind the scenes person (vs. client-facing)
* COVID – Local Pharmacies the best place to go – HCHD Clinical building can still can provide vax
* RI – approved safe consumption site
* Canada – Providing medical grade, regulated supply, outside of police department office

Speaker: Jessica Ellis Mobile Harm Reduction Services Frederick County Health Department

* Mobile van is unmarked purposefully – use of sandwich board help people find the van when parked
* Planning use removable magnets in the future to mark van
* Difficulty in planning stages to make sure people could access services – quickly moved to getting a van for mobile services
  + Lessons learned – Get heating and AC in van
  + Less Barriers
  + Awnings are great! Participants find it welcoming
  + Text alert system to help participants find and remember when outreach takes place
  + Churches where helpful initially for outreach sites
  + Need to work with communities that are steeped in NIMBYism
* Delivery Services began during COVID – Extremely beneficial and will be continued
* Mobile Van was great for reaching trans community and unhoused community
  + Site specific for Trans services is not advertised to wider participants
* Focus groups and conversations PWID to set up outreach schedule
* Outreach Calendar is a great way to communicate with participants – great place for messaging details about the program reduce confusion about how to access services
* Vouchers at local pharmacy for syringes

Org Updates

* Harvest House
* Hope House Part-Time
* Cecil House now certified – Recovery Health Certified
* Updates from LEAD – Bel Air LEAD trying to be more inline with national program – Creating a community leadership team – Have Law enforcement Citizen Advisory Board members come to HR CAB meeting come Quarterly - everyone at meeting is okay with it- Zach will send out an email to members who are not present tonight.
* Marcus – VOH data report

Discussion