**Harm Reduction Community Advisory Board**

**8/11/2021**

In Attendance: Tara L., Clay A., Sandi G., Zach K., Jack L., Jason B, Marcus W., Austin T., Craig M.

1. Intro/Icebreaker
2. Notes from the Health Department
   1. Watch out for Delta
      1. Get Vaccinated
      2. Looking for information on talking to active drug users hesitant about getting the vaccine.
3. Discussion - Peers:
   1. Clayton - Peers roles can vary from place to place
      1. Lots of resource brokering
      2. A lot of listening to people and meeting them where they’re at.
   2. Lots of grey areas that peers get put into.
   3. Peer roles change from job to job
   4. Follow-ups with clients
   5. Many important roles that peers have.
   6. Too much variety with what the role of a peer is.
   7. The word peer unintentionally became an entry level word.
      1. Doesn’t garner a lot of respect
   8. Recognizing the importance of peers
   9. Does the classification of the roles make it hard to get advanced positions
4. Workgroup/Organizational Updates:
   1. Voices of Hope
      1. Soon offering Suboxone, Methadone, Sublocade, Vivitrol
      2. Nurse practitioner hired
      3. More tailored for individual person
      4. All patients attached to a peer
5. Open Discussion:
   1. Methadone & Bup in HarCo
      1. DEA limits on methadone vs Bup
      2. Harder to get clients into treatment if they are on Methadone.
      3. Fear of being trapped in a cycle of Methadone or Suboxone
      4. There needs to be a variety of medications because we’re all different.
      5. Issues with pharmacies stocking an distributing medications for addiction
      6. Prep and testing

Next Meeting is Wednesday 9/8/2021