PRESENTATION OBJECTIVES

• Detail syringe services program (SSP) implementation process
• Describe SSP services, supplies, and referrals
• Review program data
“Several studies have found that providing sterilized equipment to people who inject drugs substantially reduces the risk of HIV infection, increases the probability that they will initiate drug treatment, and does not increase drug use.”

National HIV/AIDS Prevention Strategy for the United States, 2010
Fargo Cass Public Health
Harm Reduction Division

~ Programs ~

- Gladys Ray Shelter
- Veteran’s Drop-in Center
- Withdrawal Management Unit
- Homeless Outreach
- Community Service Coordination
- Mobile Outreach
- Harm Reduction Center
- Opioid Response & Substance Abuse Prevention
Harm Reduction Center

- HIV & Hepatitis C rapid testing
- Narcan training & distribution
- Overdose prevention training
- Safer injection supplies & education
- Safer sex supplies & education
- Referrals

📞 701-298-6982
📍 510 5th St N, Fargo
⏰ Monday & Thursday 4:00pm-8:00pm
⏰ Tuesday & Wednesday 1:00pm-5:00pm
⏰ Friday 8:00am-noon

Participants receive services & supplies free of charge
IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

• Robyn Litke Sall, SAP Coordinator
• Jeremy Kelly, Harm Reduction Specialist
• Dr. John Baird, Health Officer & Coroner
• Ruth Roman, Public Health Director
• Jan Eliassen, Harm Reduction Division Director
SSP IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

○ Legislation
○ Data
○ Funding
○ Community Forum
○ Commission meeting
○ Authorization
○ Neighborhood meetings
○ Law enforcement meetings
○ Educate staff & community partners
A law enforcement officer may not stop, search, or seize an individual based on the Individual's participation in a program under this section. Syringes and needles appropriately collected under this section are not considered drug paraphernalia as provided in chapter 19-03.4.
FUNDING

- SAMHSA grants - STR, SOR
- NDDoH grants
- Foundation seed grant
- Public health budget
- Fundraising - Impact Foundation & Giving Hearts Day event
ND Department of Health has statutory authority
Health dept. or governing body approval
Community forum
Implementation plan
Bi-annual reports
Yearly reauthorization report
Revisions
○ NDDoS intake form- helps determine services
  ◦ Demographics
  ◦ Drug use history
  ◦ Medical assessment
○ Return visit form
  ◦ Method of syringe disposal
  ◦ Site and secondary exchanges
  ◦ Referrals, services, supplies
  ◦ # of syringes collected & distributed
  ◦ # of condoms, dental dams distributed
  ◦ # of Narcan doses, saves
○ MAVEN- tracked by participant code
○ Community assessment data
○ Epidemiological profile
THE GOOD NEIGHBOR PROJECT
HARM REDUCTION CENTER
OPEN HOUSE

WE'RE NEW HERE!

Fargo Cass Public Health invites you come
and learn more about our new program!

Monday, July 23, 2018 | 10AM-2PM
510 5th Street North, Fargo ND 58102

Contact Robyn at 701-241-1341 OR
rlitkesallefargond.gov with questions
Here at the Harm Reduction Center we aim to exchange your syringe with one of ours.
THE HARM REDUCTION CENTER

510 5th Street N, Fargo, ND
SUPPLIES

SYRINGES

SHARPS CONTAINERS, WOUND CARE SUPPLIES
SERVICES

• 24-hour sharps disposal (Sharps Kiosks), education on safe disposal
• Needs-based distribution of syringes & supplies
• HIV/HCV & STI education
• HIV/HCV rapid testing (staff, public health clinic & RAAN)
• Education on safer injection & wound care
• Education on safer sex
• Opioid overdose response training & Narcan/naloxone administration
• Housing
• Connections Group (Southeast Human Service Center)
• Art (Creative Plains Foundation)
• Recovery Coaching
SUPPLIES

• Syringes
• Cookers, cotton
• Sterile & saline water
• Tourniquets
• Hand sanitizer
• Alcohol prep pads
• Triple antibiotic ointment
• Gauze, Band-Aids
• Sharps containers
• Narcan & intramuscular naloxone
• Condoms, dental dams & lubes
• Educational materials
• Fentanyl testing strips
REFERRALS

- FCPH clinic- HIV/STD/STI screening & testing, birth control, women’s health, immunizations
- Detox
- Substance use disorder treatment
- Behavioral health
- Social services
- Veterans Affairs
- Healthcare
- Sexual assault counseling & advocacy*
- Domestic violence counseling, advocacy & shelter
- Employment
- Legal

*25% of participants report being sexually assaulted
## ENROLLMENTS & VISITS
### NARCAN DOSES & SAVES

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### 2018
- **Enrollments**: 13, 19, 34, 34, 33, 25, 34, 29, 17, total 238
- **Visits**: 20, 40, 88, 142, 181, 124, 172, 158, 152, total 1076
- **Narcan***: 4, 6, 44, 84, 64, 52, 76, 58, 48, total 218
- **Saves**: 6, 4, 2, 1, 1, 13, 3, 30

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### 2019
- **Enrollments**: 19, 20, 23, 37, 35, total 134
- **Visits**: 154, 140, 170, 229, 266, total 959
- **Narcan**: 61, 134, 321, 156, 271, total 943
- **Saves**: 16, 25, 12, 17, 11, total 81

* = Kits  
** = Doses

372 enrollees  
2,035 visits  
Thru May 2019
PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS

- 63% of participants are male, 37% are female, and one transgender participant
• 26.5% report incarceration in the past 90 days
30-DAY USE

Substance

- Meth, 92.5
- Marijuana, 51
- Rx Opioids, Heroin, Benzos, 21
- Methadone, 12
- Suboxone, 11
- Cocaine, 9
METHOD OF USE

- Inject: 93.5%
- Smoke: 65%
- Snort: 51.5%
• 141% increase from 2013-2017 in Cass County, ND
• 88% of individuals 35-years-old and younger report IDU in ND
OUTCOMES - OVERDOSE PREVENTION

Cass County Coroner - Opioid-related Deaths

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GOALS MOVING FORWARD

• Track referral follow through & outcomes
• Thoughtful needs-based distribution of syringes
• Converting more secondary participants to enrolled participants
• Packaging supplies
• Wall of choices
• Participant focus groups
• Supplies for safer snorting & smoking
• Outreach to special populations
• Explore outreach thru MOP
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