



TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021

9:00 AM – 9:10 AM

WELCOME TO THE 2021 ILLINOIS HARM REDUCTION SUMMIT

Dr. Ngozi Ezike, Director, Illinois Department of Public Health

9:10 AM – 10:00 AM

PANEL: BUILDING YOUR HARM REDUCTION AGENCY

This session will describe people's experience of developing their harm reduction agencies, including strategies to address the challenges they encountered along the way.

Luke Tomsha, Founder of Perfectly Flawed Foundation

Cheryl Hull, Deputy Director, Chicago Recovery Alliance

Karen Stanczykiewicz, Director of Community Relationships, Chicago Recovery Alliance

10:00 AM – 10:50 AM

PANEL: ELEVATING VOICES

This session will discuss ways to elevate the voices of people who use drugs as the leaders of the movement and implement the philosophy of "nothing about us without us." Presenters will identify opportunities, potential barriers and solutions to promote meaningful and sustainable participation.

Luis Aponte, Outreach Coordinator, Live4Lali

Melissa Hernandez, The Puerto Rico Project

Peter Moinichen, Co-Founder Chicago Drug Users' Union, Drug Users Health Collective of Chicago

10:50 AM – 11:05 AM

BREAK

11:05 AM – 11:55 AM

PANEL: USING DATA AND RESEARCH TO MOVE HARM REDUCTION FORWARD

This session will cover key elements that inform funding opportunities and decision making, how programs can use existing data sources in the development and evaluation of interventions, and how to apply a health equity framework to initiatives.

Suzanne Carlberg-Racich, PhD, MSPH, Associate Professor, MPH Program, DePaul University;
Director of Research, Chicago Recovery Alliance

Elizabeth Salisbury-Afshar, MD, MPH, Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin School of
Medicine and Public Health, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health

Mary Pounder, Executive Director, Comer Foundation

11:55 AM – 12:30 PM

LUNCH

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

OPTIONAL BREAKOUT ROOM 1: TAKING IT TO THE STREETS: STREET-BASED OUTREACH WITH HOUSELESS FOLKS

Erica Ernst, LCSW, RDDP, EMT-P, CADC, Clinical Director/Interim Director, Renaissance Social Services, Inc./Chicago Recovery Alliance

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

OPTIONAL BREAKOUT ROOM 2: VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA) SYRINGE SERVICE PROGRAMS (SSPs) AND PARTNERING WITH THE COMMUNITY

In 2017, the Danville, IL VA developed a SSP with the support of IDPH/Champaign county Public Health. We have since clarified that the VA can purchase syringes for veterans who inject drugs. Currently there are only 2 operating SSP's (Danville, IL and Orlando, FL)-with additional VA facilities SSP's in development. We would like to establish close working relationships with our Community partners to learn and ultimately improve the care to US veterans. We would like to better with community SSPs for the purpose of learning and more importantly, to better serve veterans who use drugs.

Beth Dinges, PharmD, Clinical Pharmacy Specialist with the VISN 12 Veterans Affairs Academic Detailing Service

Andi Phillips, HUD/VASH SW Supervisor



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2021

9:00 AM – 9:10 AM

WELCOME TO DAY 2 OF THE 2021 ILLINOIS HARM REDUCTION SUMMIT

David Jones, Director, Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery, Illinois Department of Human Services

9:10 AM – 10:00 AM

PRESENTATION: HARM REDUCTION LEGISLATION

This session will provide an overview of harm reduction legislation in Illinois including a look toward the future.

Chelsea Laliberte Barnes, Co-Founder & Advocacy Strategist, Live4Lali

10:00 AM – 10:50 AM

PANEL: CHALLENGES FACED AROUND THE STATE: STIGMA, MEDICALIZED TRAUMA, AND OTHER BARRIERS

This session will discuss the various challenges faced by people who receive harm reduction services and what solutions providers may employ to help them get their needs met.

Thomas Huggett, MD, MPH, Family Physician and Medical Director-Mobile Health, Lawndale Christian Health Center

Lyndsay Hartman, Founder and Director of Point to Point Kane County

Jen Nagel, Founder/Executive Director, The Porchlight Collective, SAP

10:50 AM – 11:05 AM

BREAK

11:05 AM – 11:55 AM

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

This session will cover the different elements of meaningful community engagement and describe how this process contributes to the sustainability of harm reduction services. Panelists will share examples of successful engagement and lessons learned from the field.

Chris Schaffner, Program Director, Jolt Harm Reduction

Vilmarie Fraguada-Narloch, PsyD, Director of Drug Education

Gabriela Zapata-Alma, Director of Policy and Practice on Domestic Violence and Substance Use, National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Mental Health

11:55 AM – 12:45 PM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: THE HARM REDUCTION MOVEMENT: LOOKING BACK AND MOVING FORWARD

Ms. Rucker has over 30 years of experience in the field of harm reduction. She will discuss how far harm reduction has come in gaining mainstream acceptance, celebrate the successes of harm reduction providers, and discuss how harm reduction is being formally embraced in Illinois. Ms. Rucker will talk about the challenges ahead, as harm reduction continues to grow and integrate into other fields.

Joy Rucker, Executive Director, Texas Harm Reduction Alliance

12:45 PM – 1:00 PM

CLOSING REMARKS / QUESTIONS

James Kowalsky, Public Health Program Specialist, Office of Disease Control, IDPH

The below will be pre-recorded webinars that will be placed on the Conference website:

Harm Reduction 101 for Families

Harm Reduction 101 for Providers