

Establishing Peer Support Services for Overdose Response: Strategies from the Field

Webinar Presenters:



Nicole O'Donnell, CRS is a Certified Recovery Specialist, recognized by the Philadelphia Inquirer for excellence in patient care for her work at Penn Medicine's Center for Opioid Recovery and Engagement, which includes supporting patients at Penn Presbyterian, Pennsylvania Hospital, and the Hospital of the University of Penn. Ms. O'Donnell has extensive experience working with individuals with substance use disorder and their families. Her work currently includes reaching out to those experiencing being unsheltered, substance use, and mental health barriers. Nicole has established a virtual buprenorphine bridge

clinic to ensure low barrier access to evidence-based treatment.



Zach Kosinski serves as Deputy Director of the Clinical Health Bureau at the Harford County Health Department in Maryland. In his role he supports programs which provide testing and treatment for HIV, Hepatitis C, and STIs, HIV medical case management, HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), naloxone and fentanyl test strip distribution, overdose survivor outreach, sexual health and drug user health outreach and education, and tobacco education, cessation, and enforcement. Zach develops partnerships with the community, partner agencies, law enforcement, and other entities across sectors to address the sexual and drug user health needs of County residents.

As a queer-identified person and a person in long-term recovery, the work is both personal and professional for Zach. Programs like those he supports have made a difference in his life, and he is committed to making such services accessible to every resident his agency serves.

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