

Enhancing Harm Reduction Services in Health Departments: Harm Reduction Vending Machines

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Webinar Presenter Biographies



Eliana Duncan, MSc, is a consultant with the National Council for Mental Wellbeing. She currently provides technical guidance for projects focusing on the implementation of harm reduction interventions for people who use drugs. Prior to her work with the National Council, Ms. Duncan worked on a syringe exchange-based study assessing hepatitis C incidence in New York and as an epidemiology fellow with CDC's Division of Viral Hepatitis. She has worked on a number of outbreak responses, including the 2014 Ebola outbreak, the ongoing multi-state hepatitis A outbreak among people who use drugs, and the COVID-19 response in New York State. She received her MSc in epidemiology from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and her BA in anthropology from Mount Holyoke College.



Chelsi Cheatom was working with Trac-B Exchange since its inception in 2016. As the former Program Manager, she helped to support Trac-B Exchange opening the first storefront syringe exchange in Clark County, NV as well as supporting the roll out of the Impact Exchange public health vending machine project which to date has several public health/ syringe vending machines placed into the Las Vegas community and additional machines throughout the State of Nevada. Prior to working at Trac-B, Chelsi managed grants for the State of Nevada's Division of Public And Behavioral Health and worked with the Southern Nevada Health District.

Chelsi currently serves as the Deputy Director of the PACT Coalition for Safe and Drug-free Communities.





Shane Sullivan (they/them) has worked in harm reduction in various capacities for a decade and is currently the Harm Reduction Coordinator at HIPS in DC. They began at HIPS in 2013 as an Outreach volunteer and joined the Outreach staff in 2019. They lead outreach shifts on HIPS's mobile services van and engage in community relationship-building through trainings and education on topics such as Narcan/overdose response and harm reduction/safer use strategies, HIPS tabling events, and HIPS's advocacy work with #DecrimPovertyDC, which they have been a core organizer with since its creation. They led the project implementation of HIPS's 3 vending machine sites for two years and currently serve in a support role for their ongoing maintenance and development. They are passionate about mutual aid and abolition as well as advocacy to support drug user health and liberation through safe supply, decriminalization, and safe consumption spaces. Prior to HIPS, they worked in crisis intervention services for survivors of sexual violence and have a B.A. in Anthropology and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies from the University of Maryland, College Park. Outside of being a drug nerd, they are an equally weird underworld witch pharmacist with an overabundance of chaotic queer energy.



Joe Trotter is an employee of the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District serving as their Harm Reduction Program Coordinator. Joe has been working in the field of harm reduction and disease prevention for over 15 years. He helped start a syringe exchange in Champaign County in 2009. He has expanded syringe access and overdose prevention in East Central Illinois and has served as an advocate for harm reduction practice in the public health field.