

Peer Engagement and Evaluation Project

Project Orientation & Training



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Agenda

What do we need to accomplish in the next 2 days?

- Get to know each other!
- Memorandum of understanding (team agreement)
- Research skills
- Study design (recruitment, locations)
- Question guides, questionnaires
- Next steps

PEEP Project overview

How did this project come to be?

- HRSS committee role

Funding: Peter wall solutions (UBC)

- How are health authorities engaging with peers in harm reduction services?

What do we have funding to do?

- ***Develop a guide with peers for future allies on how to engage with peers in harm reduction work***

What else are we doing (and not doing)?

How could we do this?

- Talk to peers – see what they think!



- Guidelines for peer engagement

Tentative timeline

Year 1:

- February – May 2015: Ethics, operational approvals, reaching out
- June: contracts, onboarding
- July – August: study design and data collection
- September – October: analysis and interpretation
- November – January: create best practices guidelines

Year 2: Implement guidelines

Year 3: Evaluate guidelines

What have we learned so far?

From the BCHRSS meeting in April we heard...

- 1. Diversity of peers**
- 2. Engagement must be meaningful**
- 3. Relationships/respect**
- 4. Staying engaged**
- 5. Challenges**

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What do we mean by “peer engagement”?

How do we define “peer”?

How do we define “engagement”?

Memorandum of Understanding

- What it is
- What it isn't

Team questions

- Before we begin...
- What is the purpose of this project? (i.e. what do we want to find out in our focus groups?)
- What does each of us want to get out of this project?
- What do we think are the risks of this project and what do we do about them?

Team questions

While we're in the field...

- What skills do you want to learn?
- How can we do check-ins? What can we do if someone isn't showing up?

Team questions

After we've collected data...

- How should we decide what gets written about the project? What if we disagree about the findings?
- How should members of the steering committee be described in (a) notes, (b) presentations, (c) papers, and (d) community reports?
- How can we bring this project back to our peer networks/organizations?

Research 101

Let's discuss...

- What is research? Is this “research”?
- Qualitative vs. Quantitative
- Focus groups
- Building question guides
- Analysis & interpretation
- Write up
- Dissemination

Ethical Principals

- What does it mean to you?
- Informed consent
- Confidentiality
- Ethics in focus groups
- Ethics in communities
- Anything else?