SAFE Stations Lessons Learned

Harm Reduction / Prevention:
- Town Hall Meetings
    - Having treatment, prevention, and education resources available on site.
- Narcan
    - Multiple doses to be handed out if fentanyl is in your community
- Fentanyl Test Strips
    - Hand out multiple test strips
    - Education is needed
    - Expect some negative reactions from community
- Community Paramedic
    - Data, Data, Data ---no detail is too small. Don't know what we don't know until we realized we needed it
    - Crew level documentation adequate at best
- ODMAP
    - It's best if multiple jurisdictions are entering in the data
    - Ok, now we have data, what are we going to do with it?
    - Do we want to be reactive or proactive

Actual Intake Site and Programming of SAFE Stations:
- Build it and they will come
    - Ability to handle capacity
    - Need multiple treatment partners
    - 24/7 crisis intake capabilities
    - Have plan in place when ALL referral partners are full
    - Have ability to collect and legally (properly) dispose of illicit drug and paraphernalia
    - Have ability to handle an acute psychosis incident
    - Have ability to handle polysubstance
    - Consider usage of in car cameras for protection of crew and patient
    - Couples/Friends/Family seeking treatment at the same time
    - Have plan in place for on-site overdose
    - Bus passes

- Does patient have:
    - ID
        - Citizenship?
    - Insurance
        - Private
        - Medicaid (who manages it)
- Still working with a Union
    - Attempted expansion to use peer supporter, not well received.
    - NOT EVERYONE WILL BE ON BOARD, and that's ok
- You will have repeat clients
    - The only requirement to get into treatment is to be alive.
- Care packages to take to treatment (personal hygiene)
- Resources for Families
    - The Addicts Parents United (TAP United)
    - Prevention Action Alliance
    - Annie Highwater

Barriers to Overcome at Fire Station or Jurisdiction:

- True understanding of the science of addiction
- Exposure to the recovery community
- Stigma of drug addiction
- Identification of the health of the organization
- The more tenure, the greater the rank, the more influence
- Financial capabilities
- Political support of addiction prevention, harm reduction, education practices
- Relationship with law enforcement partners
- Vicarious trauma and PTSD
- Compassion fatigue