**Strategies in Action Panel: Q&A**

1) **Can individuals participate in PROP while enrolled in other drug treatment programs?**

Wayne Rafus: Yes, participants can be enrolled in drug treatment and participate in the PROP for All program. They would have to make a commitment to meet with staff three times a week for counseling and urine testing.

2) **Where can organizations get funding for contingency management services? We would like to bring these services to our prenatal MAT program.**

Wayne Rafus: PROP is funded by San Francisco AIDS Foundation. I would inquire with your local health department to discuss possible funding for Contingency Management Services.

3) **Do you recommend contingency management programs be meth specific? Or opioid specific?**

Wayne Rafus: Contingency Management can be utilize to address a range of substance use issues. Our program is specifically designed to support clients with problematic stimulant use.

4) **Is Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) a challenge with drug social circles?**

Wayne Rafus: Short answer is yes. Although MRSA BSIs are typically associated with previous healthcare procedures and hospitalization, use of commonly injected drugs like heroin and the synthetic opioid fentanyl is also a known risk factor, because MRSA typically lives on the skin and can easily get into the bloodstream.

5) **Does HEPPAC provide access to HCV treatment providers?**

Denise Lopez: Yes, we provide linkage at all our SSPs, Drop-in Center, and during Outreach. Most of the time trying to connect a person to health facilities closest to them. Also offering Linkage and care with our Partners right on the spot at SSPs (ie: Roots Clinic, Trust Clinic and Lifelong).

6) **Are there grants available to fund MAT navigators? We are an FQHC in need of this position, but don’t currently have funding available.**

Denise Lopez: Yes, there are grants to Fund MAT Navigators. We were fortunate to get a grant from Sierra Health Foundation, to fund our MAT Navigator. I’m not sure how they were funded, maybe by the State or Federal Government. Reaching out to them may be a good start.

7) **What are the benefits of having an acupuncturist in harm reduction and what types of herbs are used and passed out?**

Denise Lopez: For pain management. It's also another way of demonstrating ways of viewing a needle as a healing property. It’s alternative healing methods other than Western Medicine.
Chinese herbs and the art of acupuncture having historical healing properties. Our participants love it and it works for them. HEPPAC believes options are always good.

8) How many narcan kits do you disseminate each month?

Denise Lopez: The Overdose Prevention Education and Naloxone Distribution Program (OPEND) distributes Narcan primarily by the dose to our participants in the field. Most have been trained in its use and are seeking supplemental inventory or to restock used or given away doses. Kits are most often given to people on their first training with Narcan or upon request.

Kits typically contain three doses - a mix of nasal and injectable.

In September, we distributed:

Kits: 75

Single doses: 525+