

Concurrent Session 5 and 6: Tribal Community Needs and Approaches in Implementing Overdose Fatality Reviews: Discussion and Listening Session

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Tribal Approaches, Needs & Challenges in Implementing Overdose Fatality Reviews

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This listening session and roundtable discussion delve into the distinct needs and challenges confronted by tribal communities when undertaking Overdose Fatality Reviews (OFRs) or engaging in neighboring jurisdictions' OFRs.

Throughout the session, participants will actively engage in discussions uncovering the barriers that impede the successful implementation of OFRs within tribal contexts. Additionally, the session will highlight promising tribal approaches that can serve as models for initiating or enhancing OFRs.

The outcomes of this discussion aim to shape future training, technical assistance, and resources to help tribes implement OFRs or partner with others effectively in this critical area.

Opening prayer and moment of silence to honor those impacted by overdose or drug use

Understanding the Overdose Epidemic

- What makes the overdose epidemic significant, and what evidence of its impact is present in your community?
- How are overdose deaths preventable, and what coordinated strategies and interventions can contribute to prevention?

Awareness of OFRs

- What is your current understanding of Overdose Fatality Reviews (OFRs), and how do you think they can benefit your community?
- For those familiar with OFRs, what are some of the successes or positive outcomes that have been observed or reported as a result of implementing OFRs?
- For those less familiar with OFRs, what do you see as the potential benefits of implementing OFRs in your communities?

Engagement of Tribes in OFRs

- Would your OFR benefit from an active tribal partner, and if so, what unique perspectives or contributions do you think tribes can bring to the process?
- What factors have hindered tribal involvement in OFRs, and how can these barriers be overcome to encourage greater tribal participation?

Challenges and Barriers

- What are some key challenges or barriers you foresee in implementing OFRs, and how can they be addressed?

Integrating Culture

- What might be some key cultural considerations when implementing OFRs?
- What specific strategies do you recommend for achieving a more culturally inclusive approach?

Roles and Collaboration

- Who should actively engage in OFRs from tribal communities, and how can their involvement optimize the effectiveness of the reviews?
- How can collaboration between tribes, states, and counties be enhanced to improve the outcomes of OFRs in preventing overdose fatalities?
- Who are the key stakeholders and professionals in your tribal community that should be actively involved in an OFR?
- What specific roles do you think different professionals or organizations can play in an effective OFR process?
- How do you believe multidisciplinary collaboration can enhance the effectiveness of OFRs in preventing overdose fatalities?

Empowering Community Voices While Maintaining Privacy

- How can we ensure that the voices and experiences of affected communities and tribal members are central to the OFR process?
- What are some potential strategies for ensuring that the privacy and confidentiality of individuals involved in an OFR are respected while still drawing valuable insights from their cases?
- How can we engage and educate the public about the importance of OFRs and their potential impact on preventing overdose fatalities?

Data Collaboration

- How can data sharing between tribe, state, and county entities be enhanced?
- What steps can be taken to promote transparency in data collection?

Effectiveness of OFRs and Addressing Underlying Causes

- In what ways do you think the findings and recommendations from OFRs can be used to inform and improve local prevention and intervention strategies?
- In what ways do you think the implementation of OFRs can help to address underlying causes of substance use disorders in your community?

Supporting Programs and Resources

- What essential resources, like funding or training programs, are vital for empowering tribal communities to actively engage in and benefit from OFRs?
- What tribal resources and programs could county OFRs use to improve the effectiveness of their OFRs?

Measuring Success

- How do you think we can measure the success or effectiveness of OFRs in your community?

Policy and Program Changes

- What are some examples of policy or program changes that could be recommended as a result of implementing OFRs in your community?
- How can we ensure that the recommendations and findings from an OFR are implemented and translated into practice?

Innovative Approaches and Best Practices

- What are some innovative approaches or best practices that could be incorporated into your local OFR process based on experiences from other communities?

Goals and Sustainability

- What are some potential long-term goals or expectations for implementing OFRs in your community?
- What are three key insights that existing OFRs could share with tribes to assist them in supporting the establishment and sustainability of OFRs within tribal frameworks?

Call to Action

- What message would you like to convey to your colleagues about the importance of implementing OFRs in your community?
- What steps should be taken to start implementing OFRs in your community?
- Based on our discussion today, what are your next steps or actions to support the implementation of OFRs in your tribal community?

Thank you!

15-minute break

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