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New Jersey Harm Reduction Conference

May 30th, 2024

Robert Treat Hotel, Newark, NJ

8:00 – 9:00 AM	Registration, Breakfast, and Community Village
9:00 – 9:20 AM	Conference Welcome, Expectations and Housekeeping <i>Eric Reyes, Deputy Director of Mental Health and Trauma, CAI</i>
9:20 – 9:40 AM	Opening Remarks <i>Dr. Kaitlan Baston, New Jersey Health Commissioner</i>
9:40 – 10:40 AM	Starting Where the Client Is: Harm Reduction Practice with People Who Use Drugs <i>Dr. Sheila Vakharia, Deputy Director, Research & Academic Engagement, Drug Policy Alliance</i>
10:40 – 10:55 AM	Break
10:55 – 11:45 AM	MOUD as a Harm Reduction Strategy: Current Opportunities and Challenges <i>Heather Ogden, Agency Analyst and Linkage to Care Coordinator, NJ DOH</i> <i>Dr. Amesika Nyaku, Assistant Professor, Rutgers New Jersey Medical School</i> <i>Georgett Shelton, President and CEO, South Jersey AIDS Alliance</i> <i>Moderator: Gricel Arredondo, Vice President of Capacity Building, CAI</i>
11:45 – 12:15 PM	Morning Insights: From Knowledge to Action (In-person only) <i>Gricel Arredondo, CAI</i>
12:15 – 1:15 PM	Lunch and Community Village (In-person only)
1:15 – 2:15 PM	Safer Smoking in Harm Reduction <i>Jim Duffy, Director, Smoke Works</i>
2:15 – 2:30 PM	Break
2:30 – 3:30 PM	Community Engagement and Innovative Practices - Lessons from OnPoint NYC <i>Sam Rivera, Executive Director, OnPoint NYC</i> <i>Terrell Jones, Outreach and Advocacy Program Manager, OnPoint NYC</i> <i>Jason Beltre, Director of Community Initiatives and Impact, OnPoint NYC</i> <i>Brandon Munoz, Associate Director of Outreach and Public Safety, OnPoint NYC</i> <i>Moderator: Jenna Mellor, Executive Director, NJ Harm Reduction Coalition</i>
3:30 – 4:00 PM	Closing and Evaluations