HIV/HCV Resource Center Syringe Exchange Programs White River Junction and Springfield sites

Syringe service programs are often the first stop for individuals to get referrals for treatment and other social services. In addition to clean needles and Sharps containers in which to store used ones, our programs offer free naloxone nasal spray (and training in its use), free testing for Hepatitis C and HIV (and information on viral transmission), a counseling program, and referrals to drug treatment programs and medical and mental health treatment. Our programs, embedded in medical clinics, allow our clients to access medical services on site. Our Springfield site is open once a week for two hours; our White River site is open twice a week for two hours.

Springfield Health Center site one-year data (3/7/17 to 3/6/18):

• Unique Individuals: 62

New Clients: 62Client visits: 254

Naloxone doses distributed: 52Overdose reversal reports: 25

Needles In/ Needles Out: 18,730 In/ 60,847 Out

Good Neighbor Health Clinic site CY17 data:

• Unique Individuals: 143

New Clients: 49Client visits: 387

Naloxone doses distributed: 28Overdose reversal reports: 17

• Needles In/ Needles Out: 40,904 In/ 82,099 Out

About 50% clients are male and 50% are female

Age range: 20 to 78;

• 21-25: 10%

• 26-36: 46%

• 37-47: 34%

48-76: 10%

Most clients are using opioids (heroin, fentanyl, oxycodone, Percoset) Other drugs used: Suboxone, cocaine, methamphetamine

New clients are testing positive for Hepatitis C antibodies at a rate of 30%. About 40% of our clients are living with Hepatitis C.

I would be happy to discuss our syringe service programs in more detail.

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