

Advancing the Science on Recovery Community Centers: Seminar Series

Seminar 10

Title:

Addressing racism and harm reduction through RCCs: findings and experiences

Presenters:

Monica Skewes and RCO leaders Laurie Johnson-Wade and David Whiter

Date:

Friday, October 1st, 12:00 PM ET

Description:

In this seminar, we are using a panel format to present findings and experiences regarding racism and harm reduction within the context of RCCs. Monica Skewes, Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at the Montana State University, will present an overview of how racial and ethnic minority populations have suffered disproportionately from many problems associated with addiction, including a discussion of drug laws and racism, and how harm reduction approaches can be used. Then, Laurie Johnson-Wade and David Whiter, who are RCO leaders, and founding members of The African American Federation of Recovery Organizations (AAFRO: <https://aafro.org/>), will share insights from their RCCs about how racism has impacted their work, how they incorporate harm reduction approaches, and how they engage in anti-racism activities. They will close with “asks” they have of recovery scientists, clinicians, and healthcare decision makers to improve health equity.

Recording:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GA8RmhuJICQ>

Slides:

<http://www.recoveryanswers.org/assets/R24-Seminar-10-Slides.pdf>

Chat Transcript:

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