#### NAVIGATING THE COMPLEXITY OF PATIENT RESISTANCE/ DISRESPECT AND PROVIDER REACTIVITY

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## Case Study:

- 30 yr old Caucasian, heterosexual, Male on Parole
- HIV +, Unprotected sex with female partner
- Active Medicinal Marijuana Use
- History of Methamphetamine Use
- History of Psychiatric Medication
- Born addicted to Black Tar Heroin
- Works as a Security Guard

### COMMONALITIES: PSYCHIATRIC ILLNESS AND ADDICTION

- Chronic
- Progressive
- Life-threatening
- Relapsing
- Genetic predisposition
- Intertwined
- Highly stigmatized
- Awareness, Acceptance, & Ownership

# What is Addiction?

1) a psychiatric disorder

2) a brain disease

 a chronic, progressive, life-threatening, relapsing, genetically predisposed, highly stigmatized disease that more often than not co-occurs with another psychiatric disorder

## What is Addiction?

4) an incurable disease that is treatable and manageable

5) takes many forms (food, sex, drugs, gambling, work, etc.)

6) what is being used in an addictive way is <u>not</u> the problem

7) transference of addictive patterns *is the norm not the exception* 

## What Does Real Recovery Look Like?

1) Awareness

2) Acceptance

3) Ownership

4) Umbrella

# RELAPSE

Addiction	Psychiatric Illness
* Acceptance of disease model	* Acceptance of disease model
* Stage of change	* Stage of change
* Planning for relapse	* Planning for relapse
* Concrete interventions	* Concrete interventions

### **STAGE OF CHANGE MODEL**

#### $\Leftrightarrow$ Precontemplation $\gg$

may/may not be aware of need to change; avoids topic; knows little about it (Harm Reduction, Disease Management/Education, Intervention, Contingency Management, and Motivational Interviewing: Awareness)

#### Contemplation

considers and articulates the advantages and the disadvantages of change (Harm Reduction, Disease Management/Education, Intervention, Contingency Management, and Motivational Interviewing: Awareness)Source of motivation: Internal, External, Combination

#### ✤ Preparation

making a commitment to change and creating a plan (Harm Reduction, Disease Management/Education, Intervention, Contingency Management, and Motivational Interviewing: Awareness, Acceptance, and Ownership) Source of motivation: Internal, External, Combination

Adapted from Prochaska and DiClemente, 1984,2002

### **STAGE OF CHANGE MODEL**

#### Action <sup>≥</sup>

implementing the plan; revising the plan as needed; may relapse (Harm Reduction, Disease Management/Education, Intervention, Contingency Management, and Motivational Interviewing: Awareness, Acceptance, and Ownership) Source of motivation: Internal, External, Combination

#### **Maintenance**

continue to make significant changes (that were implemented during the action stage); the changes becomes more habitual; implement strategies to assist in the prevention of slips or relapse

#### Relapse

part of the change process; can be used as a learning tool via behavioral analysis Assess veracity of Awareness, Acceptance, and Ownership

### PRECONTEMPLATION STAGE OF CHANGE

- Provider questions:
  - What happened that brought you to be involved with the courts?
  - Does any drug use on your part have to do with it?
  - Do you identify as an addict? If not, why not? If yes, tell me why and when.
  - Tell me what you know about the disease of addiction.
  - Tell me what recovery involves.

### CONTEMPLATION STAGE OF CHANGE

Provider questions:

 Have you thought about the possibility that you struggle with the disease of addiction? If no, why not? If yes, please share your thinking with me.

 Have you tried to control your drug use? In what way? What was the outcome? PREPARATION STAGE OF CHANGE

- Provider questions:
  - You identify as a person burdened with the disease of addiction, yes?
  - What steps have you take historically to address this burden?
  - What was the outcome?
  - How will this attempt at change be different?
  - When would you like to implement this different approach?

### ACTION STAGE OF CHANGE

Provider questions:

- What specific observable steps are you engaged in to address the disease of addiction?
- What do you miss most about using?
- What is the hardest thing about recovery?
- What keeps you from returning to drugs?
- Transference of addiction is common what are some of the things you might be likely to transfer your addictive energies onto?

### MAINTENANCE STAGE OF CHANGE

- Provider questions:
  - Who is supportive of your change?
  - Who is not supportive?
  - How do you view yourself as a result of this change?
  - How substantial are the cravings and the loss of old friends/lifestyle?
  - Do you see yourself being able to use in a controlled social way?
  - What concrete, observable, specific actions are supporting the maintenance of your change?

## RELAPSE

- Provider questions:
  - Is relapse possible for you?
  - Define relapse.
  - What steps will you take if you feel you are headed for a relapse?
  - If you relapse, who will you tell? How quickly will you tell?
  - What are some specific signs unique to you, that indicate you may be headed for a relapse?

## Case Study - Aspirational

- Functions of the dysfunction
- No rescue fantasies
- The right to self-determination
- No ego involvement in the outcome
- Treat the person, not the illness
- Client resistance is usually more reflective of the provider's limitations
- Don't personalize the resistance or the anger
- "Patient's" vs. "Client's"
- Talk with not "AT"
- PROVIDER SELF-CARE

## **Questions / Answers**