

Summary of Comments and SAMHSA's Responses as of 05/17/2022

Comment Number	Date Received	Organizations	Summary of Comments	SAMHSA's Response
1	4/15/2022	1. University of Washington 2. New York University 3. Drug User Health team at NASTAD 4. Capacity Building team at the National Harm Reduction Coalition	Explicitly allow estimates for individual-level outcomes, rather than require unique individual counts	Estimates will be allowed and instructions provided in guidance materials. SAMHSA will be changing the measures from unique individuals to encounters to allow for easier reporting. SAMHSA will explore conducting a Point-in-time survey to allow for reporting more detail on individual-level activities.
2	4/15/2022	1. University of Washington 2. New York University 3. Drug User Health team at NASTAD 4. Capacity Building team at the National Harm Reduction Coalition	Include a data dictionary	SAMHSA accepts recommendation.
3	4/15/2022	1. University of Washington 2. New York University 3. Drug User Health team at NASTAD 4. Capacity Building team at the National Harm Reduction Coalition	Changes to demographic information 1. Best practices for gender categories are to 'select all that apply.' 2. Demographic categories should follow the same ordering logic across all domains. 3. Age category	SAMHSA accepts the following: 1. the response options for gender to be "Select all that apply". 2. the suggestion putting in alphabetical order the Race categories: American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, White. Will continued to follow OMB's definition of race and ethnicity (OMB Ethnicity Categories: Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino) 3. (a) revising the age categories, (b) breakout further the age category of 45+ year olds, and (c) creating an age category for minors (17 years old and under).
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				