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SESSION	CE HOURS	DATE/TIME
CE20	1.0	Sunday, November 6th 9:00-10:00 AM
TITLE		
<i>Community-based Research in Underserved Populations: Kink and Consensual Non-monogamy (CNM)</i>		
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ABSTRACT		
<p>This plenary focuses on the complexities of researching Alt-sex practitioners who engage in kink and consensual non-monogamous behaviors. Traditional sampling methods are inadequate when researching stigmatized sexual behaviors among people who are typically closeted about their activities, which makes community-based research particularly effective. The National Coalition for Sexual Freedom's member groups and businesses have provided appropriate methods of recruitment, and guidance that helps narrow the focus of our community-based research. Cultural insiders assist in the analysis of the data in the context of their own experiences, and help develop further lines of inquiry through ongoing collaborate efforts.</p> <p>This collaboration also highlights the need for critical educational for kink and CNM practitioners. For example, a series of consent surveys have contributed to the development of Best Practices for practitioners, sample Consent Policy & Procedures for groups, and Consent Discussions as consciousness-raising exercises that provide direct feedback on the findings. In addition, community-based research has assisted in the creation of recommendations for mainstream institutions and professionals in the form of clinical guidelines for CNM, legal advocacy to decriminalize kink, and projects designed to combat institutionalized discrimination against these underrepresented populations. We'll also examine the research context, methods, and challenges particular to the Alt-sex communities, and consider some research questions that have been raised that require further exploration.</p>		
LEARNING OBJECTIVES		
<p>To describe methods of research and engagement with practitioners of stigmatized sexual behaviors</p> <p>To identify ways that community-based research can provide direct benefits to practitioners</p>		