



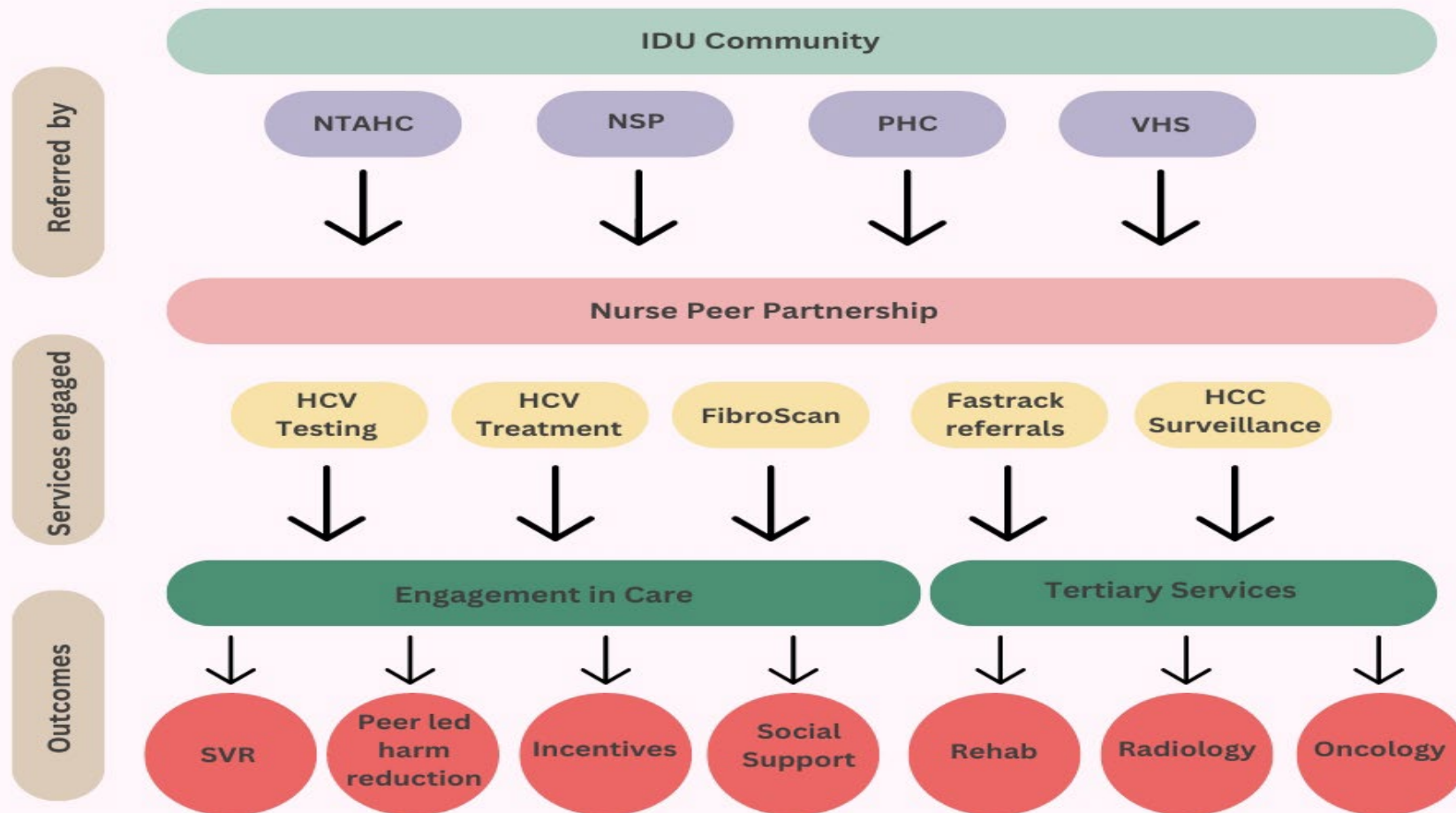
ENGAGING COMMUNITIES IN RESEARCH

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NURSE PEER PARTNERSHIP PROJECT



I. INCENTIVES

"It's hard to get a lot of you know, incentive, when you're a drug addict, so this really helps"

Participant

"The incentives really brought them in, even those who weren't high risk, I still think it is worth the money just to bring people back towards engaging with the healthcare system."

NSP staff member



2. PERSON CENTRED CARE AND RELATIONSHIP BUILDING IS VALUED BY PARTICIPANTS

“I didn’t think I could ever do it because of my drinking how it is ya know, but you said we could do it, you really helped me, now I don’t have to worry about it anymore!”

Participant

“I never bothered with the treatment cos nobody else cared if I did or not before you guys”.

Participant



3. STIGMA

“You just treat us normal, not like hopeless junkies like everyone else”.

Participant

“It’s good here, no one cares who you are, all the staff are like that, that’s why I like coming here”.

Participant



4. REMOVING BARRIERS TO CARE

“We have to come here to get the cleanies anyway”.

Participant

“It’s provided an opportunity for PWID to have closer ties with the healthcare system when they have been previously disengaged”.

NSP staff member



5. VENOUS ACCESS

"This is the vein you need to use, it's the only one I can get. You can see all the marks, so just go where I go".

Participant

"It's like they don't like you telling them where to go, it's like they deliberately won't go where I tell them because they know better"

Participant



TWO-WAY LEARNING



“She taught me the little things that make a difference to people from her own personal experience. She gave me insight into that life and what it entails living in active addiction every day, I had no idea just how difficult and unpredictable life really was”.

Nurse

“I learned the ‘medical side of things’, I felt like I was being let in on secret information that wouldn’t normally get shared with PWID, it gave me confidence in sharing this information with my community”.

Peer

RECIPROCITY



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SUSTAINABILITY

-  Health services and community organisations need to keep pushing for ongoing funding
-  Secure funding for ongoing peer workforce in this space and increase Aboriginal peer workforce
-  Keep documenting our successes as supporting evidence
-  Build community capacity to advocate for themselves
-  Recruit and retain people who are passionate and enthusiastic about the work
-  Incentives must be embedded into all projects

TAKE HOME MESSAGES

The Nurse-Peer Partnership is a successful model of care that can be replicated elsewhere

Ongoing community engagement in research is important as it is often what funds our service delivery - investment in longer term research projects would facilitate sustainability

Relationships come before research

Incentives are a must!