

Name of Narrator: Karel Hoffman

Name of Interviewer: Sue Purchase

Date of Interview: May 6, 2017

Place: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Open Book

Designator/Title: History Harvest Mini Interview

Biographical Information: Karel got involved in harm reduction when she applied for a job at Golden Valley Treatment Services, which happened to be a methadone clinic. She has been in recovery for five years.

Subjects Discussed: Working at a methadone clinic in Golden Valley; stigma against methadone clinics; serving around thirty patients at the methadone clinic; providing a clean, friendly environment for clients; being in recovery for five years after being addicted to opiates; attending Hazelden in Center City and later working for Hazelden Center for Youth and Families in Plymouth, Minnesota; working with women and girls in treatment; experiencing addiction and withdrawal from prescription pain pills; treating patients decently and like human beings.

Length of Interview: 14 minutes

Length of Transcript: 3 pages

Request to Review Transcript: No