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CGS DRUG STRATEGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2017 TIME: 2:30 - 4 P.M.

LOCATION: SDHU BOARDROOM, 1300 PARIS STREET



- Chair:** Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer (Co-Chair)
Recorder: Manon Tessier, Divisional Administrative Assistant, Sudbury & District Health Unit
Present: **CGS:** Tyler Campbell, Director, Social Services (*until 3:40 p.m.*)
GSPS: Paul Pedersen, Chief of Police (**Co-Chair**)
 Allan Lekun, Deputy Chief of Police
SDHU: Dr. Ariella Zbar, Associate Medical Officer of Health and Director, Clinical Services Division
 Sandra Laclé, Director, Health Promotion Division
 Shana Calixte, Manager, Health Promotion Division
 Shannon Dowdall-Smith, Manager, Health Promotion Division
 Karrie-Ann Jones, Public Health Nurse
Regrets: **CGS:** Catherine Matheson, General Manager, Community Development
GSPS: Daniel Despatie, Inspector, Criminal Investigations Division
Guest: **SDHU:** Zinnia Ali, Medical Learner, Undergraduate Year 4 (International Learner)

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1.0	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION	<p>The meeting was called to order at 2:33 p.m. and everyone introduced themselves.</p> <p>T. Campbell was welcomed to the committee and members were informed that he would be attending on C. Matheson's behalf. Rob Blackwell's prior participation and contribution to the committee was acknowledged.</p>	
2.0	REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA	The agenda was reviewed and approved as distributed.	
3.0	REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 10, 2017	The minutes from the May 10, 2017, meeting were approved as distributed.	
4.0	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING		
4.1	Community Drug Strategy Executive Committee Terms of Reference	The proposed changes to the Terms of Reference were reviewed and approved with the caveat that the Director, Leisure Services' position be added as a delegate under the Membership section for the City of Greater Sudbury (CGS).	
4.2	Community Drug Strategy Steering Committee Minutes a) March 15, 2017	Highlights from the March, June and September 2017 Steering Committee meetings were provided. The September meeting was noted to have been the best attended meeting in a year, with some	

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	b) June 14, 2017 c) September 20, 2017	new members in attendance. Membership now includes representation from the Harm Reduction Home, Monarch Recovery Services, North East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) and Federal Crown Attorney's office. A representative from the CGS also participated. Efforts are continuing to include representation from those with lived experience, the Indigenous community and potentially the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM).	
4.3	Sharps Disposal Needle Pick up and Disposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private property • SDHU property • CGS property • Community Bio Bins 	Representatives from the Greater Sudbury Police Service (GSPS), CGS and Sudbury & District Health Unit (SDHU) met in August to coordinate the process for the sharps disposal needle pick-up and disposal. It was agreed that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home and property owners will be responsible for picking-up and disposing needles found on residential or commercial properties, and provided with the information required for the safe pick-up and disposal of needles. Private home and property owners will be able to utilize the services of the Toxic Taxi to pick-up the containers otherwise the containers can be brought to the SDHU for disposal. • The CGS is responsible for picking-up and disposing needles found on municipal property. Four bio-bins (the first two purchased with the drug strategy grant and the other two with the SDHU budget) were installed over the summer, with three more pending. The CGS is working on their policies and procedures regarding the needle pick up. Communications people at 311 have been given instructions for people who call regarding needle pick up. • The SDHU offered training on needle pick-up to the CGS and GSPS. Current 	

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		<p>offerings are also being made to community and private entities such as the Rainbow Mall.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A joint SDHU-GSPS-CGS-led media campaign around safe needle disposal will be planned for the new year, as well as potential presentations to the Sudbury Business Improvement Association and/or Chamber of Commerce. <p>It was noted that a meeting with the CGS councillors will take place on Friday in order to address their concerns related to the perceived increase in discarded needles in the community and notion that no one seems to be responsible for their pick-up.</p>	
4.4	CDS Website	<p>Support was sought to transfer the content of the Community Drug Strategy website to the SDHU main website.</p> <p>It was agreed that a Community Drug Strategy 'micro site' within the SDHU website be created with the caveat that its current branding be maintained. It was also recommended that the partner sites have the same "button/logo" on their website linking users to the CDS 'micro site'. It was further agreed that the approval process for the CDS 'micro site' include both agencies (GSPS and SDHU). It was recommended by the GSPS representatives that the website content be sent to Daniel Despatie at the GSPS for approval.</p>	
5.0	NEW BUSINESS		
5.1	Community Drug Strategy Priorities Workplan 2017-2018	<p>A high level overview of the revised 2017-2018 CDS Priorities Workplan was provided and well-received.</p> <p>It was recommended that the pillar of sustaining relationships be dissolved as a pillar on its own</p>	

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		<p>and have it as an underlying principle throughout all pillars. S. Dowdall-Smith will advise the Steering Committee at its next meeting.</p> <p>It was also recommended and agreed that it would be important to ensure that the City councillors are aware of the “Drug Strategy” at Friday’s meeting.</p> <p>T. Campbell volunteered to share the Workplan with the Community Action Networks (CANs) to raise awareness of the work of the Drug Strategy.</p>	T. Campbell
5.2	<p>Funding 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial government announcements 	<p>The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) recently issued the following media releases:</p> <p>August 29, 2017 Ontario Providing Support to Those Affected by Opioid Crisis. <i>Measures Include More Front Line Workers, Naloxone and Rapid Access to Treatment.</i></p> <p>S. Calixte will connect with the LHIN to determine the funding allocation and criteria.</p> <p>October 4, 2017</p> <p>i) Ontario Creating Opioid Emergency Task Force – this provincial level task force will include front line workers and people with lived experience to strengthen the province’s coordinated response to the opioid “crisis”.</p> <p>ii) Public Health is receiving funding for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Opioid Response, • Naloxone, and • Opioid overdose early warning and surveillance. 	S. Calixte

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5.3	<p>Cannabis Legislation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) SDHU response to the Provincial Consultation b) MOHLTC - Announcement 	<p>On July 12, 2017, the province announced it was seeking public input on the Federal Plan to Legalize Cannabis. The SDHU response focused on health and safety (e.g. minimum age ≥ 21), extending tobacco use laws to cannabis use (e.g. Smoke-Free Ontario Act to apply), road safety and public education needs.</p> <p>The GSPS provided an update on the status of the screening equipment and training. The importance of public messaging on the impacts of cannabis use and driving was highlighted.</p>	
5.4	<p>Harm Reduction Program Enhancement (HRPE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Opioid Response • Naloxone • Opioid overdose early warning and surveillance 	<p>The SDHU is awaiting the Naloxone toolkit from MOHLTC to begin training and distribution in our local community.</p> <p>Preliminary meetings have also taken place at the SDHU to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • data sharing and other potential data sources, and • development of a decision tree to assist with early warning alerts. 	
5.5	<p>Opioid Response Workshop with Public Health Ontario – purpose, date, attendees</p>	<p>The SDHU and Public Health Ontario (PHO) are planning a mass opioid overdose workshop in the new year in Sudbury.</p> <p>The purpose of this health emergency management (HEM) workshop is to establish role clarity in such an event and provide opportunity for partners to work together to simulate through a table top exercise of a local response to a mass opioid overdose in our community. This exercise will help determine what each of our roles would be.</p>	
5.6	<p>Safe Injection Site Exploration</p>	<p>Feasibility and needs assessment studies are being actively explored by the Harm Reduction co-chairs and NOSM researchers.</p>	

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6.0	ANNOUNCEMENTS	<p>The GSPS is providing naloxone kits to frontline staff this week. Every front line (100-125) officer and other positions (e.g. forensics) will receive the kits.</p> <p>Carfentanil is suspected in our community and S. Dowdall-Smith shared the draft alert. A discussion took place and it was agreed the alert should be released to the community even though it has not yet be confirmed. Similar suspected alerts should continue to be released.</p> <p>A template for suspected alerts will be developed by the Steering Committee and shared.</p>	S. Dowdall-Smith K.A. Jones
7.0	NEXT MEETINGS	<p>It was proposed that meetings be held during the first week for the months listed below. Doodle polls will follow today's meeting in order to schedule the dates and times.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ January ➤ March ➤ June ➤ September ➤ November 	M. Tessier
8.0	ADJOURNMENT	The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.	