



- Chair:** Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer (Co-Chair)
- Recorder:** Manon Tessier, Divisional Administrative Assistant, Public Health Sudbury & Districts
- Present:** **City of Greater Sudbury (CGS):**
Tyler Campbell, Director, Social Services
- Greater Sudbury Police Service (GSPS):**
Paul Pedersen, Chief of Police (**Co-Chair**)
Allan Lekun, Deputy Chief of Police
- Public Health Sudbury & Districts:**
Dr. Ariella Zbar, Associate Medical Officer of Health and Director, Clinical Services Division
Sandra Laclé, Director, Health Promotion Division
Shannon Dowdall-Smith, Manager, Family Health
Chantal Belanger, Public Health Nurse
Shana Calixte, Manager, Mental Health and Addictions
- Regrets:** **CGS:** Catherine Matheson, General Manager, Community Development
GSPS: Daniel Despatie, Inspector, Criminal Investigations Division

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1.0	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION	The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. Chantal Belanger, new lead for the Drug Strategy, was introduced to the committee. She will be attending the meetings going forward, replacing Karrie-Ann Jones.	
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 October 17, 2017, meeting were approved as distributed.	
4.0	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING		
4.1	Community Drug Strategy Executive Committee Terms of Reference	The revisions proposed at the last meeting were applied to the terms of reference and the approved final version was included in today's meeting package for the members' reference.	
4.2	Community Drug Strategy Steering Committee Minutes a) November 14, 2017 b) January 16, 2018	Highlights from the November 2017 and January 2018 Steering Committee meetings were provided. T. Campbell will no longer participate on the Steering Committee, instead will attend the Advisory Committee.	.



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		He will be replaced on the Steering Committee by Nicole McMillan.	
4.3	Sharps Disposal Needle Pick up and Disposal	<p><i>Needle bin disposal:</i> The GSPS and Public Health Sudbury & Districts are planning to delay the combined news release until all new CGS needle disposal bins have been installed, likely in April.</p> <p>T. Campbell reported that the Council has approved funding for needle collection by two full time equivalent (FTE) outreach workers from the Sudbury Action Centre for Youth (SACY). There was no end date attributed to this decision. The CGS is continuing to request that calls be referred to 311 and dispatching from there. Good feedback has been received/process seems to be working well.</p> <p>Committee members were also apprised that 311 is currently not operational/responding to calls during the weekends and that T. Campbell will be following-up with regards to the call service.</p>	T. Campbell
4.4	CDS Website	<p>S. Dowdall-Smith provided a show and tell of the new Community Drug Strategy (CDS) micro-site (https://www.phsd.ca/health-topics-programs/alcohol-drugs/community-drug-strategy).</p> <p>The Drug Alerts located on the News & Alerts' section of the micro-site will be placed in a table format.</p> <p>The link to the CDS site, which will be embedded in a jpg of the CDS logo, will be provided to all CDS partners. The jpg will be added to the partners' website and act as a quick link to the new microsite.</p> <p>The CDS micro site will be maintained by the Public Health Sudbury & Districts. Any additions/changes to the site can be sent to the Public Health Sudbury & Districts.</p>	S. Dowdall-Smith



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		<p>It was noted that it may be possible to add a quick link to each of the five pillars at the top of the micro-site's webpages (where the key words About, News & Alerts, Education and Education are located) to give the work of the pillars a higher profile.</p> <p>It was recommended and agreed that the approved minutes of the steering and executive committees should also be posted to the micro-site. S. Dowdall-Smith will bring the Executive Committee's recommendation forward to the Steering Committee.</p>	<p>S. Dowdall-Smith – Steering Committee minutes</p> <p>M. Tessier – Executive Committee minutes</p>
4.5	Joint Media Campaign – Public Health Sudbury & Districts/GSPS	<p>The joint media campaign is planned for Spring (April), after all of the bio bins have been installed. The media release will cover information regarding the location of the bio bins.</p> <p>The importance of delivering consistent messaging to the media was highlighted. After a discussion, it was agreed that the Public Health Sudbury & Districts would develop key speaking points to assist their own staff, as well as the staff from the GSPS and CGS. C. Belanger and S. Dowdall-Smith will develop the speaking templates and, once approved, share them with the GSPS and CGS.</p>	C. Belanger S. Dowdall-Smith
4.6	<p>Harm Reduction Program Enhancement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Opioid Response • Naloxone • Opioid overdose early warning and surveillance 	<p>An overview of the Ministry enhanced funding from October 2017 was provided.</p> <p>Local opioid response – an overview of the work of the CDS and the response of the community at events, such as the upcoming Public Health Ontario emergency preparedness overdose training in collaboration with Public Health Ontario, was provided.</p>	



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		<p>Naloxone – S. Calixte was noted to be the Public Health Sudbury & Districts most responsible manager for the Naloxone Program, effective January 1, 2018, and the following updates were provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Emails have been sent to all naloxone-qualifying agencies – over 50 enquiries were received by the end of December 2017 ○ As a result, conversations have begun with 12 of the qualifying agencies and 2 memorandum of agreements have been signed so far ○ Conversations with the GSPS and Greater Sudbury Fire Services have started ○ Training is planned ○ Local School Boards do not meet the criteria to receive the naloxone kits from Public Health, but will be able to receive the necessary training from Public Health, as well as assistance with policy development. ○ There are 4 categories of agencies for the distribution of naloxone kits: Indigenous health organizations, withdrawal management, shelters, and outreach. <p>Opioid overdose early warning and surveillance Goal: “Establish formal collection and reporting mechanisms for local data sources used to identify observed changes in the community (“triggers”) that would suggest that a surge in opioid overdoses is occurring”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3 meetings were held so far with some community involvement (Health Sciences North (HSN), Emergency Management Services, GSPS and Ontario Provincial Police) to brainstorm around the accessible data from HSN, Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI), PHO and the Ministry. Coroner’s data is 9-12 months behind. Overdose data is not ‘same day’ with a 2- 	



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		<p>3 week delay. Working group is trying to validate the data against the LHIN data (some of which is different from the other sources) and anecdotal reports from the community. The establishment of an early warning/alert system will rely on intelligence from the GSPS or another frontline partner in a text or email/phone call to determine if a drug alert should be released without creating fear or panic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A conversation was held about developing a framework or need to set a threshold ▪ The need to formalize a communication system to report the ‘observed changes in the community’ was expressed. ▪ It was recommended that the levels of warnings (e.g. watch, warning and advisory) should be defined. ▪ It was agreed that the triangular framework and proposed threshold would be brought forward at the next meeting. 	
4.7	Health Emergency Management Opioid Workshop – March 28, 2018	<p>An overview and the purpose of the Health Emergency Management Opioid Workshop scheduled for March 28, 2018, were provided.</p> <p>The focus of the test will be on inter-sectoral response to a mass casualty event related to opioid overdose. The workshop will provide participants with an opportunity to work together to ensure that our communities have a robust and coordinated response in the event of a local mass opioid overdose event. During the session, participants will have an opportunity to learn about opioids, test their agency’s emergency response plan, clarify roles and responsibilities, and identify strengths and areas for improvement within existing plans.</p>	
5.0	NEW BUSINESS		



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5.1	MOHLTC Opioid Response - Province Equipping Police and Fire Services with Naloxone	A summary overview of the Ministry's response was provided.	
5.2	LHIN Opioid Strategy	<p>S. Laclé shared that the North East Local Health Integration Network (NE LHIN) is increasing treatment services to meet the growing needs of people with addictions to opioids. A total of \$1.65 million in base funding is being invested across Northeastern Ontario to increase access to treatment for opioid addictions and care coordination. Each sub-region received \$200,000 to establish a Rapid Access Addiction Medicine (RAAM) clinic and \$130,000 to enhance withdrawal management and addiction counselling. An additional \$200,000 will also go to HSN who will take on a role as lead agency for research, data collection/analysis and evaluation. HSN will also work with the sub-region RAAM clinics to explore opportunities to create a regional platform to ensure timely access to these clinics.</p> <p>A discussion was held and the need to put more focus on an upstream approach to deal with the increased use of opioids was expressed.</p> <p>There will be prescription monitoring for opioids (physicians prescribing opioids).</p>	
5.3	Opioid Emergency Task Force	S. Laclé provided highlights regarding the province's Opioid Emergency Task Force. The Task Force was created to address the ongoing opioid crisis and includes front-line harm reduction workers, emergency responders, mental health and addiction professionals, public health experts, other provincial ministries and municipal representatives, health-care groups and people who live with addiction. It was noted that David Marsh, Northern Ontario School of Medicine, is a member.	



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5.4	Overdose Prevention Site/Supervised Injection Site	<p>An update was provided and a discussion was held with regards to temporary overdose prevention and supervised injection sites.</p> <p>The process has begun to bring a supervised injection site to the CGS. T. Campbell informed that, next Monday, a report will be submitted to and will be reviewed by the Community Services Committee recommending that the Community Drug Strategy Committee apply for funding through the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care or the NE LHIN for a feasibility study to support a supervised injection site. Notation was made that T. Campbell has invited Dr. Zbar to attend Monday’s meeting.</p> <p>The Ministry has also released a new program by opening up applications for temporary overdose prevention sites. It was noted that these sites are meant specifically for preventing opioid overdoses or for those drugs that are thought to be contaminated with opioids. Although preliminary discussions are happening, it was noted that applications from Sudbury-based organizations have not yet been submitted.</p>	
5.5	PEM Grant Public Service Announcement	<p>The GSPS was successful in their application to receive funding from the Ontario Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services’ Policing Effectiveness and Modernization (PEM) Grant program. The PEM grant supports initiatives that improve the effectiveness, efficiency and modernization of policing services. It provides greater flexibility to police services and boards to focus their funding on implementing initiatives that address local needs.</p> <p>S. Dowdall-Smith announced that the GSPS will use grant funding, in collaboration with Public Health Sudbury & Districts. The funding, combined with funding already received from the MOHLTC, is being used to educate and increase the community’s awareness of addictions and drugs.</p>	



MINUTES

CGS DRUG STRATEGY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2018 TIME: 10:30 A.M. - 12 P.M.

LOCATION: SDHU BOARDROOM, 1300 PARIS STREET



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		Over the Atlantic has been contracted to create two 30-second public service announcement videos; the first video (to ideally coincide with the new release regarding needle disposal) will revolve around harm reduction and needle pick up. The second video will address the stigma related to addictions and drugs.	
6.0	ANNOUNCEMENTS	<p>Chief Pedersen informed that the Ministry of Attorney General will be meeting with police services next Monday in preparation to the cannabis legalization. Although it is unclear at this point in time what the expectations from policing will be, it was noted that key messaging related to the promotion of safe cannabis use will remain a public health responsibility.</p> <p>It was questioned whether or not the Community Drug Strategy work should also include cannabis and alcohol. S. Dowdall-Smith stated that she would bring the aforementioned forward for discussion at the next Community Drug Strategy Steering Committee meeting.</p> <p>S. Dowdall-Smith also informed that Public Health Sudbury & Districts will be transitioning the cannabis-related portfolio to the tobacco team and that the low risk smoking cannabis guidelines have already been developed and shared.</p>	S. Dowdall-Smith
7.0	NEXT MEETINGS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ end of March/early April ➤ June ➤ September ➤ November 	
8.0	ADJOURNMENT	The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.	