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Supervised Injection Site, Community Stakeholder Meeting

Thursday, July 19, 2018 – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Public Health Sudbury & Districts, 1300 Paris Street, Boardroom

Chair:

Ariella Zbar Associate Medical Officer of Health, Public Health Sudbury & Districts

Present:

Adam Day	North East Local Health Integration Network (NE LHIN)
Annie Berthiaume	Public Health Sudbury & Districts
Catharine Savarie	Sudbury Action Centre for Youth (SACY)
Chantal Belanger	Public Health Sudbury & Districts
Chief Paul Pedersen	Greater Sudbury Police Services (GSPS)
Dan Despatie	Greater Sudbury Police Services (GSPS)
Gail Spencer	for Tyler Campbell City of Greater Sudbury (CGS)
Gaston Cotnoir	for Richard Raiville, Réseau ACCESS Network
Lana Parenteau	Ontario Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Strategy (OAHAS)
Lisa Toner	for Richard Raiville, Réseau ACCESS Network
Marie Meawasige	N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre
Marion Quigley	Canadian Mental Health Association – Sudbury/Manitoulin (CMHA)
Nicole MacMillan	for Tyler Campbell City of Greater Sudbury (CGS)
Renée St. Onge	Public Health Sudbury & Districts
Sandra Laclé	Public Health Sudbury & Districts
Shana Calixte	Public Health Sudbury & Districts
Terry Tileczek	North East Local Health Integration Network (NE LHIN)

Recorder:

Christine Lewis Public Health Sudbury & Districts



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1.0	Roll Call The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.	
2.0	Welcome and Introductions Members were welcomed and introduced.	
3.0	Purpose of the Meeting To bring Community Drug Strategy (CDS) stakeholders together to discuss the development of a proposal for a needs assessment and feasibility study (NAFS) for a supervised injection site (SIS).	
3.1	<p>Supervised Consumption Site – Application Process of Funding A presentation was given outlining the process in conducting a NAFS. This is to be undertaken in order to determine if and how to apply for a federal exemption to operate an SIS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CDS is currently exploring options to obtain funding to conduct the NAFS. Public Health Sudbury & Districts will be the main applicant because CDS is not a legal entity. • Two federal grants are available. The Harm Reduction Fund from the Public Health Agency of Canada & the Substance Use and Addiction Program (SUAP) from Health Canada. • The CDS is seeking letters of support from stakeholders present in support of the SUAP grant application. • In addition, the Ontario HIV Treatment Network (OHTN) funds research to community-Based HIV/AIDS organizations in the amount of \$25,000. Réseau ACCESS Network has expressed interest in submitting a proposal for funds to collect information required for an OPS application. OHTN would have their own peer research and team members who would contribute to the project. Public Health Sudbury & Districts offered support to Réseau with grant proposal writing. <p>Sudbury NAFS approach Two advisory groups, scientific and community, would inform the project.</p>	



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	<p>The study would include secondary data analysis, in-person surveys of 150-200 people who use drugs, key informant and/or focus group interviews and an online survey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions arose regarding the number of people for the survey, and rationale for determining the number. This was similar to the number of participants recruited in other Ontario NAFS. • As for the online survey, Waterloo developed an online survey, however, they had about 3,000 people complete their survey. It was noted that a survey would also raise a lot of community awareness, bring the issue to the surface, and help to inform the work of local agencies. <p>Budget Questions The budget of \$85,000 was presented. It was noted that the CDS is not guaranteed to receive the full amount of either grant. The need for a contingency plan was discussed. A request for proposals (RFP) will be required to support components of the NAFS.</p> <p>Clarification on Consumption vs. Injection The NAFS will address drug consumption, noting that applications for injection sites are most feasible. The application will be in keeping with SIS, but asking about other means of drug use.</p>	
3.2	<p>Feedback and Discussionup What is the timeline? How long does it take? A NAFS can take at least 1 year to complete. The CDS aims to start in September 2018 with the recruitment of advisory committees and the ethics applications, which will take 1-2 months to complete. The province is to be kept in the loop as the NAFS progresses in order to inform and obtain the provincial letter of intent. Once the NAFS is complete, the federal exemption for a SIS can be submitted.</p>	



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	<p>Why not instead pursue overdose prevention sites (OPS)? OPS are intended to respond to an urgent public health need with limits as to their structure and duration of operation (3 to 6 months at a time, with possibility of extension). They are provided an exemption through the province and extensions are not guaranteed. SIS, on the other hand, can provide comprehensive services (including linkages with primary and/or mental health care) and are directly granted a federal exemption and therefore are more permanent in nature.</p>	
<p>3.3</p>	<p>Next Steps Who will be conducting the NAFS? The CDS will provide oversight of this study. The Community and Scientific Advisory Groups will inform the work being conducted by Public Health Sudbury & District staff and external individuals to be brought in depending on funding sources (for example, OHTN-supported staff if the OHTN grant is successful).</p> <p>Is there interest in pursuing the NAFS? CMHA expressed interest in pursuing and will support financially and provide in-kind. The NE LHIN is supportive financially and will explore potential in-kind contributions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each agency was asked to share information from today’s SIS meeting with their agency and advise A. Berthiaume by August 2nd of contributions and commitment to the study. A robust application with letters of support from community agencies will be required. Templates will be sent. • C. Belanger will follow up with Health Canada to verify if any work that is started before the application is successful could impact the grant. • The group suggested that it begin communicating information about this project to the downtown business association and the Chamber of Commerce. 	<p>A. Berthiaume All</p> <p>C. Belanger</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• C. Belanger will invite Monarch and NISA to attend the meetings.• S. Calixte will send an invitation to the group, requesting representatives for a time-limited general advisory committee to start work on the ethics application, the terms of reference for the two advisory groups (community and scientific) and the request for proposals.• Réseau ACCESS Network will apply for OHTN grant.• Public Health Sudbury & Districts will apply on behalf of the CDS for the Public Health Agency of Canada's Harm Reduction Fund and Health Canada's SUAP grant.• Background work will begin for the NAFS project such as the communication work plan, ethics application and forming advisory groups.	C. Belanger S. Calixte Réseau ACCESS Network A. Zbar A. Berthiaume
4.0	Next Meeting TBD	
5.0	Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.	