

Community Drug Strategy for the City of Greater Sudbury  
 Steering Committee Meeting  
 Tuesday, January 22, 2019  
 10:30 AM-12:00 PM  
 Withdrawal Management Services – 336 Pine Street

**Present:** Todd Marassato/Rick Waugh, Greater Sudbury Police Service  
 Roxanne Zuck, Monarch Recovery Services  
 Nicole MacMillan, City of Greater Sudbury  
 Dr. Ariella Zbar, Renée Lefebvre, Public Health Sudbury & Districts  
 Carole Paquette for Diane Zannier, Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l’Ontario  
 Jason Segui for Paola Nickodem, Health Sciences North  
 Michelle Warth, Ontario Provincial Police

**Regrets:** Adam Day, North East Local Health Integration Network  
 Amber Fritz, Réseau ACCESS Network  
 Melissa Rooney, Greater Sudbury Emergency Medical Services  
 Robert Parsons, Crown Attorney’s Office  
 Denys Bradley, Federal Crown Attorney’s Office  
 Stephanie Kehoe, Métis Nation  
 Cindy Rose, Canadian Mental Health Association – Sudbury/Manitoulin  
 Sandra Laclé, Public Health Sudbury & Districts  
 Jennifer Connelly, Sudbury Catholic District School Board  
 Michelle Cotnoir, Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario  
 Daniel Watson, Rainbow District School Board  
 Paola Nickodem, Health Sciences North  
 Dianne Zannier, Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l’Ontario

**Guest:** Laurie Willett Daoust (Recorder), Public Health Sudbury & Districts

	<i>Items</i>	<i>Follow Up</i>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>ROLL CALL</b>	10:45 a.m.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</b>	New members were welcomed.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>	Approved without changes.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES November 20, 2018</b>	November 20, 2018 – Approved with the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7.2 – <i>should read:</i> Currently, they are working with a local company to empty the bins however, it would be important to work with them to better collect stats regarding the content of the bins. Needle bins are currently emptied quarterly. However, 3 of 8 bins are emptied bi-monthly. Nicole MacMillan will connect</li> </ul>

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		with Annie Berthiaume, Manager in Clinical Services at PHSD to discuss the collection of data.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST</b>	None to declare.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>PRESENTATIONS</b>	
<b>6.1</b>	<b>Peer Engagement Project</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deferred</li> <li>• Dr. Zbar gave a quick overview. Réseau/Access was successful in receiving funding for a peer engagement project, where peers will be trained in survey development and other research skills. Funds were received through the Harm Reduction Fund.</li> <li>• Amber will provide a presentation at the next meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	
<b>7.1</b>	<b>Early Warning Surveillance System Update</b>	<p><b>Early Warning Surveillance System Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Dashboard is built and is now being tested.</li> <li>• It will pull data from EMS calls for suspected opioid overdoses and will also include information on naloxone administration.</li> <li>• The system is able to incorporate the EARS algorithm (early aberration reporting system).</li> <li>• Data sharing agreement is in place. A meeting will soon be held to determine the how the information will be shared.</li> <li>• Shana Calixte had a CBC radio interview this past week regarding the Early Warning system and suspected opioid overdoses in our community.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Early Warning Framework testing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Testing continues.</li> <li>• Power BI license will be acquired by Public Health Sudbury and Districts.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Drafting policy of criteria for Drug Alert &amp; Warning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work on this will continue.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>After hours/weekend drug alerts/warning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More discussion will be held to determine the best way forward. It was noted that only 1 other Public Health Unit of 35 in Ontario reported that they have</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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		a weekend drug alert system.
<b>7.2</b>	<b>Needle Disposal Bin</b>	<p>At the end of December, the needle kiosk that used to be situated at 200 Larch Street was relocated to the corner of Durham and Beech Street near the Off the Street Shelter (Christ the King Church). The kiosk will only be located in that area temporarily and will be re-located once the Off the Street Shelter closes for the season in April 2019.</p> <p>Currently, there are 8 bins in the downtown area:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hnatyshyn Park (entrance of trail)</li> <li>2. Memorial Park (near alleyway behind 65 Larch)</li> <li>3. Leslie Street Bridge (entrance of the Trans Canada Trail)</li> <li>4. Mackenzie Street (main library parking lot)</li> <li>5. Energy Court (behind 105 Elm Street)</li> <li>6. Corner of Kathleen Street and Eva Avenue (vacant lot)</li> <li>7. St. Anne's Road (green stairs leading to Marymount Academy)</li> <li>8. Durham Street (near Off the Street shelter) - <b>temporary location</b></li> </ol> <p>A request was put forward for 3 additional bins. If Council approves this request, the bins will be put in the following identified locations: behind Weaver &amp; Simmons, Lloyd Street Hill, and near the underpass on Elgin. These locations are subject to change if different needs are identified in the Spring.</p> <p>The bins currently at MacKenzie Street Library and Energy Court aren't being used as much as they were in the past and therefore the City is working with SACY to determine if they could be better utilized at different locations.</p>
<b>7.3</b>	<b>Naloxone Distribution (Update)</b>	<p>The Naloxone/Harm Reduction Program Enhancement program at Public Health Sudbury &amp; Districts now has 23 (1 since the last report) memorandums of understanding with local agencies.</p> <p>Overall, 29 (3 since the last report) agencies have been trained, receiving the "train the trainer" model for the distribution of naloxone. In total, 163 individuals have been trained across Sudbury and Districts.</p> <p>Up to now, 998 naloxone kits and 222 refills have been sent out to agencies with which Public Health Sudbury &amp; Districts</p>

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		<p>has a Memorandum of Understanding for the administration or distribution of naloxone, as well as our own ONP at Rainbow centre.</p> <p>The interest in naloxone is becoming more widespread. PHSD has been able to provide training to agencies/people are not eligible for naloxone under the Naloxone program/Harm Reduction Program enhancement. However, we cannot provide naloxone. These agencies would have to purchase it on their own.</p> <p>Brenda Stankiewicz from PHSD is currently working to create a process to have expired naloxone kits returned and replaced since current naloxone spray has a one-year shelf life.</p>
<b>7.4</b>	<b>Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study (NAFS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates from Supervised Consumption Services Community Advisory Committee and Research/Technical Working group</li> <li>• Dr. Zbar provided an update on the status of the Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study (NAFS) for Supervised Consumption Services. Currently, ethics approval is being sought through HSN and Public Health.</li> <li>• Dr. Zbar will be presenting to the HSN Ethics Committee on February 5.</li> <li>• The Committee is also looking to secure a Research Officer. The Research Officer will have responsibilities for primary data collection, secondary data collection, data analysis, community advisory committee participation and budgeting.</li> <li>• Funding for this project was secured through the City, Canadian Mental Health Association, the North East LHIN and Public Health.</li> <li>• The CDS Communications Working Group will be working on anti-stigma messaging.</li> </ul>

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<b>8.0</b>	<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	
<b>8.1</b>	<b>Update on Membership</b>	<p><b>Update on membership</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chantal Belanger is no longer with Public Health. This position is currently advertised.</li> <li>• Todd Marassato replaces James Killeen. Todd is the new Drug Unit Sergeant for GSPS and comes with a strong background. D. Despatie has asked Todd to reach out to the Crowns' Attorney Office to discuss the importance of their commitment at this table.</li> <li>• Daniel Watson replaces Mary Jago from the Rainbow District School Board.</li> <li>• Paola Nickodem will represent HSN.</li> <li>• There is no representation from Social Planning Council at this time. <b>S. Calixte will extend an invitation for representation.</b></li> </ul>
<b>8.2</b>	<b>Connections to NE LHIN Mental health and Addictions Advisory Council (Regional)</b>	Deferred.
<b>9.0</b>	<b>FOUNDATION WORKING GROUPS' REPORTS</b>	
<b>9.1</b>	<b>Health Promotion and Prevention</b>	No updates to report.
<b>9.2</b>	<b>Treatment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting next week.</li> <li>• Working on a framework on how to get people to treatment.</li> </ul>
<b>9.3</b>	<b>Harm Reduction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting next week.</li> <li>• Meeting will focus on reflecting what was done in 2018 and the goal setting for 2019.</li> </ul>
<b>9.4</b>	<b>Enforcement and Justice</b>	<p><b>CDS and Cannabis</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rick Waugh from GSPS asked if CDS was responsible for cannabis-related work. It was reinforced that cannabis would fall under CDS mandate.</li> <li>• A media release regarding cannabis products (CBD) was issued in December. With the legalization of cannabis, there are concerns around CBD products being offered in stores (is the concentration accurate?).</li> <li>• Educational materials were created and will be sent to co-chairs so they can be uploaded on the CDS website.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shana will send Rick the PHSD cannabis contacts.</li> <li>• Carole Paquette shared that a cannabis information package was sent out to parents at the beginning of the school year.</li> </ul> <p><b>Legislation changes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was noted that Regional Crown Attorney who has embarked on a 3-year study related to opioid deaths. They are advocating for changes legislatively (e.g. homicide charges and stiffer penalties for those caught selling drugs laced with fentanyl).</li> <li>• Ideally, representation from the Crown Attorney's Office would be important at the CDS committee to report on justice issues.</li> <li>• <b>R. Waugh to follow up on the participation of the crown attorney</b></li> </ul>
9.5	<b>Communications Work group</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Communications Working Group is comprised of Communications staff from several CDS partner agencies. The focus of this committee is to educate and bring awareness to the community.</li> <li>• Upcoming tasks include anti-stigma/anti-discrimination messaging.</li> <li>• The infographic and Communications Tool Kit is now available for download on the CDS website under the Education section.</li> <li>• The group will meet again in February.</li> </ul>
<b>10.0</b>	<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES</b>	
10.1	<b>Public Service Announcement issued: Increase in suspected overdoses – December 21, 2018 [Drug Warning]</b>	A drug alert was issued on December 21, 2018. Harm reduction strategies were provided. See the attachment for details. <a href="#">(PSA)</a>
10.2	<b>Know More Tour publicity</b>	Health Canada's Know More Tour was held on December 4, 2018. See the attachments to view media coverage on this event. <a href="#">1</a> , <a href="#">2</a> , <a href="#">3</a>

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10.3	<b>Public Consultation on Potential Next Steps in Canadian Drugs &amp; Substances Strategy (CDSS)</b>	Local data was provided. <a href="#">Substance Use Consultation</a>
10.4	<b>Needle Disposal: Guidance for Policies document available online</b>	Needle disposal information for non-health care settings. See attachment* for details. <a href="#">*</a>
11.0	<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	Date: March 19, 2019 Time: 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  All meetings will be at Withdrawal Management Services – 336 Pine Street
12.0	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.