

Community Drug Strategy for the City of Greater Sudbury  
Steering Committee Meeting  
**2018-03**

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Withdrawal Management Services – 336 Pine Street

**Present:** Daniel Despatie, Greater Sudbury Police Service  
Shana Calixte, Sandra Laclé, Chantal Belanger, Dr. Ariella Zbar, Renée Lefebvre,  
Public Health Sudbury & Districts  
Rebecca Poulin, Greater Sudbury Emergency Medical Services  
Adam Day, North East Local Health Integration Network  
Amber Fritz, Réseau Access Network  
Roxanne Zuck, Monarch Recovery Services  
Joseph Leblanc, Social Planning Council of Sudbury  
Mary Jago, Rainbow District School Board

**Regrets:** Stephanie Kehoe, Métis Nation  
Jennifer Connelly, Sudbury Catholic School Board  
Diane Zannier, Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario  
Michelle Cotnoir, Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario  
Melissa Roney, Greater Sudbury Emergency Medical Services  
James Killeen, Rick Waugh, Greater Sudbury Police Service  
Robert Parsons, Crown Attorney's Office  
Denys Bradley, Federal Crown Attorney's Office  
Nicole MacMillan, City of Greater Sudbury  
Cindy Rose, Canadian Mental Health Association

**Guest:** Christine Lewis (Recorder), Samantha Kendall (Student) Public Health Sudbury & Districts

	<i>Items</i>	<i>Follow Up</i>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>ROLL CALL</b>	10:35 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.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 5, 2018</b>	Approved.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST</b>	None to declare.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>PRESENTATIONS</b>	No presentations.

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<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>➤ <b>EMS Data Sharing Agreement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data sharing agreement draft is currently being reviewed by Public Health and the City.</li> <li>• EMS data has a new code to capture suspected opioid overdoses more accurately. This new code will provide information required as part of the early surveillance framework for the City of Greater Sudbury.</li> <li>• Opioid surveillance Committee will be meeting in October to review and validate the dashboard.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b>Early Warning Framework</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A draft framework was presented to the committee members and reviewed for feedback. The draft framework will be forwarded to the District Drug strategies for reference to create their own.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>7.2</b>	<b>Funding Request from GSPS/CGS for Media Campaigns</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Anti-stigma video has been produced and will be shared in different media outlets. The video is on Public Health website and Facebook. It will be released this afternoon.</li> <li>• Funds have been received from the City of Greater Sudbury to support the media campaign. Partial funds for the videos were from a grant with GSPS.</li> <li>• Suggested by J. Leblanc to create a request to the City for sustained funding.</li> </ul>
<b>7.3</b>	<b>CDS Website and Videos Updates</b>	<p><b>Drug Alert/Warning sign up box</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sign up box will be added to CDS website shortly. French website is under construction and expected to be completed by the end of October, 2018. (<a href="http://www.phsd.ca/cds">www.phsd.ca/cds</a>) URL will be sent for members to put on agency websites. C. Belanger to follow up with City to see if they have a link on their site.</li> </ul>
<b>7.5</b>	<b>Naloxone Distribution (Update)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As of August 31<sup>st</sup>, there are 18 memorandums of understanding that have been signed.</li> <li>• 15 agencies (79 people) have been trained.</li> <li>• 30 Public Health staff have been trained.</li> <li>• 654 training kits have been given out as well as 22 refills.</li> <li>• Since May 2018, 323 clients and/or family and friends have been trained.</li> <li>• Naloxone kits are also available at pharmacies.</li> <li>• Calls to 911 when an overdose occurs are not frequent, as individuals still fear repercussions from the law. There is a</li> </ul>

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		<p>need to increase awareness of the Good Samaritan Act. Good Samaritan posters were brought for members to distribute.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion was held that when police do arrive on the scene, they often question those who are present. This has caused fear from some members of the community. More education around the Good Samaritan Act was identified as a need.</li> <li>• Discussion was also held on the potential of a person re-overdosing following naloxone administering. S. Calixte will ensure the message is included in a clear way during training on the effects of naloxone and the concerns regarding re-overdose.</li> </ul>
7.6	<b>Needle Disposal Bins (update)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 bins are now located throughout the city. The Larch St. bin has been removed due to construction, and is going to be re-located.</li> <li>• Greater City of Sudbury staff were out with SACY to explore areas for the best locations based on community needs. Potential locations are 1) 241 Lloyd Street and Behind Weaver Simmons on Brady Street. T. Campbell has requested 4 more bins. Waiting for confirmation from City.</li> <li>• City of Greater Sudbury has increased the frequency of emptying the bins.</li> <li>• A Safe needle disposal toolkit is available the Community Drug Strategy website and members were encouraged to share this with the community and stakeholders.</li> <li>• Members discussed issues on the size of the bins. There have been concerns that people are leaving large collection containers (e.g. laundry soap containers, etc.) beside disposal bins because they don't fit in the Bio bins. Alternatives were discussed including partners reinforcing disposal bin size with clients.</li> <li>• Conversation was held regarding the way other municipalities in the province deal with syringes. Most treat this as a waste collection issue.</li> <li>• Dr. Zbar will bring concerns regarding needle disposal to the next Needle Exchange meeting on Thursday September 20th, 2018.</li> <li>• Group suggested that the City promote a city-wide campaign similar to tipping fees at the dump for safe needle disposal and expand the the needle pick up.</li> </ul>

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<b>8.0</b>	<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	
<b>8.1</b>	<b>Drafting policy of criteria for Drug Alert and Drug Warning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion was held on the need to craft criteria for when we issue a drug alert, vs. when we issue a drug warning including having a benchmark for when something would go from a warning to an alert. C. Belanger will reach out to other drug strategies for examples. The co-chairs will meet to explore options and begin drafting policy.</li> </ul>
<b>8.2</b>	<b>Sharing CDS Messaging/Alerts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stigma video has been sent to CDS steering committee members. Members are encouraged to share the video widely.</li> <li>• Media release for the stigma video will occur in the afternoon of September 18, 2018</li> <li>• It was noted that at this time Ministry of Education has a focus on mental promotion and related key messages vs addictions.</li> </ul>
<b>8.3</b>	<b>HP Pillar Members</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M. Lavoie is no longer involved with CDS. Individuals interested on working on the Health Promotion Pillar are to send requests to C. Belanger. C. Belanger will connect with Cindy Rose from CMHA to determine their interest.</li> </ul>
<b>8.4</b>	<b>Provincial Direction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The provincial government is conducting a review to inform their position on overdose prevention sites.</li> </ul>
<b>8.5</b>	<b>Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study (NAFS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members met in July to discuss support and next steps for a NAFS.</li> <li>• A Community Advisory Committee and Scientific Work group will be struck to continue the work.</li> <li>• Application has been completed for two federal grants on behalf of CDS. Reseau has completed a third grant.</li> <li>• NAFS will proceed should the grants not be successful.</li> <li>• Next steps include drafting an ethics proposal and RFP (Request for proposal) and have them reviewed by the community advisory committee and scientific working group.</li> <li>• A timeline for the NAFS project will be sent out shortly.</li> </ul>
<b>8.6</b>	<b>Publishing presentation from Partners in Prevention Northeastern Ontario Conference</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Zbar, D. Despatie and S. Calixte will be present at this conference. They will highlight the role of CDS and current projects.</li> <li>• The conference organizers are requesting permission to make the presentation public for the attendees once the conference is completed.</li> <li>• CDS steering committee is supportive of co-chairs attending the conference and publishing the presentation.</li> </ul>

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<b>9.0</b>	<b>FOUNDATION WORKING GROUPS' REPORTS</b>	
<b>9.1</b>	<b>Health Promotion and Prevention</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotional campaign for Fentanyl awareness was launched in August. Billboards were located downtown and on the Kingsway and supported with social media. Posters were distributed at numerous agencies in the city.</li> <li>• Réseau hosted International Overdose Awareness week. C. Belanger, D. Despatie and S. Calixte participated at the well-attended event to promote the work of CDS.</li> <li>• 'Know More' Tour is going across Canada and coming to Sudbury December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. All 4 Boards of Education have been invited to participate. Health Canada created a mobile tour for schools who are unable to attend. Dates have been shared with the boards and they have been advised to connect with Health Canada for further details.</li> </ul>
<b>9.2</b>	<b>Treatment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working on the navigation pathway. Once the pathway is created, group will explore where the content can be promoted.</li> </ul>
<b>9.3</b>	<b>Harm Reduction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting next week. Anticipating new members.</li> <li>• OHAS has new staff.</li> </ul>
<b>9.4</b>	<b>Enforcement and Justice</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No update</li> <li>• D. Despatie noted in one month Cannabis will be legal.</li> </ul>
<b>10.0</b>	<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES</b>	
<b>10.1</b>	<b>Opioids Prescription Tool</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Released and link was given.</li> </ul>
<b>10.2</b>	<b>Public Consultation on Potential Next Steps in Canadian Drugs &amp; Substances Strategy (CDSS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CDS will explore with CDS members and bring back to steering committee for review</li> </ul>
<b>11.0</b>	<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Tuesday, November 20th, 2018</li> <li>➤ 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.</li> <li>• All meetings will be at Withdrawal Management Services – 336 Pine Street.</li> </ul>
<b>12.0</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 12:00 p.m.</li> </ul>