



**Minutes**

Community Advisory Committee – SCS Study  
September 25, 2019 – 1:30 p.m. – Ramsey Room

<b>Chairs:</b>	S. Weber
<b>Recorder:</b>	L. Holland

<b>Present:</b>	R. Zuck	T. Campbell	S. Weber
	R. St Onge	C. Belanger	P. Oghene
	C. Brisebois	L. Lafontaine	R. Rainville
	K. Savage		
<b>Regrets</b>	J. Gough	M. Quigley	P. MacDonald
	B. Dubois	M. Luoma	A. Day
	A. Boyer	B. McCullagh	S. Laclé
	J. MacIntyre	J. McCarty	J. Gorman
	A. Zbar	S. Calixte	J. Seguin
	J. Eibl	K. Morin	E. Smith

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Item Name/Description of Outcome</b>	<b>Action/ Individual Responsible</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Call to order/roll call</b> The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Review and approval of agenda</b> The agenda was approved as presented.	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Review and approval of minutes</b> The minutes of the August 20, 2019 were approved as presented, with a revision to item 8: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Marsh’s session frequency was corrected. She will hold sessions two to three times per month up to December. The day of the week and session times are correct.</li> </ul>	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Invitations/Presentations</b> Two members of the STOP (Sudbury Temporary Overdose Prevention) Society provided a presentation on the society’s work. The society is volunteer run and receives no funding. Both presenters are passionate about the need to reduce the stigma associated with addictions. Stigma and shame stop many people from seeking medical attention, accessing treatment, and even from using the Overdoes Prevention Site (OPS).  The presentation provided an overview of STOP’s work at the OPS. The OPS is intended to be a temporary site to address an immediate need. The site is unsanctioned and unfunded. The site is set up once per week for approximately six hours. At least one	



	<p>nurse and volunteers with lived experience are always onsite. Those who attend provide a code name for statistical purposes. Those who visit the site are provided with a safe, hygienic environment and supervision. Sterile injections supplies, education, overdose prevention and intervention, snacks, water, nursing and other services are also available. Education on safely injecting drugs, infections, and side effects are also provided. Resources for local services such as SACY are also shared.</p> <p>Testing strips are used at the site and have shown that there are a lot of tainted drugs in Sudbury. Due to cost, testing is not done on a regular basis and therefore statistics on this are not collected.</p> <p>In addition to other services, volunteers also watch for wounds and other medical issues and encourage people to seek the treatment needed for these conditions. Stigma greatly affects the willingness of people to seek treatment for any medical issues.</p> <p>With winter approaching, the concern is that STOP is currently unable to provide a warm environment for the OPS. They are trying to secure a trailer for the winter, which they would be able to park on the private land they currently have permission to use weekly. What is needed is a long-term permanently funded site.</p> <p>Included in the presentation are statistics collected by STOP. A copy of the presentation and statistics will be circulated to the committee members following the meeting.</p>	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Business Arising</b>	
<b>5.1</b>	<b>Learning and Action Plan</b> Dr. David Marsh will present at the October meeting. Greater Sudbury Police Services will present at the December meeting.	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>New Business</b>	
<b>6.1</b>	<b>Data Collection</b>  <b>PWID Survey Update</b> The PWID Survey closed, with a total of 200 completed surveys. The committee thanked the peer research associates who worked to complete this data collection in record time.  <b>Community Survey update</b> The community survey was open to everyone and was originally scheduled to close in August. The survey closing date was extended to early September. The target for this survey was 1500-3000. In the end, 2336 surveys were completed.	



P. Oghene and his team are working on analysing the data from both surveys.

**Focus group planning and recruiting**

Focus groups will be scheduled between mid-October and mid-November for various groups. The first focus group will be for service providers. This group will be made up of both decision makers and front-line workers. A second focus group will be dedicated to the business community. The third set of focus groups will be for friends and family. In the community survey, friends and family interested in participating in the focus group were asked to self-identify. There were 71 people who put their names forward. The invitation will go out to all 71 people but focus groups will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. After discussion at last week's Research and Technical Working Group, it was decided that those who respond to the invitation after the focus groups are full, will still be provided an opportunity to provide their input. Depending on the amount of data, analysis of the focus groups should be completed by December 20.

**Secondary Data**

Secondary data analysis is also underway. A lot of secondary data will be used to provide a more complete picture of what is happening in Sudbury and help underline the need in the community. This data will also be helpful for the Health Canada application, if this step is reached.

**Summary Plan**

A summary document was included in the meeting package. This document was created in response to a request to have a succinct document that could be shared as a communication tool. The intention of the document is to flush out the needs assessment and feasibility piece to show how we are using different data to answer the research questions. A visual showing the milestones is also included. The intention is to share the visual on our website so that the public can track the progress of the project. Discussion ensued about the document and the visual. There were concerns expressed about the wording used in the visual. Also the visual is only a representation of one phase of the larger task of the Health Canada application. There is concern that people will misunderstand the visual and think that it illustrates the timelines of the full application process. A suggestion was made to continue using this document internally, while creating a separate external document that better takes into account the full application process, and has less detail in regards to timelines. If there is any



	additional feedback on this document, committee members are asked to contact Dr. Zbar or R. St Onge.	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Standing items</b>	
<b>7.1</b>	<b>Research/Technical Working Group update</b> At last week's Research and Technical Working Group meeting P. Oghene shared some preliminary survey data, which led to a rich discussion that will help inform the data analysis. There was also discussion about the focus groups and the importance of providing a voice to the friends and family who wish to participate in the focus groups. These individuals do not normally have a venue to share their input.	
<b>7.2</b>	<b>Communications Working Group update</b> R. St Onge shared that there will be a Communications Working Group meeting tomorrow.	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Announcements/enquiries</b> The Community Drug Strategy is facilitating three public information sessions at the City of Greater Sudbury libraries. Various other presentations are also taking place at the Community Action Networks and agencies.  A suggestion was made to approach SWANS Sudbury to make a presentation in the New Year. The contact for this would be Tracy Gregory.	
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Next steps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>An email will be sent to the committee with the presentation from today's meeting. Committee members are also asked to share any new opportunities for presentations in the New Year.</li></ul>	
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Next meeting date/time</b> October 29, 2019 – 1:30 p.m. Public Health Sudbury & Districts Boardroom	
<b>11.0</b>	<b>Adjournment</b> The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.	