



MINUTES

Community Drug Strategy for the City of Greater Sudbury
 Steering Committee Meeting
 Tuesday, September 17, 2019
 10:30 A.M.—12:00 P.M.
 Withdrawal Management Services – 336 Pine Street

Co-chairs: Shana Calixte, Public Health Sudbury & Districts
 Daniel Despatie, Greater Sudbury Police Service

Recorder: Laurie Willett Daoust, Public Health Sudbury & Districts

Present: Chantal Belanger, Renée Lefebvre, Sandra Lacle, Public Health Sudbury & Districts
 Nicole MacMillan, City of Greater Sudbury
 Adam Day, North East Local Health Integration Network
 Todd Marassato, Bob, Norman, Greater Sudbury Police Service
 Amber Fritz, Réseau ACCESS Network
 Rebecca Poulin, Melissa Rooney, Greater Sudbury Emergency Medical Services
 Cindy Rose, Canadian Mental Health Association – Sudbury/Manitoulin
 Roxane Zuck, Monarch Recovery Services

Regrets: Denys Bradley, Federal Crown Attorney’s Office
 Michelle Cotnoir, Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario
 Stephanie Kehoe, Mamaweswen, The North Shore Tribal Council
 Catherine Watson, Health Sciences North
 Robert Parsons, Crown Attorney’s Office
 Michelle Warth, Ontario Provincial Police
 Daniel Watson, Rainbow District School Board
 Dianne Zannier, Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l’Ontario
 Dr A. Zbar, Public Health Sudbury & Districts

Guests Rachel Cloutier, Student, Nippissing University

	Item	Follow-up
1.0	ROLL CALL	The meeting was called to order at 10:39 a.m.
2.0	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS	Introductions were made around the table.
3.0	REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA	The agenda was approved with the following change: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition 8.7 – Substance use vs substance misuse terminology
4.0	REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 19, 2019	The minutes from the previous meeting were approved without changes.

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5.0	DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST	None to declare.
6.0	PRESENTATIONS	
6.1	Peer Engagement Recruiter and Trainer	Deferred.
7.0	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING	
7.1	CDS 2019-2020 Work Plan Session	<p>The Steering Committee met at the end of August to review the CDS 2017-2018 work plan. The group identified priorities (completed, ongoing and not completed). Priorities were identified by the larger group. Some of these priorities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on more than just opioids, attention needed to alcohol and cannabis • Ontario Health Teams – what is our connection to them? • Youth/elderly? Work across the lifespan • Health promotion/upstream work <p>Each pillar will review the priorities and develop strategies to address them for 2019-2020 before the next Steering Committee Meeting on November 19.</p> <p>ACTION: S. Calixte and D. Despatie would like to attend the upcoming Pillar meetings.</p>
7.2	Needle Disposal Bin Update	<p>N. MacMillan provided a handout of the kiosk locations around the city (see attached).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Elgin Street tunnel location was not approved. It will instead be placed on Pine Street at SACY. • The Lloyd Street and SACY bins are well utilised. • The bin at Brady Square is not being used as hoped. The city is looking to possibly have it relocated. It was suggested that 200 Larch Street could be a possible location for this bin. • The bins are emptied quarterly. Last year, there were requests for six extra pick-ups. This year, as of July 5, there were 18 extra pick-up requests as some bins are being filled quickly. • The city has seen an increase in 311 calls to report improperly discarded needles. They have also seen an increase in improperly discarded needles found in Coniston, New Sudbury (Silver Hills) area, and Lively areas. No bins are planned to be set up in these areas but monitoring will continue. • The city is looking to hire a part-time staff member for weekend needle pick-up as they have seen a gap in service.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are currently no plans for the purchase of additional bins. S. Lacle asked if the city would service additional bins if CDS were to purchase them. <p>ACTION: N. MacMillan will bring this forward to the city to verify.</p>
7.3	<p>Naloxone Distribution Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Réseau ACCESS Network PHSD Pharmacies Letter to support EMS distribution 	<p>An overview of the naloxone program statistics by PHSD and Réseau ACCESS was provided. Outreach has noted a plateau in overdoses (anecdotal information received). The demand for naloxone remains high.</p> <p>Information on benzodiazepines was shared with the group and noted that naloxone is not effective for this drug. These drugs may cause symptoms such as memory loss, hallucinations, vision loss, etc. “Fety” powder (pure fentanyl) is also distributed in our community.</p> <p>EMS is seeing more people refusing to go to hospital for observation. They expressed concerns about leaving the patient without a naloxone kit and would like to be able to distribute naloxone to people they provide service to.</p> <p>A meeting with E. Foster (Program Analyst at the, AIDS and Hepatitis C Programs, Provincial Programs Branch Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care) is scheduled, in order to discuss EMS to be added to the Ontario Naloxone Program. A letter was drafted along with EMS support letter, with the hopes of being sent to the ministry. This will be considered at the next meeting following the call with the Ministry.</p> <p>Promoting the Good Samaritan Act Campaign was encouraged in the event of a possible overdose.</p> <p>The Peer Navigator Program, a peer support program located at HSN from 2:30 – 10:30 p.m. daily was also mentioned.</p> <p>ACTION: The Steering Committee will reach out to ask for a presentation about the program.</p>
7.4	<p>Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study (NAFS)</p>	<p>Recruitment for the PWID survey began on June 26 and ended on July 22 with 207 completed surveys. We credit the peer research associates and Réseau ACCESS Network in successfully meeting the target of 200 PWID taking the survey.</p> <p>The online community survey was opened on June 26. As of September 4, 2336 surveys were received. The survey was closed on Tuesday, September 10. We credit the concerted efforts of the Communications Working Group in promoting this survey.</p>

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		<p>Currently, the group is finalizing next steps for the focus groups and secondary data collection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The focus groups will draw from three pools of participants, namely, providers (as informed by the drug strategy pillars and will consist of decision makers and front-line staff), business and related community partners, and friends & family of PWID (these individuals self-identified through the online community survey). The focus groups will take place from the end of September to the end of November. The list of agencies has been validated by the Community Advisory Committee to ensure sufficient representation. • Secondary data are intended to supplement primary data findings and further flesh-out drug use and drug-related harms in our community with statistics such as local rates of HIV and Hepatitis C. <p>We remain on-track with our April 2020 timeline. Timelines and milestone dates will be added to the CDS website.</p>
7.5	CDS Public Information Sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 public information sessions have been planned for Sept 25 at the Main Library, October 2 at the New Sudbury Library, and October 9 at the South End Library. Facebook events have been created and can be shared widely. • 2 CANS have expressed interest in receiving a CDS presentation. They have been booked for September 18 at the Uptown CAN and November 13 at the Flour Mill CAN. • A CDS presentation will take place at the 2019 Mental Health and Addiction Conference at HSN. CDS will also have a booth. <p>ACTION: Should you have any pamphlets to display please forward to C. Belanger.</p>
7.6	Health Promotion Pillar Membership	<p>The Health Promotion Pillar has new representation from Rainbow District School Board, Conseil scolaire catholique Nouvel Ontario, Health Sciences North, Public Health Sudbury & Districts, North Shore Tribal Council and Greater Sudbury Police Services. The first meeting will take place on October 2. K Jones from PHSD who works on the cannabis and alcohol portfolio will also be joining the pillar.</p>
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8.1	Opioid Poisoning Response Plan (OPRP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissemination 	<p>The OPRP is now complete. It was developed in consultation with various stakeholders and lots of valuable feedback was received. The document will be sent out to agencies to add to their existing emergency plans. Members are asked to inform staff involved in reporting.</p> <p>ACTION: Members are asked to inform their Agency staff involved with reporting/responding.</p>

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		<p>There will be a partnership letter forwarded to agencies for accountability. The OPRP will also be posted on the CDS website omitting the contact information.</p> <p>ACTION: co-chairs to send out the partnership letter.</p>
8.2	Opioid Surveillance Website	<p>Opioid surveillance information is now live and available on our CDS website. It provides all local data related to opioid incidents for the City of Greater Sudbury. The information will be updated <i>monthly</i>. EMS and Réseau have agreed to provide their data monthly.</p> <p>CBC recently pulled surveillance information from the website for an article written about the opioid crisis in Sudbury. A. Day shared that they are working on a series of articles related to opioid/drug use. A. Fritz was interviewed for the “People Scared to go Downtown” segment. She suggests to keep reiterating the we must continue to push for anti-stigmatizing language which should be used around addiction when doing media interviews.</p> <p>The Mental Health and Addictions Team at PHSD will be providing media training around the use of language related to addictions and mental health.</p> <p>A. Fritz shared the Changing the Narrative Tool Kit. <i>Changing The Narrative</i> is a network of reporters, researchers, academics, and advocates concerned about the way media represents drug use and addiction. BuzzFeed also published an article recently.</p>
8.3	Federal Minister of Health’s Visit to Sudbury	<p>On July 25, 2019, the Honorable Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Minister of Health, visited PHSD. Joining this visit with Public Health staff were Ministers Paul Lefebvre and Marc Serré, Greater Sudbury Police Chief Paul Pedersen, Deputy Chief Sheilah Weber, and Councillor Jocelyne Laundry-Altman. The co-chairs of the Community Drug Strategy, and members of Sudbury Temporary Overdose Prevention Society (S.T.O.P.) were also in attendance. In addition to the local context surrounding substances, the visit included discussion about Health Canada’s process for the application of the Federal Exemption to Section 56.1 of the Controlled Drugs and Substance Act and provincial funding for Consumption and Treatment Services. The visit demonstrated the established diversity and strength of local partnership between our agencies.</p>
8.4	City of Greater Sudbury Council Presentation	<p>T. Campbell will send Dr. Sutcliffe and Chief Pedersen a formal invitation to present to Council re: Drug Strategy and NAFS once a date has been determined. This information will be shared with the Steering Committee once available.</p>

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		ACTION: T. Campbell will ensure an invitation is sent to Dr. Sutcliffe and Chief Pederson to present at Council.
8.5	Disposal of Cannabis Messaging	<p>The City of Greater Sudbury has advised individuals to contact 311 for details regarding cannabis disposal or to use the Waste-Wise app as disposal options differ on a case to case basis.</p> <p>https://www.greatersudbury.ca/live/garbage-and-recycling/waste-wizard-waste-wise-app/</p> <p>This information will be added on the CDS website.</p> <p>ACTION: C. Belanger/L. Willet will add the waste-wise link to the CDS website.</p>
8.6	Evaluation of CDS Partnership	A formal evaluation of the CDS will be conducted to identify its strength, weaknesses and recommendations. All Steering Committee members and Pillar members will receive a survey monkey link. Chairs of the pillars are asked to share the link with the pillar members to complete. Members are encouraged to answer the survey.
8.7	Substance Use VS Substance Misuse terminology	Discussion on adopting the term substance use versus substance misuse was brought forward. The word “misuse” is stigmatizing language and should not be used in relation to drugs and addiction. A brief explanation will be drafted and presented to the Executive Committee for adoption.
9.0	FOUNDATION WORKING GROUPS’ REPORTS	
9.1	Health Promotion and Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group is working on an anti-stigma campaign. Three videos are being produced and are expected to be completed this Fall. • The “Everyone can reduce harms” campaign will be running until the end of October. • Priority setting will take place at the upcoming meeting on October 2.
9.2	Treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority setting will take place at the upcoming meeting. • Presentations on addictions and services will be held at the libraries in the fall to educate and inform residents. • MONARCH is hosting a fundraiser. Tickets are available to purchase. R. Zuck will send the information to C. Belanger who will share the information widely with CDS members.
9.3	Harm Reduction	The group is meeting next week. Discussions will be held about terminology/use of words. A note will be put together to provide to the Executive Committee.
9.4	Enforcement and Justice	T. Marassato updated the following:

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collaboration with the Toronto Police Services lead o the seizure of Fentanyl and other drugs being distributed in Sudbury. 2. Collaboration with Police from the Niagara Region lead to the seizure of over \$1.3M of drugs and \$300K in firearms.
9.5	Communications Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates will be made to the CDS website regarding the SCS-NAFS. • The “We Are Jeff” video is almost complete. The video provides an upstream approach to help prevent dependency and death related to opioid use. The video will be shared once it has been finalized.
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10.1	OPP Good Samaritan Overdose Act Campaign	<p>OPP has developed a resource promoting the Good Samaritan Overdose Act. GSPS would like to explore this for further for our community.</p> <p>A. Day shared the LHIN will be receiving a needs-based planning report from Dr. Rush.</p>
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11.0	Next meeting	<p>Date: November 19, 2019 Time: 10:30 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m. All meetings will be held at Withdrawal Management Services, 336 Pine Street.</p>
12.0	Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.