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SUPERVISED CONSUMPTION AND TREATMENT SERVICES APPLICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING #01-2020 / DATE: MONDAY, JULY 6, 2020 / TIME: 10:30 A.M. TO 12 P.M.

Co-Chairs:	Richard Rainville and Sandra Laclé
Recorder:	Manon Tessier


Present:	Amber Fritz	Carrienne Agawa	Cindy Rose
	Deputy Chief Sheilah Weber	Daniel Molke	Imran Khan (<i>guest</i>)
	James Gough	John Macdonald (<i>ad hoc</i>)	Josée Joliat
	Loretta Bostrom	Mary Jago	Patty MacDonald
	Richard Rainville	Sandra Laclé	Shana Calixte
	Stephanie Bale	Tyler Campbell	
Regrets:	Angela Recollet	Cindy Brisebois	Kathy Savage
	Maureen Luoma	Melissa Roney	Natalie Aubin

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1.0	Call to order / welcome	The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.	
2.0	Territorial Acknowledgement	The ancestral Indigenous territory upon which this meeting was occurring was acknowledged.	
3.0	Roll call		
4.0	Review and approval of agenda	The agenda was approved as submitted.	
5.0	New business		
5.1	Supervised Consumption Services (SCS) – Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study		
	5.1.1 Report	<p>The <i>Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study</i> report, which was released on June 15, 2020, was shared for the committee members' reference.</p> <p>The overall purpose of the study was to determine the need for and the feasibility of implementing SCS sites in Greater Sudbury, from the perspective of all community stakeholders (including people who inject drugs, Greater Sudbury residents, community partners, and other key stakeholders).</p> <p>Specifically, the study addressed the following objectives:</p> <p>1) Determine the degree of need for SCS in the City of Greater Sudbury;</p>	

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		2) Determine the conditions under which SCS would be used and judged as suitable or attractive by program deliverers and potential clients; 3) Determine the extent to which SCS are helpful by community stakeholders and the community; 4) Identify concerns/challenges/barriers that might be associated with SCS in Greater Sudbury and discuss potential mitigation strategies to address them; 5) Determine how SCS could be integrated with existing harm reduction services in Greater Sudbury; and 6) Determine potential locations for the SCS. It was noted that the study was also a required step in the request for a federal exemption under Health Canada’s <i>Controlled Drugs and Substances Act</i> .	
5.1.2	Steps in the exploration of local Supervised Consumption Services (2019-2020)	An overview of the “Steps in the exploration of local Supervised Consumption Services 2019-2020” infographic was provided. The steps were created to help inform stakeholders and the general public on the process involved towards establishing supervised consumption services in Sudbury. As a community, we have moved through steps 1 and 2, and are now onto step 3.	
5.2	Applications		
5.2.1	Federal application for exemption	An overview of the next steps related to the federal application for exemption under 56.1 of the <i>Controlled Drugs and Substance Act</i> and provincial application under Ontario’s <i>Consumption and Treatment Services (CTS) Program</i> was provided via the attached presentation.  SCS_NAFS_NEXT_ST EPS.pptx It was noted that the federal application and its approval process will take a significant amount of time, whereas the	
5.2.2	Provincial application for approval to operate and funding		

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		<p>provincial application will be rather quick (mostly cuts and pastes from the federal application).</p> <p>Feedback was sought and it was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policies and procedures from already established SCS are available for our reference/use, if needed; • SCS should operate 7 days a week, especially during peak times; • Highlighted was the importance of including the Indigenous perspective in the application process and ensuring that the SCS is welcoming to and culturally acceptable/safe for the Indigenous population <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It was proposed that the SCS be designed with two separate spaces, one being spiritual and the other being clinical ○ The benefits of perhaps striking a SCS Indigenous Advisory Committee was suggested and C. Agawa, R. Rainville and S. Laclé agreed to meet and further discuss ○ J. Macdonald informed that Thunder Bay was successful in their application for a SCS and will connect with them to see how they engaged with and incorporated the Indigenous culture within their application <p>Committee members were encouraged to submit their questions, if any, related to the SCS application for federal exemption to Manon Tessier at tessierm@phsd.ca, who will collate and submit the information to J. Macdonald for his consideration and response, or for his follow up, with Health Canada if necessary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was suggested that an online site be created for committee members to share their comments/additional information related to the work 	<p>C. Agawa S. Laclé R. Rainville</p> <p>J. Macdonald</p> <p>All members M. Tessier</p>

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		of the Supervised Consumption and Treatment Services Application Advisory Committee and M. Tessier agreed to follow-up	M. Tessier
5.3	Letter of support from Mayor and Council	Committee members were informed that the Greater Sudbury City Council has endorsed the need for supervised consumption services in Greater Sudbury. Their endorsement represents a portion of step 3 in the Steps in the exploration of local SCS infographic. The letter of support was shared in the agenda package.	
5.4	Lead agency	The federal application can have more than one agency listed in the formal application. While Public Health Sudbury & Districts is willing to support, the determination of a Lead Agency for the application is essential. One of the first steps must be a consultation process and agreement on the Application Lead. Réseau ACCESS Network put their name forward as the Application Lead and, hearing no opposition, after hearing support for engagement of Indigenous organizations, support was received from committee members.	
5.5	Location	Identifying a location and obtaining support/agreements on a location for the SCS were noted to be one of the biggest hurdles of the application process. The federal application requires a very detailed location where services will be offered. This includes a basic floor plan, with measurements, to identify service intake, consumption, post-consumption, onsite services, separate washrooms for staff and client use, foot wash station, etc. The fire safety and security plans must also meet the occupational health and safety protocols, as well as infection prevention and control requirements. If the SCS is within 100-200 meters from a childcare centre, school or park, community concerns will need to be addressed through community consultations and ongoing community engagement.	



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		<p>Many aspects of the application approval are contingent on receiving support on a SCS physical address, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support from the Mayor and Greater Sudbury City Council; • The availability of a physical location within the desired neighbourhood; • Agreement about the architectural layout for the physical space, the renovations by the landlord, and construction – all with compliance to federal and provincial parameters. <p>A discussion took place and comments/recommendations were shared, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locating the SCS in downtown Sudbury, preferably as a standalone site • Consulting with Jay Pitter, an author and placemaker who takes a multi-faceted approach (for example, by using an equity lens) to the planning, design and management of public spaces. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ C. Agawa will connect with J. Pitter on behalf of the Advisory Committee to seek her overarching recommendation to us. • J. Macdonald noted that mobile SCS can also be considered <p>It was agreed that, although the Needs Assessment Feasibility Study included consultations with various partners and stakeholders to determine the best location, outreach team staff should also ask people they engage with where they believe the site should be located (where would they go) to help confirm the location best suited for the target population.</p>	<p>C. Agawa</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J. Macdonald and S. Bale agreed to draft two to three questions that could be sent to and completed by the outreach teams. • S. Bale will also consult with other supervised consumption sites to determine if they also conducted focus groups with outreach teams to determine how they went, etc. <p>It was also agreed that a task group to focus on determining a location for the SCS be established.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R. Rainville agreed to lead the SCS Location Task Group • C. Agawa and A. Fritz expressed interest in participating • M. Jago informed that one to two principals may be interested and will confirm • S. Calixte shared that the Ontario Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Strategy (OAHAS, located at the SACY site) might also be interested <p><i>Postscript: Committee members received the attached section from the Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study that identifies potential locations for a SCS.</i></p>  <p>Potential locations as identified in NAF!</p>	<p>J. McDonald S. Bale</p> <p>S. Bale</p> <p>M. Jago</p>
5.6	Supervised Consumption and Treatment Services – on site services & referral pathways	<p>SCS are required to have onsite or defined pathways to addiction treatment services, mental health services, primary care services, social services, and it must be identified whether the services will be offered onsite or through a defined pathway or referral.</p> <p>It was noted that the more services are being offered onsite, the better position we are to receive provincial approval/funding.</p>	

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		<p>Following a discussion, it was agreed that a meeting with relevant community service providers be held to seek their input into what type/level of services they are willing to provide to the SCS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> S. Bale and J. Joliat will draft a letter introducing the plan for a SCS and inviting them to a meeting. R. Rainville and S. Laclé will send the letter to the executive directors of the relevant community services 	<p>S. Bale & J. Joliat R. Rainville & S. Laclé</p>
5.7	<p>Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervised Consumption and Treatment Services Application Advisory Committee Task teams (location & services) 	<p>The current membership for the Supervised Consumption and Treatment Services Application Advisory Committee was reviewed, and it was proposed that representation from STOP, namely Kathy Savage, Marie Pollock and Karla Ghartey. It was also noted that members of the Advisory Committee may also be know individuals' who would be interested in contributing/participating and that their names be submitted to R. Rainville.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee members were encouraged to submit other names to R. Rainville who will, in turn, ask M. Tessier to invite them to an upcoming meeting. 	<p>All members R. Rainville M. Tessier</p>
5.8	Addressing community concerns	<p>A preliminary discussion took place about the importance of addressing the community's concerns surrounding addictions and supervised consumption sites by ramping up the messaging/targeted education to reduce stigma and racism.</p> <p>S. Calixte agreed to further discuss the above noted with members of the Community Drug Strategy Health Promotion Pillar and Communications Working Group, and report at a subsequent meeting.</p>	S. Calixte
5.9	Overdose Prevention Sites in response to COVID-19	Information regarding the Public Health Agency of Canada's call out to join the Urgent Public Health Need Site Community of Practice HUB was shared with committee members, for their interest and further sharing as appropriate.	

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6.0	Next steps	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) J. Macdonald to connect with his contact at Health Canada to seek response to the members' questions as we seek clarification to ensure we submit a robust application for federal exemption. 2) J. Macdonald and S. Bale to draft two to three questions that could be sent to and completed by the outreach teams. 3) S. Bale and J. Joliat will draft a letter introducing the plan for a SCS and inviting them to a meeting. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. R. Rainville and S. Laclé to send the letters inviting service providers to discuss what type/level of services they are willing to provide to the SCS. 	<p>J. Macdonald</p> <p>J. Macdonald S. Bale</p> <p>S. Bale J. Joliat</p> <p>R. Rainville S. Laclé</p>
7.0	NEXT MEETING	<p>Monday, July 20 – 3 to 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>At the next meeting, the frequency of meetings will be discussed.</p>	
8.0	ADJOURNMENT	The meeting was adjourned at 12 p.m.	