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SUPERVISED CONSUMPTION AND TREATMENT SERVICES APPLICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING #03-2020 / DATE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2020 / TIME: 1 TO 2:30 P.M.

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

Participants:	
Tamerra London	Black Lives Matter Sudbury
Tyler Campbell	City of Greater Sudbury
Bobbi Deisinger Maureen Luoma	Downtown Sudbury
Melissa Roney	Emergency Management System
Daniel Molke Loretta Bostrom Natalie Aubin	Health Sciences North
Delaney Campbell	Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
Aimee Lee Boyer	North East Local Health Integration Network
Cindy Brisebois James Gough	Peers
Charlene Boucha John Macdonald Josée Joliat Katie Junkin Sandra Laclé Shana Calixte	Public Health Sudbury & Districts
Richard Rainville	Réseau ACCESS Network
Andrea Dokis	Shkagamik-Kwe Health Centre
Julie Gorman	Sudbury Action Centre for Youth
Roslyn Deisinger	Sex Worker Advisory Network of Sudbury Board of Directors

Regrets:	
Cindy Rose Patty MacDonald	Canadian Mental Health Association
Sheilah Webber	Greater Sudbury Police Services
Kathy Savage	Peer
Amber Fritz	Réseau ACCESS Network
Geesohns Manitowabi	Shkagamik-Kwe Health Centre
<i>Vacant</i>	Sudbury Pride
Mary Jago	Rainbow District School Board
Stephanie Bale	Public Health Sudbury & Districts

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1.0	Call to order / welcome	The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m.	
2.0	Territorial Acknowledgement	The ancestral indigenous territory upon which this meeting was occurring was acknowledged.	
3.0	Roll call	The roll call was conducted.	
4.0	Review and approval of agenda	The agenda was approved as submitted.	
5.0	Approval of previous minutes	The minutes were approved as distributed.	
6.0	Business Arising		
6.1	Questions to Health Canada and other Supervised Consumption Site	<p>J. Macdonald informed that it will take well over six months for Health Canada to review the federal application after it is received. The importance of ensuring that no stones are left unturned before the application is submitted was highlighted in order to ensure that its approval is not further delayed.</p> <p>Health Canada's response to whether the application can be submitted without a physical address and name of a physician for the site are pending.</p> <p>Committee members were encouraged to connect with J. Macdonald if they have additional questions related to the Supervised Consumption Services (SCS) application for federal exemption who, in turn, will respond or follow up with Health Canada if necessary.</p> <p>A discussion took place with regards to Health Canada's Notice of Intent to develop new regulations under the <i>Controlled Drugs and Substances Act</i> with respect to supervised consumption sites and services. Committee members were informed that Health Canada recognizes that there is a wide range of factors that influence the operation of each supervised consumption site, and that new regulations will require flexibility rather than a one-size-fits-all approach. The purpose of their consultation is to seek comments from interested</p>	

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		<p>parties that will inform the development of these new regulations for supervised consumption services. Health Canada is seeking input into the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the impacts of supervised consumption sites or services on people who use drugs, the communities in which these services are located, and the provinces and territories? • What are the main federal regulatory barriers faced by those who are applying to operate or are operating an SCS in Canada? Are there any aspects of either the initial or subsequent process to apply for an exemption under the CDSA that are more burdensome than others? • What types of supervised consumption services (e.g. drug checking, peer assistance, medication-assisted treatment and safer-supply treatment options) should be included under the proposed new regulations? What evidence exists to support the effectiveness of such services? <p>Those interested in participating in Health Canada’s consultation are to submit their input by October 14, 2020.</p>	
6.2	Application Components		
	<p>6.2.1 Location for Supervised Consumption Site - Focus Groups</p>	<p>Efforts are continuing to find the best location for the supervised consumption services site.</p> <p>Focus groups started this week. The aim is to connect with 60 individuals, the reality however, may be that connections may only be possible with half of them due to COVID related challenges. Participants will be asked ten questions related to location, hours of operation, layout, offered services, safety and comfort.</p>	

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	6.2.2 Integrating Indigenous Practices and Services - Task Group	A document, summarizing the important findings of the <i>Needs Assessment Feasibility Study</i> and the impact of substance use on Indigenous people within the community, was shared with Indigenous partners. Members of the Integrating Indigenous Practices and Services' Task Group were invited to provide their input, within the next couple of weeks, on how First Nations practices and services can be incorporated within the supervised consumption services site.	
	6.2.3 Services and Referral Pathways - Task Group	<p>J. Joliat shared that many agencies have demonstrated an interest in creating a referral pathway with the supervised consumption services site, and an overview of the responses received to date was provided.</p> <p>N. Aubin confirmed that Health Sciences North is committed to developing expedited referral pathways between the supervised consumption site and their Mental Health and Addictions Program, including (but not limited to) referral pathways to the Rapid Access Addictions Medicine (RAAM) Clinic. She informed that she is currently consulting with Dr. Michael Franklyn, the Site Lead, and will set-up a meeting to further discuss the referral pathways. R. Rainville and S. Laclé will be invited to join the meeting discussions. Given the short timeline for submitting the federal application, it was proposed that the meeting take place sooner rather than later.</p> <p>It was noted that the virtual tour of London's Carepoint Consumption and Treatment Service site was also shared with the task groups of the Supervised Consumption Services Advisory Committee.</p> <p>K. Junkin commented that she was familiar with Guelph's Rapid Access Addiction Clinic and knows the physician who was instrumental in getting the consumption and treatment services in Guelph up and running, and would be happy to</p>	

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		consult with the physician or create a connection if feedback on a recent implementation was needed.	
6.3	Terms of Reference	<p>The draft terms of reference for the Supervised Consumption Services Advisory Committee were reviewed and feedback was provided.</p> <p>It was noted that the Advisory Committee is a time-limited group to advise and provide input into the development of the applications, and that the terms of reference should be revised to reflect the aforementioned.</p> <p>The terms of reference, as amended, were approved. Once updated, the terms of reference will be forwarded to the Community Drug Strategy Executive Committee for their review and approval at their October 27, 2020, meeting.</p>	<p>J. Joliat</p> <p>J. Joliat M. Tessier</p>
6.4	Key Messages to Outreach Workers	<p>Messages will be developed and provided to outreach workers from Greater Sudbury when key pieces are determined or established for the supervised consumption site (i.e. location, services offered on site, etc.) for further sharing with their clients.</p> <p>The importance of keeping the conversation alive about the supervised consumption site in the community was expressed, as well as the importance for the Advisory Committee members to keep their respective organizations updated.</p>	
6.5	Addressing Community Concerns		
	6.5.1 SCS Education Campaign	<p>An overview of the supervised consumption site education campaign was provided.</p> <p>The goal of the campaign will be to mitigate the community's concerns surrounding the stigma associated with supervised consumption sites. The campaign will also educate whereby members of the community will be sharing their insight on</p>	



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		<p>supervised consumption sites based on their experience via the use of videos.</p> <p>Feedback about and ideas for the campaign were shared.</p> <p>M. Luoma also informed that she would be happy to further share the components of the education campaigns via the Downtown Newsletter.</p> <p>R. Deisinger also proposed that it might be a good idea to develop some social media image posts with pre-written captions that can be personalized for both individuals and organizations with social media profiles to share.</p>	
7.0 New business			
7.1	Drug testing product	<p>Information about a drug testing product from Spectra Plasmonics was shared. Their product is estimated to go to market at the end of this year. The device is currently involved in a trial with the Kingston supervised consumption site and the data is being gathered by the local public health to analyze efficacy and surveillance capabilities of the device. Though the more enhanced scan requires more data and study to ensure its efficacy at appropriately identifying samples, the company states the bulk sample identification is already a valid practice.</p> <p>Comments were entertained, as well as feedback shared about other drug testing products that were previously explored by Health Sciences North (RAAM Clinic) and Sudbury Action Centre for Youth.</p> <p>It was noted that information and cost for purchasing a drug testing product for the supervised consumption site will be included in the application.</p>	

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7.2	Provincial and Federal Applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outstanding components to be completed - Timeline 	<p>An overview of the outstanding components for the provincial and federal applications was provided, as well as the set deadlines for their completion.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">Deadline</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;">Task</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">September 25</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send a request for a letter of opinion to Minister of Health • Operations and health and safety policies and protocols • Policies, procedures and guidelines (e.g., prevention of theft, SCS infection control routine, injection equipment disposal) • Protocol for police interactions • Explain mitigation strategies to address community concerns </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">October 9</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather referral pathway information from partners • Gather insight on SCS location and services from focus groups (questions) • Determine location • Create floor plan • Develop budget • Fire safety plan </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">October 13</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather letters of support from partners (template) • Create list of agencies to ask for a support letter </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">October 16</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft of the federal application </td> </tr> </table> <p>From a business perspective, M. Luoma said they could put out a call for support. S. Laclé agreed to send the template for the letter of support for her to present at the September 31st Downtown Board of Directors meeting. M. Luoma also offered</p>	Deadline	Task	September 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send a request for a letter of opinion to Minister of Health • Operations and health and safety policies and protocols • Policies, procedures and guidelines (e.g., prevention of theft, SCS infection control routine, injection equipment disposal) • Protocol for police interactions • Explain mitigation strategies to address community concerns 	October 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather referral pathway information from partners • Gather insight on SCS location and services from focus groups (questions) • Determine location • Create floor plan • Develop budget • Fire safety plan 	October 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather letters of support from partners (template) • Create list of agencies to ask for a support letter 	October 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft of the federal application 	
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		to share the call for support more globally with the downtown businesses. R. Deisinger added that it might be useful to reach out to “unlikely partners” or groups who may create roadblocks in the future, even though they may not be currently supportive, to at least start the conversation by providing education.	
7.3	Carepoint Consumption and Treatment Service (London, Ontario) – Virtual Tour	<p>Feedback was sought with regards to the virtual tour of London’s Carepoint Consumption and Treatment Service site. Committee members felt that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were too many intake – one intake would suffice • The space called “after care room” was not appropriate • The site was too clinical in nature/not ‘inviting’ • The space seemed too tight • The trailer model for the site is a good idea but finding a location to park the model is another issue. 	
8.0	Next steps	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Follow-up with Health Canada, as well as obtain information on the topic of “controlled substances” (Lead: J. Macdonald). 2) To identify a space (Lead: R. Rainville). 3) To define referral pathways between the RAAM Clinic and safe consumption site (Lead: N. Aubin) 4) To ensure that everyone can share their thoughts about the look and feel of the site / how things should be set-up and look / best floor plan (Lead: All) 5) Communication – anti stigma messages by social media and conversations (social media) with people in the community (S. Calixte and team) 6) Letters of partnership/support – cheat sheet of messages and letter of support --- a template and list of key messages will be shared. If other organizations would like to receive the info, to reach out. (Lead: S. Laclé) 7) Floor plan and ideas on leasehold improvements (Lead: R. Rainville) 	



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		8) Expectation of outcome (i.e. someone from another community) to have a conversation with us re their expectation of outcomes from having a supervised consumption site). 9) Safe supply (James Gough) for those addicts that are still caught up in the cycle of addiction (Lead: J. Gough)	
9.0	NEXT MEETING	It was previously agreed that meetings should be held on Tuesdays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and that the frequency of meetings would be reduced to once a month starting in September. Following a conversation, it was agreed that the next meeting would be scheduled for Friday, October 16 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide feedback on the draft application which will be sent to the committee members one to two days prior to the meeting.	
10.0	ADJOURNMENT	Everyone was thanked for their feedback and the meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.	