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SUPERVISED CONSUMPTION AND TREATMENT SERVICES APPLICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING #04-2020 / DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2020 / TIME: 8:30 TO 10 A.M.

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

Participants:	
Tamerra London	Black Lives Matter Sudbury
Patty MacDonald	Canadian Mental Health Association
Tyler Campbell	City of Greater Sudbury
Bobbi Deisinger	Downtown Sudbury
Sheilah Webber	Greater Sudbury Police Services
Natalie Aubin	Health Sciences North
Delaney Campbell	Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
Cindy Brisebois James Gough	Peers
Josée Joliat Sandra Laclé Shana Calixte	Public Health Sudbury & Districts
Mary Jago	Rainbow District School Board
Amber Fritz Richard Rainville	Réseau ACCESS Network
Geesohns Manitowabi	Shkagamik-Kwe Health Centre
Roslyn Deisinger	Sex Worker Advisory Network of Sudbury Board of Directors


Guest:	Susan Snelling, Social Research Consulting Inc
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Regrets:	
Cindy Rose	Canadian Mental Health Association
Maureen Luoma	Downtown Sudbury
Melissa Roney	Emergency Management System
Daniel Molke Loretta Bostrom	Health Sciences North
Aimee Lee Boyer	North East Local Health Integration Network
Kathy Savage	Peer
Charlene Boucha John Macdonald Katie Junkin Stephanie Bale	Public Health Sudbury & Districts
Andrea Dokis	Shkagamik-Kwe Health Centre
Julie Gorman	Sudbury Action Centre for Youth
Vacant	Sudbury Pride

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1.0	Call to order / welcome	The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.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	Presentation / Delegation		
6.1	Review of applications	<p>S. Snelling was introduced and welcomed to the meeting. Committee members were informed that S. Snelling was contracted to provide writing support for the completion of the required federal and provincial supervised consumption site applications.</p> <p>Provincial Application: The attached provincial application checklist, including the specific requirements, what has been completed, what sections are still outstanding and the next steps, was reviewed with committee members.</p> <p> Checklist.pdf</p> <p>Challenges were shared with regards to securing a suitable location for the supervised consumption site and a discussion took place.</p> <p>Meeting participants were informed that Réseau ACCESS Network, in collaboration with the Community Drug Strategy and with the support of Public Health Sudbury & Districts, will be issuing a Request for Expression of Interest for building owners who may be interested in providing space in the downtown of Sudbury.</p>	



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		<p>Comments/questions regarding the location and expression of interest were heard and it was recommended that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A mobile service be considered, given our geography and as per noted by some respondents who participated in the study to determine the need for and the feasibility of implementing supervised consumption services in Greater Sudbury • A distributed model be considered whereby services would be offered at a primary/permanent site (<i>to be established during Phase 1</i>) then extended within other existing healthcare settings/satellite locations and/or collocated with other medical services already providing treatment (<i>during Phase 2</i>) <p>Upon further discussion, it was agreed that, prior to including the above noted models within the application, additional research and consultation were needed. It was further agreed that a Request for Expression of Interest be issued so that building owners, who may be interested in providing space, can apply.</p> <p>The hyperlink to the Request for Expression of Interest to secure space, once published on the Public Health Sudbury & Districts' website, will be emailed to members of the Supervised Consumption Services Application Advisory Committee, Community Drug Strategy Steering Committee and Community Drug Strategy Executive Committee for further sharing within their networks to increase awareness, and also to increase the likelihood of securing space in downtown Sudbury.</p>	



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		<p>Federal application for exemption:</p> <p>The attached federal application for exemption checklist was also reviewed with committee members. Similarities between the provincial and federal applications were noted.</p> <p></p> <p>Checklist_Federal_Application.pdf</p> <p>A discussion took place with regards the outstanding items, more specifically with regards to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drug checking<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Public Health Sudbury & Districts is pulling together a review of drug checking technologies currently available on the market.○ A draft position statement on the safe supply and decriminalization of personal possession of illicit substances will also be presented to the Community Drug Strategy Steering Committee next week.○ The Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts, at their meeting yesterday, was advised that the Community Drug Strategy Steering Committee is exploring actions and initiatives to determine what else could or should be done to reduce the impact and effect of opioids during the pandemic, including safer drug supply, as supported by Health Canada, and decriminalization for simple possession of illicit drugs.• Letter of opinion<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ A request to receive a letter of opinion and acknowledgement from the Minister of Health for our application for exemption under section 56.1 of the <i>Controlled Drugs and Substances Act</i> to operate supervised consumption and treatment services in Greater Sudbury is being drafted	
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		The above prompted a discussion on the need to receive letters of support from local organizations to show that the project is endorsed by the Greater Sudbury community. Committee members were informed that a letter template was developed and will be shared with them/the local organizations. It was noted that the template can be adapted to suit their agency and signed by the most appropriate person.	
	6.1.1 Motion	There was no motion presented for approval.	
7.0	Business Arising		
7.1	SCS – Location	Discussed under item 6.1.	
7.2	SCS – Site Design (<i>includes the integration of indigenous practices and services</i>)  Floor plan / ideas on leasehold improvements	It was noted that this item can only be addressed once a location has been secured.	
7.3	SCS – Services and Referral Pathways		
	7.3.1 Rapid Access Addictions Medicine (RAAM) Clinic and Safe Consumption	This item was not discussed.	
7.4	Safe Supply	Discussed under item 6.1.	
7.5	SCS Education Campaign	S. Calixte provided an update on the “communication” campaign/community engagement plan, more specifically with regards to moving forward with the creation of a campaign (i.e. videoed interviews by community members, people with lived experience, etc.) to explain the need for supervised consumption services in the community. The need to provide an update to the community on the work (actions and initiatives) of the Community Drug Strategy that has transpired since the release of the results of the <i>Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study</i> was also highlighted.	

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		<p>B. Deisinger expressed that the Downtown Board of Directors would benefit from receiving an update on the supervised consumption site by having someone speak at one of their meetings. S. Laclé will attend a meeting with R. Rainville should an invitation be extended.</p> <p>T. Campbell added that an update to City Council would also be helpful/beneficial.</p>	
8.0	Next steps	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To send the hyperlink to the Request for Expression of Interest to provide space to members of the Supervised Consumption Services Application Advisory Committee, Community Drug Strategy Steering Committee and Community Drug Strategy Executive Committee, for further sharing within their networks to increase awareness, and to increase the likelihood of securing space. 2) To send the request to receive a letter of opinion and acknowledgement from the Minister of Health for our application for exemption under section 56.1 of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act to operate supervised consumption and treatment services in Greater Sudbury. 3) To send the letter of support template for the supervised consumption services' project to the committee members/local organizations for their further sharing and endorsement. 	Public Health Sudbury & Districts
9.0	NEXT MEETING	The next meeting will take place following the deadline for responding to the Request for Expression of Interest. A doodle poll will follow.	M. Tessier
10.0	ADJOURNMENT	Everyone was thanked for their feedback and the meeting was adjourned at 10 a.m.	