



**MINUTES**

Community Drug Strategy for the City of Greater Sudbury  
 Steering Committee Meeting  
 Tuesday, January 21, 2020  
 10:30 A.M.—12 P.M.  
 1300 Paris Street, Sudbury

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

**Recorder:** Laurie Willett Daoust, Public Health Sudbury & Districts

**Present:** Stephanie Bale, Renée Lefebvre, Sandra Lacle, Dr. Ariella Zbar, Karrie-Ann Jones, Public Health Sudbury & Districts  
 Dianne Zannier, Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l’Ontario (CSPGNO)  
 Rebecca Poulin, Greater Sudbury Emergency Medical Services  
 Cindy Rose, Canadian Mental Health Association – Sudbury/Manitoulin  
 Roxane Zuck, Monarch Recovery Services  
 Natalie Aubin, HSN  
 Daniel Moike, HSN Addictions Services

**Regrets:** Adam Day, North East Local Health Integration Network  
 Denys Bradley, Federal Crown Attorney’s Office  
 Nicole MacMillan, City of Greater Sudbury  
 Michelle Cotnoir, Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario  
 Todd Marassato, Bob, Norman, Daniel Despatie, Greater Sudbury Police Service  
 Melissa Rooney, Greater Sudbury Emergency Medical Services  
 Catherine Watson, Health Sciences North  
 Robert Parsons, Crown Attorney’s Office  
 Michelle Warth, Ontario Provincial Police  
 Adam Day, North East Local Health Integration Network  
 Amber Fritz, Réseau ACCESS Network  
 Stephanie Kehoe, Mamaweswen, The North Shore Tribal Council  
 Mary Jago, Rainbow District School Board  
 Kathy Belanger, Sudbury Catholic School Board

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Description of Outcome</b>	<b>Individual responsible for further action and deadline</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>ROLL CALL</b>	The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m.	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</b>	Introductions were made around the table.	

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3.0	<b>REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>	The agenda was approved.	
4.0	<b>REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 19, 2019</b>	The minutes from the previous meeting were approved with the following changes: <b>7.2</b> - change 200 Larch to 190 Larch	
4.1	<b>ACTIONS ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	<p>The minutes from the previous meeting were approved with the following changes: <b>7.2</b> - change 200 Larch to 190 Larch</p> <p><b>ACTIONS ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</b></p> <p><b>(6.1) Action:</b> A. Fritz, K. Pelland, and S. Calixte to discuss an opportunity for individuals to sit at the Empowerment Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow-up required.</li> </ul> <p><b>(7.2) Action:</b> M. Jago to provide needle recovery numbers to N. MacMillan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow-up required.</li> </ul> <p><b>(7.2) Action:</b> N. MacMillan to speak to the CEO of the Canadian Mental Health Association regarding the re-installation of the bin near 200 Larch, which had been removed during the renovation of the building.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This action has been approved and will be completed in the spring.</li> </ul> <p><b>(7.3) Action:</b> R. Poulin to discuss with their General Manager on the capacity of EMS to train and then distribute naloxone on scene.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R. Poulin has discussed with their general manager. More conversation with the ministry is needed regarding having EMS distribute.</li> </ul> <p><b>(7.8) Action:</b> A. Fritz to share the language wheel resource and the letter with the group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A. Fritz has shared these resources.</li> </ul>	<p>A. Fritz, K. Pelland, S. Calixte</p> <p>M. Jago</p> <p>S. Calixte, S. Laclé</p>

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		<p><b>(7.8) Action:</b> C. Belanger to share a new evidence-based report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C. Belanger has shared the report.</li> </ul> <p><b>(7.9) Action:</b> All members to follow-up within their agency about the Opioid Poisoning Response Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members have spoken to their agencies.</li> </ul> <p><b>(8.3) Action:</b> C. Belanger will send out key messages and tag agencies on social media for both campaigns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Messages were circulated, and agencies were tagged in social media posts.</li> </ul>	
5.0	<b>DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST</b>	None to declare.	
6.0	<b>PRESENTATIONS</b>		
6.1			
7.0	<b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING</b>		
7.1	<b>CDS 2019-2020 Work Plan Session</b>	<p>In June, members were asked to provide an update on accomplished priorities and to map out priorities for 2020. A reminder was shared to provide the top 3 priorities (from the list of 100+) and to populate the work plan by the first week of January. The update will be shared at the Executive Committee which meets on January 31.</p> <p><b>Health Promotion Pillar Update</b> The committee met at the end of 2019. They are in the early stages of planning. Terms of Reference have been written. Priorities include work on surveillance, anti-stigma, alcohol and cannabis. The group is meeting again next week.</p> <p><b>Treatment Pillar Update</b> The group has not been able to meet yet. However, the committee has been able to identify priorities and hopes to meet in the coming weeks.</p>	R. Zuck

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		<p>Discussion ensued regarding City libraries, and how to best support and raise awareness of community members around substance use. S. Calixte suggested connecting with Mette Kruger, Interim CEO of the Greater Sudbury Public Libraries.</p> <p><b>Harm Reduction Pillar Update</b> Priorities for this group include getting naloxone into first aid kits, the creation of a PEER sub-committee for youth, and the possibility of offering personal bio-bins to people who use drugs.</p> <p><b>Enforcement and Justice Pillar Update</b> Conversations will take place with the Crown and Federal Crown attorneys.</p>	
7.2	<b>Needle Disposal Bin Update</b>	<p>PHSD was to order new bins following commitment from the City to support the maintenance of new bins. Three new bins were ordered. No details yet as to where they will be installed.</p> <p>In November, M. Jago was to provide needle recovery numbers to N. MacMillan. N. MacMillan was to speak to the CEO of CMHA regarding the re-installation of the bin near 200 Larch, which had been removed during the renovation of the building.</p> <p>From the City's report (sent in by N. McMillan) in 2018, 116, 056 needles were recovered. In 2019, 216, 827 needles were recovered.</p> <p><b>ACTION: S. Calixte</b> to contact M. Jago and N. MacMillan regarding needle recovery numbers.</p>	S. Calixte
7.3	<b>Naloxone Distribution Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Réseau ACCESS Network</li> <li>• PHSD</li> <li>• Pharmacies</li> </ul>	<p>An overview of the naloxone program statistics by PHSD and Réseau ACCESS was provided. Please see the Opioid Surveillance Dashboard on the PHSD website. The information is updated monthly. The dashboard can be found here: <a href="https://www.phsd.ca/health-topics-programs/alcohol-drugs/community-drug-strategy/research/opioid-surveillance">https://www.phsd.ca/health-topics-programs/alcohol-drugs/community-drug-strategy/research/opioid-surveillance</a></p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter to support EMS distribution</li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Piccinin and Dr. Lepage from HSN are doing more work at triage to identify opioid-related incidents in the ER.</p> <p>A. Day referenced the surveillance work being done by North Bay with iDashboard. S. Calixte shared that the CDS Opioid Surveillance Workgroup continually discusses ways to improve and centralize surveillance data. Discussion were held with North Bay around their model, and best practices were considered and implement (where deemed appropriate) for the local dashboard.</p>	
7.4	<p><b>Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study (NAFS)</b></p>	<p>Dr. A. Zbar shared that she has received a rough draft report of the primary and secondary data from the research team.</p> <p>The research group will be meeting on February 4 to review the data.</p> <p>The report will then go to the Community Advisory Committee on February 27.</p> <p><b>ACTION: N. Aubin</b> to contact Dr. A. Zbar about committee membership.</p>	N. Aubin
7.5	<p><b>Health Promotion/Prevention campaigns</b>  <b>We are Jeff &amp; Those people are us</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify promotional opportunities</li> </ul>	<p>The Health Promotion/Prevention pillar is working towards additional promotion opportunities for the “We Are Jeff” and “Those People Are Us” campaigns.</p> <p>S. Calixte asked the committee if they had any suggestions for promotion. The following ideas include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Digital ads and TVs (Medical clinics, St-Andrews Place, YMCA, etc.)</li> <li>Paid ads on YouTube and social media platforms</li> <li>Adding stigma into school curriculums (ex: OHL hockey team)</li> <li>Jumbotron at the Sudbury Arena</li> <li>Water Tower Advertising</li> <li>School board social media platforms</li> <li>Rainbow Mall digital sign</li> <li>Downtown Business Association</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cinefest partnership</li> <li>• Shadows of the Mind Film Festival in Sault Ste-Marie on February 22</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> <i>S. Calixte</i> to see if we can showcase the videos at the film festival and will follow up on other suggestions offered.</p>	S. Calixte
7.6	<b>Evaluation of CDS Partnership</b>	<p>S. Bale presented the results of the partnership evaluation. Twenty members of the steering committee and pillar committee members completed the survey. The results were mostly positive. There were areas identified for improvements. The results will be presented to develop next steps. The results and next steps will be brought to the Executive Committee for approval before actioning out changes.</p> <p>S. Lacle asked if there were any items from the report that should take priority.</p> <p>S. Calixte suggested a focus on equity issues (making sure we have a lens on systemic impacts on various groups ex: Indigenous people, people who use drugs, older adults).</p> <p>S. Lacle would also like the group to look at improving communication at all levels.</p>	
7.7	<b>Opioid Poisoning Response Plan - update</b>	<p>Committee members were asked to place the response plan within their agency's Emergency Process and update staff roles and responsibilities.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Reminder to include response plan in emergency process.</p> <p>S. Lacle suggested follow-up letters to senior staff.</p>	All
8.0	<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		
8.1	<b>Council Meeting Presentation</b>	Dr. Sutcliffe and Chief Pedersen will be presenting to the CGS Council this evening. The presentation will include the high-level work being done at the pillars and suggestions on how decision-makers can support CDS.	

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8.2	Minister Visit	A meeting with the Associate Minister of mental health and addictions will be taking place in February.	
8.3	Coordinator position	The CDS Coordinator position is currently vacant. The recruitment process is now underway. S. Bale will be assuming coordinator duties in the interim.	
8.4	E-Cigarette and Aerosolized Product Prevention and Cessation Motion	<p>Board of Health moved a motion to adopt an expert-informed comprehensive tobacco and e-cigarette strategy to address flavoured e-juice, online sales to minors, treatment programs for youth cessation, and public education, and the Board urges the Minister to work with provincial, territorial and federal counterparts to adopt other evidence-informed strategies such as taxation, use prohibition, industry de-normalization, and cross-Canada public education to address this emerging public health issue. S. Calixte encouraged members to present agenda items on this topic if needed.</p> <p>D. Zannier reported that they have partnered with PHSD to create a video for youth.</p>	
8.5	Emergency Department substance use statistics	<p>N. Aubin, Administrative Director, Mental Health and Addictions at Health Sciences North, discussed the data on the various substance-related visits seen in the emergency department. Substances are not limited to opioids, therefore she wanted to make the group aware of the stats coming into HSN and determine how she can assist the steering committee going forward. Alcohol use has been highlighted as having a higher rate of admission in the emergency department and could become a priority topic for the CDS.</p> <p><b>ACTION (long-term):</b> The group will look at doing some harm reduction work related to other substances including alcohol use.</p> <p>N. Aubin shared that there are new programs in place for mental health and addictions. S. Lacle requested a presentation about the new programs and needs-based planning.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>A. Day</p>

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		<p><b>ACTION: A. Day</b> to prepare a presentation about needs-based planning for the next meeting in April.</p> <p><b>ACTION: N. Aubin</b> to discuss new programs.</p> <p><b>ACTION: S. Calixte</b> to add a standing item on the agenda for updates from N. Aubin.</p>	N. Aubin S. Calixte
<b>9.0</b>	<b>FOUNDATION WORKING GROUPS' REPORTS</b>		
<b>9.1</b>	<b>Health Promotion and Prevention</b>	Nothing more to report. The group meets on January 29.	
<b>9.2</b>	<b>Treatment</b>	Nothing more to report.	
<b>9.3</b>	<b>Harm Reduction</b>	Nothing more to report.	
<b>9.4</b>	<b>Enforcement and Justice</b>	<p>D. Despatie reported that \$1.6M of drugs have been seized (fentanyl, cocaine related) recently.</p> <p>He also shared that one person has recently been charged (locally) with manslaughter in connection with a deadly opioid overdose.</p>	
<b>9.5</b>	<b>Communications Working Group</b>	Nothing more to report.	
<b>9.6</b>	<b>Opioid Surveillance Committee</b>	<p>The group has collaborated with community partners to have information/data available to display on the opioid dashboard monthly.</p> <p>The regional coroner has been invited to talk to HSN, PHSD, and GSPS on February 4.</p>	
<b>10.0</b>	<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES</b>		
<b>10.1</b>	<b>CDS Drug Alert November 28, 2019</b>	The drug alert was circulated with the group.	
<b>10.2</b>	<b>Chief Public Health Officer of Canada: Addressing Stigma report</b>	<p>The report and key learnings were shared.</p> <p>PHSD is working on anti-stigma messaging. The CDS evaluation report also states that more work is needed on stigma.</p>	
<b>10.3</b>	<b>CDS Drug Alert January 10, 2019</b>	The drug alert was circulated with the group.	
<b>11.0</b>	<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	<p>Date: April 21, 2020</p> <p>Time: 10:30 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m.</p>	



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		All meetings will be held at Withdrawal Management Services, 336 Pine Street.	
<b>12.0</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.	