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Community Drug Strategy for the City of Greater Sudbury Steering Committee Meeting Tuesday, November 19, 2019 11 A.M.—12:30 P.M. 1300 Paris Street, Sudbury

| Co-chairs: | Shana Calixte, Public Health Sudbury & Districts Daniel Despatie, Greater Sudbury Police Service |
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| Recorder: | Laurie Willett Daoust, Public Health Sudbury & Districts |
| Present: Regrets: | Chantal Belanger, Renée Lefebvre, Sandra Lacle, Dr. Ariella Zbar, Karrie-Ann Jones, Public Health Sudbury & Districts Nicole MacMillan, City of Greater Sudbury Michelle Cotnoir, Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario Dianne Zannier, Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario (CSPGNO) Amber Fritz, Réseau ACCESS Network Stephanie Kehoe, Mamaweswen, The North Shore Tribal Council Rebecca Poulin, Greater Sudbury Emergency Medical Services Cindy Rose, Canadian Mental Health Association – Sudbury/Manitoulin Roxane Zuck, Monarch Recovery Services Mary Jago, Rainbow District School Board Kathy Belanger, Sudbury Catholic School Board Denys Bradley, Federal Crown Attorney's Office Todd Marassato, Bob, Norman, Daniel Despatie, Greater Sudbury Police Service Melissa Rooney, Greater Sudbury Emergency Medical Services Catherine Watson, Health Sciences North |
| Guests: | Robert Parsons, Crown Attorney's Office Michelle Warth, Ontario Provincial Police Adam Day, North East Local Health Integration Network Kayla Pelland, Réseau ACCESS Network |

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| 1.0 | ROLL CALL | The meeting was called to order at 11:15 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 additions: 10.2 - Drug Warning 8.4 - Sub-committee for revision of action items of CDS |
| 4.0 | REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 17, 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 | Kayla Pelland presented on peer programs offered at Réseau ACCESS Network. Brochures were distributed. K. Pelland asked to share the information with anyone who may be a good fit for the programs. Action: Amber, Kayla, and Shana to discuss an opportunity for |
| | | individuals to sit at the Empowerment Council. |
| 7.0 | BUSINESS ARISING FRC | M PREVIOUS MEETING |
| 7.1 | CDS 2019-2020 Work Plan Session | 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. |
| 7.2 | Needle Disposal Bin Update | N. MacMillan shared that the City can support the maintenance of the new bins if they are to be purchased by PHSD. PHSD will order the new bins. N. MacMillan shared that there are 11 needle bins in use. The Memorial Park, Lesley Street Bridge, and Hnatyshyn Park locations are being emptied almost every two weeks. In 2018, 116,056 used syringes were recovered in Greater Sudbury. From January to October 2019, 194,730 syringes were recovered. D. Zannier discussed that a school within the CSPGNO board has had some trouble with needles. They are located next to 200 Larch St., where the off the street shelter, managed alcohol program and the new nurse practitioners' practice will be located. M. Jago also shared that three schools within the Rainbow Board require daily sweeps of their properties to remove discarded needles. This is happening at schools throughout our catchment area. Action: M. Jago to provide needle recovery numbers to N. MacMillan. Action: N. MacMillan to speak to the CEO of the Canadian Mental Health Association regarding the re-installation of the bin near 190 Larch, which had been removed during the renovation of the building. |
| 7.3 | Naloxone Distribution Update • Réseau ACCESS Network | 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. |
| | PHSD | PHSD has 25 MOUs signed with agencies in the Sudbury area. |

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| | Pharmacies Letter to support EMS distribution | The naloxone numbers from the pharmacies appear to be released quarterly and will be captured on the opioid surveillance dashboard when made available. |
| | | Clarification was provided to committee members regarding who is eligible for the Ontario naloxone program. School boards and private businesses do not qualify to receive free naloxone. They must purchase naloxone kits from the manufacturer. |
| | | Outreach staff are reporting that individuals are needing multiple doses of naloxone, especially when "Fetty" powder is used. Education, training and access to naloxone is very important. |
| | | S. Lacle shared the request to expand the Ontario Naloxone program to EMS was discussed with the ministry. Further evaluation on the feasibility of adding EMS to the ONP is needed. R. Poulin shared there is no consensus among EMS around the province about being able to distribute naloxone. Some EMS feel that training people and distributing at the scene would take less time than having to attend a second call at the same location for the same reason. |
| | | Action: Rebecca to discuss with their General Manager on the capacity of EMS to train and then distribute naloxone on scene. |
| 7.4 | Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study (NAFS) | Dr. A. Zbar shared the NAFS timeline and milestones infographic. Focus groups among business communities, religious organizations, and friends and family of people who use drugs have been completed. The research team should have a draft summary by mid-January. |
| 7.5 | CDS Public Information Sessions | Several presentations occurred at Community Action Networks regarding the work of the Drug Strategy. Many proactive strategies were shared with attendees. Dr. Sutcliffe and Chief Pedersen are scheduled to present to Council on |
| | | January 21, 2020. |
| 7.6 | Evaluation of CDS Partnership | 14 responses were received. Members were encouraged to remind pillar members to complete the survey. Results will be shared at the January meeting. |
| 7.7 | Opioid Surveillance Website | The dashboard was displayed. Information can be found on the CDS website and will be updated monthly. |
| 7.8 | Substance misuse vs substance use terminology | A letter was drafted from the Harm Reduction Pillar to change the language used by CDS. Instead of using "substance misuse," which members discussed is stigmatizing and judging those who use substances, the language should change to "substance use." The letter will be brought to the Executive Committee for further consideration. |

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| | | Action: A. Fritz to share the language wheel resource and the letter with the group. Action: Chantal to share new evidence-based report. |
| 7.9 | Opioid Poisoning Response Plan - dissemination | Translation is being completed. The plan will be sent out by end of year. Members are asked to place the response plan within their agency's Emergency Process and update so agency staff are aware of roles and responsibilities. |
| 8.0 | NEW BUSINESS | Action: All members to follow up within their agency. |
| 8.1 | N.A.F.S visual timeline | See 7.4. |
| 8.2 | Jamie West Motion | On October 31, Jamie West, MPP presented a motion to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to declare a public health emergency in Northern Ontario as a result of the number of opioid overdoses and deaths in our region. It was not supported by the Legislative Assembly. |
| 8.3 | Health Promotion/Preventio n campaigns We are Jeff & Those people are us Identify promotional opportunities | "We are Jeff" and "Those People Us" videos were previewed. The videos will be promoted throughout the city and shared via social media. The "Those People Are Us" videos are running on CTV and at Silver City. Action: Chantal will send out key messages and tag agencies on social media for both campaigns. A campaign for naloxone was also created. Mediums include radio, bus |
| | | ads, and digital billboards. |
| 8.4 | Sub-committee for revision of call to action framework of CDS | Chantal will email members re: interest in committee membership. |
| 9.0 | FOUNDATION WORKING GROUPS' REPORTS | |
| 9.1 | Health Promotion and Prevention | No update provided. |
| 9.2 | Treatment | No update provided. |
| 9.3 | Harm Reduction | No update provided. |
| 9.4 | Enforcement and Justice | No update provided. |
| 9.5 | Communications Working Group | No update provided. |
| 9.6 | Opioid Surveillance Committee | The group has collaborated with community partners to have information/data available to display on the opioid dashboard monthly. |
| 10.0 | ANNOUNCEMENTS/UP | DATES |

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| 10.1 | A.M.O Addressing the Opioid Overdose Emergency in Ontario | The document was shared with the group. The link can be found in the agenda. |
| 10.2 | Drug Alert | The latest drug alert was circulated with the group. |
| 11.0 | Next meeting | Date: January 21, 2020 Time: 10:30 a.m 12:00 p.m. All meetings will be held at Withdrawal Management Services, 336 Pine Street. |
| 12.0 | Adjournment | The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m. |