



**Co-Chairs:** Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer, Public Health Sudbury & Districts  
Paul Pedersen, Chief of Police, Greater Sudbury Police Service

**Present:** **City of Greater Sudbury (CGS):**  
Steve Jacques, General Manager, Community Development  
Tyler Campbell, Director, Social Services  
**Greater Sudbury Police Service (GSPS):**  
Sheila Weber, Deputy Chief of Police  
**Public Health Sudbury & Districts:**  
Sandra Laclé, Director, Health Promotion Division and Chief Nursing Officer  
Shana Calixte, Manager, Mental Health and Addictions

**Guest:** Richard Rainville, Executive Director, Réseau ACCESS Network

**Regrets:** Daniel Despatie, Inspector, Patrol Operations Division, Greater Sudbury Police Service  
Josée Joliat, Public Health Nurse, Public Health Sudbury & Districts

**Recorder:** Manon Tessier, Divisional Administrative Assistant, Public Health Sudbury & Districts

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1.0	<b>Call TO ORDER/ROLL CALL</b>	Chief Pedersen called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. Richard Rainville was welcomed as a guest for the Supervised Consumption Services (SCS) and Urgent Public Health Needs Site (UPHNS) discussions.	
2.0	<b>TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT</b>	S. Laclé acknowledged the ancestral Indigenous territory upon which this meeting was occurring.	
3.0	<b>REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>	The agenda was reviewed, approved by S. Laclé and seconded by Deputy Chief Weber.	
4.0	<b>REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 9 and June 18, 2021</b>	The minutes from the previous meetings were approved as submitted.	
5.0	<b>APPROVAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>		
	The discussion items were approved by Inspector Despatie and seconded by S. Jacques.		
5.1	Supervised Consumption Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federal Application</li> <li>Provincial Application</li> </ul>	The Urgent Public Health Needs Site (UPHNS) application was submitted in July and currently waiting for Health Canada's approval for our request for exemption. It was noted that applications are considered on a case by case basis.	



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		<p>On June 29, 2021, the City of Greater Sudbury City Council unanimously approved funding for the operating budget for a UPHNS and voted that funding for the site be treated as an un-budgeted expense in 2021 for the remainder of the year. They also stated that a maximum amount of \$1.1 million be added to the city's 2022 draft budget. The funding will be in place for three years. Funds will flow from the City of Greater Sudbury to Public Health Sudbury &amp; Districts, and then to Réseau ACCESS Network, managed by a Memorandum of Understanding with detailed deliverables.</p> <p>The City of Greater Sudbury will be supporting the UPHNS as the acting landlord with a pre-approved provision of land close to our downtown core. A property off Energy Court in the city's downtown was selected as the site for the UPHNS.</p> <p>Recently submitted in August were an application for exemption to the Federal government for Supervised Consumption Services, and an application to the Provincial government for funding for Supervised Consumption and Treatment Services. Approval for both applications is pending.</p> <p>R. Rainville updated that yesterday, nine questions were received from Health Canada with regards to the UPHNS application—six of which were already covered within the application. He explained that the ongoing 'issue' seems to be with the inability to provide a name for the site lead but, until funding is received to hire someone, his name was provided as the interim lead. The other three questions were related to location for the site and these were advanced to T. Campbell and S. Jacques. They anticipate being able to provide answers to the site related questions by the end of the day today/early Monday.</p>	



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		<p>S. Jacques added that he also received a question from Alison Blair at the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, asking for a status update on the SCS application.</p> <p>S. Calixte shared that a call was received from Blaine Bouchard, Manager of the Addiction and Substances Policy and Programs Unit at the Ontario Ministry of Health, just prior to this morning's meeting and the following updates were shared:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The ministry is reviewing the current application and documentation.</li><li>• Meetings will be scheduled to go over the application and budget, as well as address any gaps.</li><li>• In response to our query of funding to support a mobile site for the districts, Mr. Bouchard, responded that at the moment, there is no stand alone mobile Consumption and Treatment Services (CTS) in the province. The current mobile portions are either temporary or attached to a non-mobile site.</li><li>• The government currently does not have direction or an existing approval process for mobile structures, mostly as a result of the needs for CTS (i.e. proper ventilation; requirement to have wrap around services), which they are not sure can be rolled out in a mobile form. Mr. Bouchard explained that it was a "detail decision point for the government." The ministry is however open to speaking with us through a possible mobile site to see what that would look like.</li><li>• The approval process and timeline was questioned. The urgency of the application was acknowledged. It was noted that the meetings to review and clarify the details of the application will be quick, but the approval would be less than a year.</li></ul>	



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		<p>J. Joliat also shared “just in time” information received from Health Canada about the Urgent Public Health Needs Site exemption application. She was reminded that a site visit will be necessary prior to receiving approval from the federal government. Executive committee members were however informed that once the site visit is done, it would only take approximately two weeks for the site to become operational.</p> <p>These points from Health Canada, as well as funding to staff the UPHNS prior to receiving approval from the ministry was discussed. It was recommended and agreed that funding from the City start to flow to hire staff for the UPHNS to provide support in community until the doors for the UPHNS open, which we anticipate will be received along with exemption approval.</p>	T. Campbell/ S. Jacques
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VALE Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>To date, two meetings were held with VALE to determine their feasibility to purchase the furniture for the UPHNS. VALE expressed their interest in providing additional funding for the site, on a regular basis.</p> <p>VALE also encouraged us to think about how they can further assist the program.</p> <p>Conversations between Réseau and VALE are continuing.</p>	
5.2	<p>Urgent Public Health Needs Site Application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site Development and Progress</li> </ul>	<p>The City of Greater Sudbury has informed that they have purchased three trailers with a total of 2500 sq.ft. The trailers are located in Cookstown and will be transferred to Sudbury shortly. The City is now putting out a tender for the development of the UPHNS site (i.e. water, sewer, concrete pads, etc.).</p> <p>The anticipated date that the UPHNS will be opened is set for early 2022.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hiring</li> </ul>	Discussed under 5.1.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advisory Committee</li> </ul>	An advisory committee is a requirement for operating a UPHNS and SCS. An invitation will be extended for	



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		<p>individuals who are interested in becoming a member of the UPHNS Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Invitations for partners and people with lived experience (PWLE) to sit on the Advisory Committee will be extended soon. Members will work together with respective community members to provide an opportunity for the project partners to collaborate and advise on the direction of the UPHNS.</p> <p>Attached within the meeting package was the draft Terms of Reference which included information around the purpose, guiding principles and membership. An introductory email to community partners will be sent to provide them with an overview of the UPHNS Advisory Committee and invite them to become a member.</p> <p>Feedback on the draft terms of reference was sought. It was recommended and agreed that the number of members on the committee be kept low, with no more than one representative per agency and that people with lived experience be included in the membership. The City also agreed that they would flow funding to cover the honorariums for the PWLE.</p>	
5.3	<p>Education Campaigns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>INSIGHTS (Supervised Consumption Services)</li> </ul>	<p>In response to the request to have more anti-stigma messaging, the Community Drug Strategy Communications Working Group has completed filming a series of clips to provide “insight” and education on Supervised Consumption Services from various leaders in the community.</p> <p>INSIGHTS is a video series featuring testimonials from experts in our community, who share their perspective on why a SCS is an important piece of the puzzle when it comes to reducing the harms of substance use in our community.</p>	



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		Launching the INSIGHTS campaign will help prepare the community with creating awareness, providing education, and addressing stigma.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anti-Stigma Media Training</li> </ul>	An information session/training for the media on mental health and addictions, with two topics of focus being stigma and language, is being reviewed as an educational option.	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>		
6.1	Public Health Agency of Canada Evaluation Recommendations	<p>The opioid surveillance system was implemented in 2019. A project was undertaken to evaluate the processes as well as the impact and use of the information in the system.</p> <p>The evaluation included a process review which consisted of interviews conducted with key staff members involved in the planning and implementation of the dashboard. It looked at Google analytics to see the use of the data as presented in the surveillance system, a literature review to find common themes of effective ways data may be presented, and an environmental scan to examine the methods other health agencies utilize when presenting or sharing their opioid surveillance data. Lastly there was a partner and key stakeholder survey to elicit feedback and insight from partners and stakeholders on data indicators, utility, timeliness, and format.</p> <p>Recommendations were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop monthly emails and/or social media posts following data updates</li> <li>Continue to monitor Google Analytics and Facebook analytics</li> <li>Continue to investigate data sharing agreements with Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services to cover other parts of our catchment area (i.e. Espanola and Manitoulin)</li> <li>Investigate the feasibility and need for a bi-yearly report</li> </ul>	



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate the feasibility and need for inclusion of additional indicators</li> </ul>	
6.2	Opioid Surveillance, Drug Alerts and Warnings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Dashboard</a></li> <li>Drug Warnings: <a href="#">July 7</a> and <a href="#">August 13</a></li> </ul>	<p>On July 7<sup>th</sup>, there was a drug warning released regarding the increase of Benzodiazepines in the local drug supply. On August 13<sup>th</sup>, there was a drug warning for an increase in suspected overdoses.</p> <p>From the information we have received from the Office of the Chief Coroner, to date (Jan-March) in 2021, we have lost (32) people to opioids. This is the same number we lost in all of 2018.</p> <p>The need to illustrate the community's efforts (i.e. distribution of naloxone kits, transitional housing) in an attempt to reduce the number of overdoses was highlighted. It was agreed that the Community Drug Strategy Communications Working Group be pulled together to design a strategy.</p>	
6.3	Northern Health Units - Community of Practice	<p>The seven northern public health agencies have put together a proposal to sound the alarm on the opioid epidemic in northern Ontario. The proposal identifies the most urgent or immediate needs identified by each region and proposals to address them, which will require provincial support. There were also two medium-term pan-northern initiatives identified to address opioid-related issues in an effective and sustainable way.</p> <p>Public Health Sudbury &amp; Districts has updated their immediate needs in the "Opioid Crisis in Northern Ontario" proposal to explore the expansion of the UPHNS with a mobile unit. The support required was one-time funding to contract services to better understand acceptability of a mobile unit and assess feasibility of implementation within target communities, as well as funding for the mobile unit is also required.</p>	
6.4	Naloxone Distribution	Agencies continue to adapt and be onboarded to the Ontario Naloxone program. In May, staff onboarded one organization, which was the Samaritan Centre.	



**MINUTES**

**CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY DRUG STRATEGY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 24, 2021 TIME: 10:30 A.M. TO 12 P.M.**

**MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING**



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		<p>From January 2021 to July 2021, 16,307 doses of naloxone have been reported as being distributed in the Sudbury and Manitoulin district (7,322 by Public Health Sudbury &amp; Districts). For the same period last year, 10,472 doses of naloxone were distributed in the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts.</p> <p>From January to March, the Pharmacies total kit count distributed was 1,910.</p>	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>NEXT MEETING DATE</b>	Friday, December 17 – 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.	