



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):
Paul Pedersen, Chief of Police

Public Health Sudbury & Districts (PHSD):
Penny Sutcliffe, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer
Sherry Price, Program Manager, Mental Health and Substance Use
Stacey Gilbeau, Director, Health Promotion Division

Guests: **Public Health Sudbury & Districts (PHSD):**
Angel Corneau, Public Health Nurse, Mental Health and Substance Use
Sandra Laclé, Public Health Sudbury & Districts

Regrets: Daniel Despatie, Inspector, Patrol Operations Division
Sarah Cunningham, Deputy Chief of Police


Recorder: Manon Tessier, Public Health Sudbury & Districts

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| 1.0 | Call TO ORDER/ROLL CALL | Dr. Sutcliffe called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. Everyone was thanked for adjusting their scheduled to attend today's meeting. Angel Corneau, Public Health Nurse from Public Health Sudbury and Districts was welcomed to this meeting as a guest. | |
| 2.0 | TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT | S. Laclé acknowledged the ancestral Indigenous territory upon which this meeting was occurring. | |
| 3.0 | REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA | The agenda was reviewed and approved. | |
| 4.0 | REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 20, 2023 | The minutes from the previous meetings were approved as submitted. | |
| 5.0 | APPROVAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS | | |
| 5.1 | Needle and Syringe Programming within the City of Greater Sudbury, May 2023 | A summary overview of the <u><i>Needle and Syringe Programming within the City of Greater Sudbury, May 2023</i></u> report was provided. | |



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| | | <p>Based on the evidence and recommendations a needs-based model NSP remains the most effective for reducing disease transmission, injury, and community risk. Offering harm reduction equipment to meet the needs of the community decreases the risks of developing or being exposed to communicable diseases such as hepatitis and HIV, both of which are costly to the health care system and to individuals' health.</p> <p>Improperly discarded needles is an issue affecting many communities—even with a high average recuperated rate of over 90%. The community is already implementing many best practices for needle disposal with many sites, agencies and individuals engaged in disposal and pick up. Further work to improve appropriate disposal and reduce the risk of discarded needles should be based on the following best practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engage with community members with lived and living experience to learn more about what they believe may assist with increasing safer sharps disposal within the community.• Monitor current sharps disposal bins and evaluate whether they should be relocated to where they could be of greater use by community members.• Amplify education of parents, children, educators, and health care providers about safe disposal/handling and about how to reduce the risks of handling used needles.• Increased promotion of locations for the safe return of used needles and sharps, for example, kiosks or pharmacies.• Continue with the provision of residential pick-up. | |



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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support alley and street patrols with local community groups.• Continue to support community clean-up initiatives. <p>The CGS is continuing to identify other potential locations for the needle disposal bins. Personal needle disposal containers are available at The Point.</p> | |
| 5.2 | DSNO: Choosing a New Direction | <p>An overview of the Drug Strategy Network of Ontario's <i>Solutions to End the Drug Poisoning Crisis in Ontario: Choosing a new Direction</i> was presented to members of the Executive Committee.</p> <p> Presentation_DSNO_Choosing_A_New_Dir</p> <p>It was identified that Drug policy reform at the federal and provincial levels is necessary. Further, DSNO continues with its advocacy efforts, including the release of Choosing a New Direction fact sheets. Highlights from each fact sheet were shared.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fact Sheet #1• Fact Sheet #2• Fact Sheet #3 <p>It was noted that this presentation was also provided to the Steering Committee last week and their reflections on the fact sheets, including the need to determine if the views of people who use drugs, were considered by the Steering Committee.</p> | |
| 5.3 | Presentation by the Chief Coroner of Ontario to CGS Council on June 13, 2023: Next Steps | <p>Dr. Huyer, Chief Coroner, has been invited to present at the June 13 City of Greater Sudbury Council meeting. It is understood that the presentation "Learning from the dead to protect the living: Coroner investigations of opioid toxicity deaths in Sudbury" will outline the drug and opioid</p> | |



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| | | <p>toxicity deaths in Sudbury including what the data does and does not tell us.</p> <p>Following discussion by all members it was concluded that despite the extensive programming and initiatives happening in our community that following Dr. Huyer's presentation and in consideration of the opioid toxicity deaths in the north, it would be beneficial to bring local and other national/international leaders together to discuss perspectives across the sectors (e.g. CDS pillars of enforcement, treatment and recovery, harm reduction and prevention) and to prioritize together next steps.</p> | |
| 5.4 | Opioid Poisoning Crisis Leadership Summit: Recommendation from the Community Drug Strategy Steering Committee | <p>In response to a timely resolution from the Steering Committee, the following draft motion was tabled and reviewed:</p> <p>2023 – 01 LEADERSHIP SUMMIT</p> <p>WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Community Drug Strategy for the City of Greater Sudbury (CDS-CGS), has considered the May 24, 2023, deliberations and recommendation of its Steering Committee concerning the escalating drug crisis and need for a leadership <u>summit</u>;</p> <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Executive Committee strongly endorse the need for a local leadership summit on the escalating drug toxicity crisis; and</p> <p>FURTHER THAT the Executive Committee strongly support a Fall 2023 summit that is jointly organized by the City of Greater Sudbury and Public Health Sudbury & Districts; and</p> <p>FURTHER THAT given the all-of-society complexity of the drug toxicity issue, the Executive Committee strongly supports that such a summit be planned and executed based on principles of inclusion and diversity, including the involvement of persons who use and are affected by substances; and</p> <p>FURTHER THAT the Executive Committee of the CDS-CGS request City Council for Greater Sudbury to endorse and support a local leadership summit on the escalating drug toxicity crisis.</p> <p>2023/05/30</p> <p>It was acknowledged that it is important to consider together any evidence that we have not yet seen/considered, that it is important to bridge across sectors and experience that what we learn from the Chief Coroner's presentation, that a Leadership Summit would need to be jointly led and all will need to reallocate resources and reprioritize our work. That</p> | |



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| | | <p>this is a collective and complex issue where multiple interveners are needed.</p> <p>The motion was moved by Chief Pedersen, seconded by Steve Jacques and supported by all. Next steps, including briefing the Mayor, were discussed.</p> | |
| 6.0 | CONSENT AGENDA | | |
| 6.1 | <p>Opioid Surveillance, Drug Alerts and Warnings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dashboard • Drug Warnings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ February 15, 2023 – Tranq/xylazine found locally ○ March 29, 2023 – Increase in suspected drug poisonings (overdoses) | <p>The dashboard was highlighted.</p> <p>On February 15 and March 29, 2023, drug warnings were released as community partners informed us that there were reports of unexpected reactions to substances circulating in our community, as well as an increase in overdoses involving stimulants.</p> <p>Public Health Sudbury & Districts' opioid surveillance system continues to be monitored and updated based on information from the Office of the Chief Coroner. The dashboard is updated monthly or as new data becomes available. It remains a go to source for information for our partners and the community.</p> | |
| 6.2 | Naloxone Distribution | The link to the table describing the Naloxone doses distributed, by month/quarter and distributor for the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts for the period of 2021 to date was shared for information purposes. | |
| 6.3 | <p>Community Drug Strategy Steering Committee Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 21, 2023 • May 24, 2023 | The approved minutes from the March 21, 2023, meeting of the Steering Committee as well as the <u>un</u> approved minutes from the May 24, 2023, were shared for information purposes. | |
| 7.0 | NEXT MEETING DATE | | |
| | | <p>To be determined.</p> <p>There was brief discussion of the need to examine the CDS structure and this will be further discussed at a future meeting.</p> | |



MINUTES

CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY DRUG STRATEGY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: MAY 30, 2023 TIME: 1 TO 2:30 P.M.

MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING



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| 8.0 | ADJOURNMENT | The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m. | |