



**AGENDA**

Community Drug Strategy for the City of Greater Sudbury  
Steering Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

10:30 AM—12:00 PM

Teleconference: Microsoft Teams, details to be provided

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

**Recorder:** Luc Chretien, Public Health Sudbury & Districts

**Present:** Sandra Laclé, Public Health Sudbury & Districts  
Diane Zannier, Sudbury Catholic District School Board  
Julie Ward, Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario  
Adam Day, Ontario Health North  
Todd Marassato, Greater Sudbury Police Service  
Amber Fritz, Neil Stephenson, Veronica Mensah Réseau ACCESS Network  
Adele Bodson, Rachelle Clouthier, Health Sciences North  
Cindy Rose, Canadian Mental Health Association – Sudbury/Manitoulin  
Karla Ghartey, Marie Pollock, STOP Society  
Rachelle Clouthier, HSN

**Regrets:** Nicole MacMillan, City of Greater Sudbury

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1.0	<b>ROLL CALL</b>	The meeting was called to order at 10:34am	
2.0	<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</b> Welcome new members	Introductions were made.	
3.0	<b>REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>	The agenda was approved as circulated.	
4.0	<b>REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES –</b> December 14, 2021	None to declare.	

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5.0	<b>DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST</b>	None to declare.	
6.0	<b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>		
6.1	Supervised Consumption Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SCS Federal exemption</li> <li>○ SCTS Provincial application</li> <li>○ Staffing</li> <li>○ Next Steps</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>The SCS at 24 Energy Court in Sudbury has received federal approval and has legal authority to operate under city funding for minimum staffing ratio. At the moment, Neil is still in the hiring process for harm reduction workers, so an opening date is uncertain. Hours will be 9am – 9pm, doors open at 10am and close at 8pm.</p> <p>The federal exemption is the final element required to complete the provincial application for a funded supervised consumption and treatment site.</p> <p>Neil Stephen shared recent photos and branding, as well as walked everyone through the process for members.</p>	
6.2	Naloxone distribution update / <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Réseau ACCESS Network</li> <li>• PHSD</li> <li>• Pharmacies</li> <li>• Other agency updates</li> <li>• Drug testing strips</li> <li>• Home care/wound care</li> </ul>	<p>For naloxone distribution in March, PHSD and community partners in our region distributed a total of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1541 naloxone doses (709 kits)</li> <li>- There were 189 individuals trained</li> <li>- and 911 was called 16 times</li> </ul> <p>In April, PHSD and community partners in our region distributed a total of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 763 naloxone doses (347 kits)</li> <li>- There were 424 individuals trained</li> <li>- And 911 was called 16 times</li> </ul> <p>In May, PHSD and community partners in our region distributed a total of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1117 naloxone doses (990 kits)</li> <li>- There were 134 individuals trained</li> <li>- And 911 was called 15 times</li> </ul>	

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		<p>During the same time period last year, there were 1077 doses distributed in March, 854 in April, and 1111 in May 2021.</p> <p>Both the naloxone articulate training model and naloxone training manual are updated in English and French. The training manual can be used for onboarding naloxone distributing agencies into the program, as well as to train and orient their staff.</p> <p>Seeing increase in opioid-related drug poisonings as summer months arrives. Amber revealed responders find the impact can be very traumatic.</p> <p>Neil revealed he is trying to get more reliable drug testing for the local drug supply. Laurentian has a mass spectrometer.</p>	
6.3	Needle disposal bin update	No update	
6.4	SCS Stakeholder Committee and Advisory Committee	2 <sup>nd</sup> SCS Stakeholder meeting was June 20. An advisory committee will be formed of members accessing the services for feedback such as challenges they are facing with the SCS. The two committees will work together to make the site as effective as possible and spread education in the local community.	Advisory Committee coming soon
6.5	Northern Health Units, community of practice	<p>PHSD is currently working on putting together an application to become an EENET (Evidence Exchange Network) community of practice. Applications are due June 30<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>EENet will connect the COP to larger networks, ensuring that the work is</p>	

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		shared with stakeholders across Ontario. They will also provide in-kind supports from an EENET knowledge broker, who will dedicate up to have a day per week to the groups activities and can help with a variety of activities like developing knowledge mobilization plans, complete needs assessments for defined group, develop resources, coordinate webinars or other interactive events and more.	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		
7.1	Enforcement pillar - Decriminalization and safer supply	<p>Dan sits on a provincial committee of substances that feeds information to chiefs of police of drug trends and policies. There's a well-written document from Drug Strategy Network of Ontario titled '<i>Solutions to end the drug poisoning crisis in Ontario</i>' to lobby the Canadian government for 4 high-level solutions very similar to our local goals. This highlights it is not a drug problem unique to Sudbury. At the end of May, BC was granted a 3-year exemption to the CSA starting January 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decriminalization of personal possession of up to a combined weight of 2.5 gm of a variety of illicit substances for personal use, in those 18+ years of age (Amber proposed increasing to a threshold of 4.5 gm).</li> </ul> <p>Funding for 14 different projects for treatment projects.</p>	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>STANDING ITEMS</b>		
8.1	Health Promotion and Prevention	No update	
8.2	Treatment	No update	

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8.3	Harm Reduction	New passionate members at the table. Discussion around what we do.	
8.4	Enforcement and Justice	We continue to see an increase in opioid-related deaths in the community. Identifying the substances through testing is difficult since GSPS doesn't test drugs.	
8.5	Communications Working Group	No update	
8.6	Opioid Surveillance Committee	<p>Public Health Sudbury &amp; Districts' opioid surveillance system continues to be monitored and updated based on information from the Office of the Chief Coroner. Based on new preliminary data for 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- From January to December 2021, there were 101 deaths in the area covered by PHSD</li> <li>- For comparison, during the same period in 2020 there were 106 deaths, and 56 in 2019.</li> <li>- In 2020, PHSD was found to be the region with the highest death per capita in the province.</li> <li>- Now, preliminary data for 2021, shows PHSD's opioid-related mortality rate has been found to be the third highest in the province.</li> </ul> <p>Northern communities continued to have the 5 highest opioid-related mortality rates in the province in 2021, (Thunder Bay, Algoma, PHSD, Porcupine, North Bay)</p>	
8.7	2020/2021 Work Plan	Released a drug warning in June (increase of toxic substances and overdoses).	Sandra would like to include alcohol and tobacco more as a drug in building the next work plan
<b>9.0</b>	<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES</b>		

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9.1	Drug Warning:	<a href="#">Public Health Sudbury &amp; Districts - News &amp; Alerts (phsd.ca)</a>	
9.2	The KFL&A Community Drug Strategy Advisory Committee	A <a href="#">petition</a> was circulated to the government of Canada to decriminalize substances requiring 500 signatures, open until Aug 19. Neil discussed recent contact from Prince Edward island Public Health to congratulate The Spot's efforts and that they will likely be opening something similar with modular containers.	
<b>10.0</b>	<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	Shana stated she will likely not be at the next meeting since she is leaving Public Health Sudbury & Districts. Next meeting is September 20, 2022- 10:30am – 12pm	
<b>11.0</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	The meeting adjourned at 11:30am	

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