



## MINUTES

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






Tuesday, May 24, 2023

10:30 AM—12:00 PM

Teleconference: Microsoft Teams, details to be provided

- Chair:** Sherry Price, Public Health Sudbury & Districts
- Recorder:** Luc Cheff, Public Health Sudbury & Districts
- Present:** Karla Gharthey, Marie Pollock, STOP Society  
Sherry Price, Angel Corneau, Danielle Whitten, Renee Lefebvre, Sandra Lacle Caroline Lavoie, Public Health Sudbury & Districts  
Lisa Toner, Ontario Aboriginal HIV/Aids Strategy  
Kaela Pelland  
Michael Roach, Health Sciences North
- Regrets:** Amber Fritz, Réseau ACCESS Network  
Daniel Despatie, Greater Sudbury Police Service  
Stacey Gilbeau, Adrienne Moreau, Public Health Sudbury & Districts  
Diane Zannier, Sudbury Catholic District School Board  
Melissa Roney, Greater Sudbury Emergency Medical Services  
Kelly Zinger, Martin Lees, Ontario Health North  
Guy Renaud, Jeremy Willmott, Greater Sudbury Police Service  
Roxane Zuck, Monarch Recovery Services  
Sarah Jokinen, Rainbow District School Board  
Monique Beaudoin, Centre de santé communautaire du Grand Sudbury  
Daniel Molke, Health Sciences North  
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  
Sandra Laclé, Public Health Sudbury & Districts  
Marie Pollock, STOP Society  
Rachelle Clouthier, HSN  
Heidi Eisenhauer, Réseau ACCESS Network  
RJ Gardner, Réseau ACCESS Network  
Cindy Junkala, City of Greater Sudbury  
Cindy Rose, Canadian Mental Health Association – Sudbury/Manitoulin

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1.0	<b>ROLL CALL</b>	The meeting was called to order at 10:33 am	Chair
2.0	<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</b> Welcome new members	Introductions were made.	Chair
3.0	<b>TERRITORIAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT</b>	Danielle Whitten made a land acknowledgement.	Danielle Whitten
4.0	<b>REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>	 Minutes_CDS_Steering_Committee_March_ The agenda was approved as circulated.	Chair
5.0	<b>DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST</b>	None to declare.	Chair
6.0	<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		
6.1	Drug Strategy Network of Ontario <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">“Choosing a New Direction”</a></li> <li>- Fact Sheets</li> </ul> Communication Package	 Choosing a New Direction.docx  DSNO infographic 1 - Addressing the drug p  DSNO infographic 2 - toxicity of the unregul  DSNO infographic 3 - actions - draft 3.0 (00: As opposed to many other health units, Sudbury has not seen a decline in deaths in 2022 from 2021, which is concerning. Drug policy reform at the federal and provincial levels is necessary. No response from Premier Doug Ford or Minister Jones. DSNO continues with its advocacy efforts, including the release of ‘A New Way Forward’ fact sheets. Communication package provided to facilitate distribution.	A.Corneau/ D.Whitten/ S. Price

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		<p>Suggested activities to reduce harms and costs for consideration.</p> <p>There is a need to include representation of people with lived and living experience for advocacy.</p> <p>Opioid-dependant people are not the only population using opioids – there’s a gap identified in the DSNO verbiage for people who experimentally use recreational drugs. This is a drug poisoning and policy crisis which puts the onus on the government to engage.</p> <p>We must work together to have a united front for a strong voice to ask the government for help.</p>	
6.2	- Opioid Leadership Summit	<p>The fact sheet documents should be shared with the executive committee. We are missing experts at this table to share in the wealth of information. The focus on the summit is building momentum locally (including Manitoulin and surrounding districts) and build outward as early as September 2023.</p> <p>A proposed budget would help plan for ongoing and consistent support throughout our widespread geographic region, such as Honouring Voices Initiative (although this initiative would have a limited scope). There is currently no funding for the leadership summit.</p> <p>The following motion was endorsed:  <b>Drug and Policy Crisis Leadership Summit - Fall of 2023.</b>  WHEREAS Sudbury and Districts has the third highest opioid overdose mortality rate of any public health region in Ontario for the year 2022 at 55.4 per 100,000 population compared to the</p>	S. Lacle/ S. Price

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		<p>provincial average of 17.6 per 100,000 population; and</p> <p>WHEREAS opioid-related death rates among Sudbury &amp; Districts remain far above the provincial average despite the actions of The Community Drug Strategy and partners through harm reduction services, supervised consumption services, needle and syringe programming, naloxone distribution, drug warnings, opioid surveillance, treatment and recovery programs;</p> <p>THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Steering Committee of the Community Drug Strategy for the City of Greater Sudbury recommends that the Executive Committee endorse and support an Drug and Policy Crisis Leadership Summit in the Fall of 2023.</p>	
6.3	Discarded Needles	A concern was received that needles are being discarded unsafely across Sudbury. Lisa Toner identified a potential need for a kiosk.	S. Price
7.0	<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	June 20, 2023 - 10:30-12:00	Co-chairs
8.0	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	The meeting adjourned at 12:02pm	Co-chairs

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