



MINUTES

Community Drug Strategy for the City of Greater Sudbury
 Steering Committee Meeting
 Tuesday, December 14, 2021
 10:30 AM—12:00 PM
 Microsoft Teams

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

Recorder: Katlyn Kotila, Public Health Sudbury & Districts

In Attendance: Nicole MacMillan, City of Greater Sudbury
 Sandra Laclé, Adrienne Moreau, Public Health Sudbury & Districts
 Diane Zannier, Sudbury Catholic District School Board
 Julie Cull, Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario
 Adam Day, Ontario Health North
 Amber Fritz, Neil Stephenson, Réseau ACCESS Network
 Cindy Rose, Canadian Mental Health Association – Sudbury/Manitoulin
 Roxane Zuck, Monarch Recovery Services
 Melanie Landry, STOP Society

Regrets: Natalie Aubin

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1.0	ROLL CALL	Meeting called to Order at 10:32 AM	
2.0	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS Welcome new members		
3.0	REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA	No additions. Agenda Approved.	
4.0	REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 21, 2021	No additions. Minutes Approved.	
5.0	DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST	No conflicts of interest declared.	
6.0	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES		
6.1	Supervised Consumption Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update applications 	Urgent Public Health Needs Site - 3 trailers have been secured and have been moved to the site. They are being seamed up and the inside is being	

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 Outcome: A – Approval D – Discussion I – Information

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ UPHNS ○ SCTS ○ Provincial application ○ SCS ○ Federal application ● Education campaign 	<p>worked on to get ready for opening. Funded by the city. Réseau ACCESS Network is the lead for this site and has been working on staffing. There will be a virtual site tour with the Federal Government who will provide us with the exemption to open the site. Neil has been refining the policies and procedures to address the Provincial government's concerns as part of the authorization process. The site will be ready ahead of the authorization and exemption processes. Job postings have been posted via Indeed. The training will take approximately 2 months so we are looking to get going on the hiring process.</p> <p>The province will not provide funding for this work until there has been an exemption given by Health Canada but Health Canada will not give an exemption until they can actually see the site. Big thanks to the City of Greater Sudbury for stepping up to help fund this process/site.</p> <p>A few months ago the city held a community forum in the downtown letting the architect explain the site, there were a few concerned business owners in the area but the police have partnered with the city to help take steps to mitigate some of the concerns of the property owners in the area. While the construction is being finished, stakeholder engagement is also happening. The province is funding a Supervised Consumption and Treatment Service, which means that they expect a certain level of access to treatment so we will be starting partnership agreements around treatment options and creating pathways for those utilizing the service.</p> <p>STOPS will continue to support the site on a volunteer basis. Neil explained that the hope for this site is that it will one day become a hub for outreach services and where people can network.</p> <p>Educational Campaign – The INSIGHTS Campaign is a series of videos featuring members of the community outlining the importance of Supervised Consumption Services. These videos are being featured online, on TV, in movie theatres,</p>	

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		billboards, etc. We are really trying to put the language of Supervised Consumption Services in the community so people are aware. French ads will also be airing on Le Loup.	
6.2	<p>Naloxone distribution update /</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Réseau ACCESS Network • PHSD • Pharmacies • Other agency updates 	<p>Réseau ACCESS Network – Our Naloxone distribution numbers have dropped but it is likely due to the change in outreach service delivery. Things have moved from an on the street outreach service to an in service. In the past 3 months, Réseau ACCESS Network has distributed 816 nasal kits, 56 injection kits, and 20 refills.</p> <p>PHSD – in November there were 302 doses distributed, 71 people trained, and 911 was called 36 times.</p>	
6.3	Needle disposal bin update	<p>We continue to have 14 operational needle bins in the city. The usage has not been what it was last year, other than the one in Memorial Park. These bins continue to be monitored weekly and SACY has done an incredible job with needle pickup.</p> <p>There has been an increase in needles picked up – in October 2021 there were 18, 850 needles picked up and in November 2021 there were 41,000 needles picked up. STOPS has also been out in the community helping to pick up needles.</p> <p>Harm Reduction workers in Peterborough noticed that some people were unwilling to use the needle disposal bins because it drew attention to why they were there, one thing that was mentioned that helped was painting the bins to make them more discreet.</p> <p>Until now bins have been heavily used in the community, what changed? - It could be potentially linked to the COVID-19 outbreak in Memorial Park, some people are making their own bio-bins, some people are unable to carry bins because they are living in tents and are having to prioritize carrying personal belongings. There are also small personal bins available for those that may struggle to carry the larger bins.</p>	
6.4	Empowerment Council	There is a council at HSN that is focusing on Harm Reduction. One discussion that has been	

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		consistently brought up is about peer and youth involvement. We have discussed an Empowerment Council made up of those with lived experience. We may have some movement on implementing said Empowerment Council in the New Year.	
7.0	NEW BUSINESS		
7.1	UPHNS Stakeholder Committee and Advisory Committee	<p>We have engaged a number of stakeholders to come together to discuss higher level mitigation strategies. It is required for our application. We have created 2 committes – UPHNS Stakeholder Committee and Advisory Committee.</p> <p>UPHNS Stakeholder Committee - We had our first stakeholder committee yesterday. We have a 13 page document outlining mitigation strategies based on concerns that were raised during the Needs Assessment Survey. The committee will be going through this document to discuss and craft solutions.</p> <p>Advisory Committee – Community advisory group made up of those who will be utilizing the services and support workers from Réseau ACCESS Network. It allows community members to express their concerns in a space where they will feel comfortable to share their thoughts. It will be made up of those with lived or living experience.</p>	
7.2	Northern health units, Community of Practice	<p>Northern Health Units created a submission that was sent to the province outlining the specific needs and what needed to be funded within the specific communities in terms of a Public Health perspective. This Community of Practice continues to meet and share information with each other.</p> <p>In terms of the provincial government, there has not been much follow up from the government since the information was initially presented.</p> <p>There have been conversations with our federal representatives to express the urgent need for solutions and funding to address the issues we are facing.</p>	
8.0	STANDING ITEMS		

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8.1	Health Promotion and Prevention	<p>Met on November 29, 2021 and are still identifying priorities.</p> <p>Some of the topics discussed : expanding the early drug warning system to reach different audiences, creating a way to share materials across agencies, focusing on more proactive campaigns, ways to make our opioid response plan more culturally safe and diverse, ways to address some of the challenges faced by those who are unhoused, addressing the impacts of racism and trauma on individuals and how that affects drug use, social determinants of health and how they intersect with drug use.</p>	
8.2	Treatment	<p>The pillar was unable to meet last week as scheduled. Next steps will include finding the already existing work plan and discussing ways we can better work with the Mental Health and Substance Use discussion table to make sure our efforts are in alignment</p>	
8.3	Harm Reduction	<p>Met on the 8th, for the first time since June. There was a lighter attendance. Some of the topics discussed include: the drug poisoning crisis, heavy sedation that is occurring among certain drug usage (people are freezing to the ground), housing as harm reduction, the trauma that is being replicated on the streets from the housing crisis and drug poisoning crisis. Hoping to meet in the New Year to come up with a plan to address some of these concerns.</p> <p>There are some concerns from Harm Reduction organizations surrounding access to supplies for harm reduction. Additionally, many people are needing to access Fentanyl strips but it is currently an out of pocket expense. Is there something that can be done to make sure that there is greater access to these? Some organizations are able to provide these for free to users. How are they able to do so? More research needs to be done surrounding this topic.</p> <p>Housing Update – The city is working hard to try to get another shelter up and running by the New Year. They will also be moving forward with some</p>	<p>Marie – To reach out to organizations in Northern Ontario to get a better idea about how they are able to get these strips funded.</p>

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		of the recommendations in addition to the Loraine Street Initiative.	
8.4	Enforcement and Justice	No updates at this time.	
8.5	Communications Working Group	<p>Last meeting was October 19. Community priorities were discussed. Highlighting the positive and successful work that occurred this past year to keep the community aware of some of the work that has been happening. Messages highlighting other agencies' success stories. Disemantating the monthly dashboard. Monthly overdose prevention messaging. Alternative ways to get these messages across. Creating inhalation prevention messages. Connecting with those with lived experience and on the ground to help inform the messaging surrounding some of the other areas of prevention.</p> <p>Adam can help bridge the gap between infections that are facing those who use drugs and the treatment services (Home and Community Care). Marie and Adam to connect about the potential to bridge these gaps and help explore the options available. Education both in and out of the hospital is so necessary. Many people lack the education to know the infections that those using drugs may face. More training is needed, especially around wound care.</p>	<p>Adam – Connect with Neil about opportunities to bridge the gap between home care and those who may require additional services and education on topics such as wound care and infections caused by drug use.</p>
8.6	Opioid Surveillance Committee	Have been unable to meet. There is work happening to create a response plan for other areas.	
8.7	2020/2021 Work Plan	Discussion in the new year will be surrounding what the next work plan will look like.	
9.0	ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES		
9.1	Drug Warning: October 8, 2021	<p>A Drug Warning was released on October 8, 2021 as a result of higher levels of overdoses due to the tainted drug supply.</p> <p>It was discussed that some people are going to feel more scared to make calls because there are people in other areas being charged by police. The Good Samaritan Act is being selective and police are charging people at the scene of an overdose. The fear is that this is going to deter people from wanting to call emergency services out of fear.</p>	

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10.0	NEXT MEETING from 10:30 to 12:00	No meeting date set. Will follow up in the New Year.	
11.0	ADJOURNMENT	Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM	