



AGENDA

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

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

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:** Jasmine Battaino, Public Health Sudbury & Districts
- Present:** Kathy Belanger, Sudbury Catholic District School Board
Monique Beaudoin,
Rachelle Clouthier,
Amber Fritz, Réseau ACCESS Network
Karla Gharty, STOP Society
Nicole MacMillan, City of Greater Sudbury
Todd Marassato, Greater Sudbury Police Service
Adrienne Moreau, Tina Skjonsby-McKinnon, Public Health Sudbury & Districts
Paola Nikodem,
Dennis Quenneville, Greater Sudbury Emergency Medical Services
Cindy Rose, Canadian Mental Health Association – Sudbury/Manitoulin
- Regrets:** Natalie Aubin, Catherine Watson, Health Sciences North
Denys Bradley, Federal Crown Attorney's Office
Michelle Cotnoir, Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario
Adam Day, North East Local Health Integration Network
Daniel Despatie, Greater Sudbury Police Service
Mary Jago, Rainbow District School Board
Karrie-Ann Jones, Josée Joliat, Public Health Sudbury & Districts
Stephanie Kehoe, Metis Nation Ontario
Sandra Laclé, Sarah Dakins, Renée Lefebvre, Public Health Sudbury & Districts
Robert Norman, Greater Sudbury Police Service
Robert Parsons, Crown Attorney's Office
Rebecca Poulin, Melissa Rooney, Greater Sudbury Emergency Medical Services
Michelle Warth, Ontario Provincial Police
Dianne Zannier, Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario
Roxane Zuck, Monarch Recovery Services

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	Item	Description of Outcome	Individual responsible for further action and deadline
1.0	ROLL CALL	The meeting was called to order at 10:33 a.m.	
2.0	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS	Introductions were made.	
3.0	Review and approval of agenda	The agenda was approved as circulated.	
4.0	REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 20, 2020 • February 16, 2021 	The minutes from October 20, 2020 & February 16, 2021 were approved.	
5.0	DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST	None to declare.	
6.0	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING		
6.1	Supervised Consumption Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on application and UPHNS • Sounding the alarm to council • Education campaign 	<p>Application</p> <p>There have been conversations with those at the isolation shelter located at The Four Sisters Motel which are trying to put up an urgent public health needs site. There needs to be a quick turn around so people can provide services for the SCS. There is a one-year term for communities needing this immediately.</p> <p>It has been a challenge to find a location as 30 potential locations were looked at. There has been issues with accessibility, zoning, and people not wanting to host services.</p> <p>STOPS is an unsanctioned site that has received pushback from the community.</p> <p>Council</p> <p>UPHNS does not have any funding, city staff were asked to put together a report which is going to council today. Funding for a permanent site can take anywhere from 6 months to one year, and since something is needed immediately, that is the hope with the application.</p>	

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		<p>Education campaign</p> <p>Campaign is almost ready to go, but it is important to launch this when the services are ready. The North is disproportionately affected by the opioid crisis. Northern Medical Officers of Health came together 2 weeks ago about Northern Strategy about opioid crisis, pan northern strategy to be presented at members of the province. The hope is to connect with front line workers.</p> <p>K. Gharty shared that STOPS Sudbury has been in touch with locations in Timmins, North Bay and Sault Ste Marie and that committee has discussed how things are going at each location, as well as how to support each other. This has all been happening at a grassroots level and the plan is to keep it that way.</p> <p>A lot of cities are fighting for permanent SCS, and it is important to keep in mind that this is the beginning of a long fight for this to happen.</p>	
6.2	<p>Naloxone Distribution Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Réseau ACCESS Network • PHSD • Pharmacies • Update on EMS distribution 	<p>A. Fritz shared that Réseau ACCESS Network distributed 500 naloxone kits in the month of May. A lot of great connections have come from this.</p> <p>822 naloxone kits have been distributed from community partners.</p> <p>K. Gharty stated that STOPS is running out of naloxone frequently as people are taking 3-4 kits at a time.</p> <p>Numbers of naloxone kits were 800 for the quarter, whereas more than 500 are now needed in a month. In April, PHSD and community partners in our region distributed 822 naloxone kits.</p> <p>Pharmacies total naloxone kit distribution from January- March is 12,361.</p> <p>District EMS is starting to distribute kits. Sudbury EMS stated that 30 kits are distributed every month, which does not include what is administered to the public.</p>	<p>Action: Tina to ask Ministry about non-sanctioned sites that are working in legal grey zone</p>

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		New areas of HSN are distributing naloxone, including acute inpatient psychiatry, as well as 6 South and 5 South. An HSN pilot project is currently underway as HSN is one of two hospitals distributing naloxone in hospital.	
6.3	Needle Disposal Bin Update	<p>There are 14 needle bins across CGS. The busiest is Memorial Park. Normally bins are emptied every 4 weeks, whereas Memorial Park needs emptying every 2 weeks due to overflowing. There are decals from public health on the bins now that addresses how to reduce the risk of overdosing on opioids and how to use a naloxone kit.</p> <p>From January 2021-May 2021, SACY collected 125,000 needles. There were 209,000 needles collected off the ground in 2020.</p> <p>It appears that the bins are not being utilized as much as they were last year.</p> <p>In February 2020 SACY picked up 68,000 needles whereas in February 2021, 8900 were picked up.</p>	Action: A. Fritz to find stats on the increase of needle distribution for the next meeting
6.4	Empowerment Council	COVID has put a pause on this. There is nothing to report at this time.	
6.5	Opioid Poisoning Response Plan – follow up	<p>Agreements were sent to organizations for signatures and contact numbers for agencies for evenings and weekends.</p> <p>There was a warning put out for THC Gold.</p> <p>STOPS is not a part of this team.</p>	Action: if any members have not signed the agreement, please sign.
7.0	NEW BUSINESS		
7.1	Mayor's Task Team Update	There was a press conference over a month ago on SCS. Discussions about location, narrowing it down, etc...	

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7.2	Data from the coroner's office for 2020	<p>The Coroner's Office released statistics on opioid-related deaths for communities across the province. Public Health Sudbury & District was found to have 105 opioid-related deaths in 2020 compared to 56 in 2019, making Public Health Sudbury & Districts' region the highest rate of opioid-related deaths in the province.</p> <p>In fact, the top five regions with the highest rates of opioid-related deaths in Ontario all take place in the Northeastern regions.</p> <p>PHSD rate: 52.4 Ontario rate: 16.4</p> <p>There has been an 87.4% increase in opioid deaths. Northern Ontario was already the highest prior to the pandemic.</p>	
7.3	Evaluating the CDS Framework	Our suggestion, evaluation of the framework so it will help plan our long-term work. In the meantime, work on other things (UPHNS app, location search, anti-stigma campaign, safe supply decisions and planning).	
8.0	STANDING ITEMS		
8.1	Health Promotion and Prevention	Nothing to report.	
8.2	Treatment	No one was present, therefore no meeting occurred.	
8.3	Harm Reduction	<p>A. Fritz stated there was a meeting on Friday and J. Joliet gave an update on safe supply. There is still work happening with that.</p> <p>August 31 is International Overdose Awareness Day. Réseau ACCESS Network is organizing something for this.</p>	
8.4	Enforcement and Justice	<p>T. Marassato states that there are still challenges due to COVID, and that there are issues with court cases. There are people from Southern Ontario bringing drugs into Northern Ontario.</p> <p>Departments in North Bay, Timmins, Sault Ste Marie, Sudbury & Thunder Bay are working together to identify groups from Southern Ontario who are supplying opioids.</p>	

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		There were samples of THC gold that were acquired, and they are getting tested now. Results should be back in 3-4 weeks.	
8.5	Communications Working Group	No meeting since January	
8.6	Opioid Surveillance Committee	PHAC grant received, and it was used to do work on surveillance dashboard. Changes and improvements still need to be made. There will be a presentation in September on the usefulness and increasing users.	
8.7	2020/2021 Work Plan	Will be discussed at next meeting.	
9.0	ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES		
9.1	Report: Preliminary patterns in circumstances surrounding opioid-related deaths in Ontario during the Covid-19 pandemic	<p>The coroner's office has been contacted to get data specifically for Northern Ontario. There are a lot of questions regarding where people are dying from overdoses.</p> <p>K. Gharty stated that members are asking about what happens with inmates with substance use issues who leave prison. Getting statistics would help to better direct services for people leaving prison.</p> <p>A. Fritz stated that there was a mass release of inmates from a local jail and a gap in helping them transition to life outside of prison. A pamphlet with information regarding services available, as well as where to find support to decrease the chance of an overdose was given to those being released.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Action: Public Health to request stat on inmates leaving prison</p> <p>Action: A. Fritz to provide K. Gharty with pamphlet once translated. Note: not to be shared publicly until stated.</p> </div>
10.0	Next meeting	Date: September 21, 2021 Time: 10:30 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m. Location: Teleconference	
11.0	Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.	

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