

Co-Chairs: 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

Nicole McMillan for Tyler Campbell, Director, Social Services

Greater Sudbury Police Service (GSPS):

Daniel Despatie, Inspector, Patrol Operations Division

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

Resource: **Public Health Sudbury & Districts (PHSD):**


Roland Dutrisac, Public Health Nurse, Mental Health and Substance Use

Regrets: 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. New member R. Dutrisac, Public Health Nurse on the Mental Health and Substance Use team at Public Health Sudbury & Districts, was introduced.	
2.0	TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	P. Sutcliffe 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 – September 9, 2022	The minutes from the previous meetings were approved as submitted.	
5.0	APPROVAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS		
5.1	Structure of Community Drug Strategy	The background that led to the below illustrated current committee structure for the Community Drug Strategy (CDS) for the City of Greater Sudbury was shared. It was noted that the structure was developed to meet the vision, goals, foundations, guiding principles and key priorities outlined within	



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		<p>the <u>Community Drug Strategy: A Call To Action</u> report released in November 2015.</p>  <p>Additionally a time limited surveillance committee was struck to input into the Opioid Surveillance Dashboard.</p> <p>The potential need to reassess the structure was noted and Executive Committee members shared their initial reflections.</p>	
5.2	Reinvigorating the Community Drug Strategy	<p>Over the last eight years (since the release of the <i>Community Drug Strategy: A Call to Action</i>), the toxic drug crisis has escalated, and the toxicity of circulating substances have been exacerbated by pandemic-related causes. The drug poisoning crisis has disproportionately impacted northeastern Ontario for some time, but especially so since the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>The recent CDS work has been focused on the Needs and Feasibility Study of the Supervised Consumption Site, securing a location, the Federal Exemption to operate the site, the Provincial Funding application, and the opening of the site. The pandemic caused a slow down in the work of the CDS, and it is now the opportune time to reinvigorate the strategy.</p>	



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		<p>It is recognized that the opioid poisoning crisis is a complex and intersectoral problem which will require complex and intersectoral solutions. Over time, a sharp increase in inhalation use locally and provincially has been seen. Given the alarmingly high rates of overdose in the area and the data released by the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario surrounding overdose deaths since the pandemic, it is evident that there is a need for collaborative community partner effort to update approaches to this crisis.</p> <p>There is an urgent need to reinvigorate how we are approaching this crisis. It was agreed that the best work and the greatest yield for our investments, in terms of numbers of people impacted, is in the upstream work which addresses the social determinants of health and inequities that are disproportionately impacted in the north. A full complement of approaches must be considered in this equation and will require the active engagement and support of the entire drug strategy.</p> <p>It was therefore recommended that a reinvigoration of the City of Greater Sudbury CDS takes place. The Community Drug Strategy Steering Committee is requesting the Executive Committee's endorsement of, but not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) The creation of working groups to reinvigorate the reference materials and to support the volume of necessary work required by the CDS. Working groups are recommended to be created to support updates to the Terms of Reference, Workplan, and Drug Warning/Opioid Response Plan.	



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		<p>2) The creation of a task force to review and revise the <i>Call to Action</i>.</p> <p>3) A call out for new members to have those who are passionate about reducing the incidences of substance use and creating a society increasingly free of the range of harms associated with substance use at the committee and pillar levels.</p> <p>4) A change in the French title of the Community Drug Strategy to “Stratégie communautaire en matière des drogues” or “Stratégie communautaire sur les drogues”.</p> <p>A roundtable took place and the Executive Committee agreed that the Steering Committee move forward with the invigoration of the CDS as outlined under recommendations 1, 2 and 3.</p> <p>The translation options were also reviewed and consensus was reached that the translation of “Community Drug Strategy” be updated to “Stratégie communautaire sur les drogues” given that it would best align with the language used by Health Canada.</p>	
5.3	<p>Supervised Consumption Site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provincial funding application Staffing Utilization Evaluation Stakeholder committee 	<p>Although the application for provincial funding for the Supervised Consumption Site (SCS) has not yet been approved, the City of Greater Sudbury has agreed to fund the site for 2023. Follow up options were discussed.</p> <p>In 2022, there were 213 visits and 247 consumptions since the SCS, operated by Réseau Access Network, opened at the end of September. There were five (5) non-fatal overdoses with one (1) requiring the administration of naloxone. There have been many return clients and they report being very happy with the service.</p>	



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		<p>The SCS is now fully staffed and has the ability to provide case management services. The site is opened from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., seven days a week, 365 days a year. The site will trial a 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. day once per week to determine if the later hours will be well-utilized.</p> <p>An evaluation was conducted by the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) in December 2022, the results of which are expected on March 31, 2023.</p> <p>The Supervised Consumption Site Stakeholder Committee has been reinvigorated and led by Réseau Access Network to support the site with meetings being scheduled quarterly. Their next meeting is scheduled in March.</p>	
5.4	Sharps Collection Downtown	<p>The City of Greater Sudbury continues to maintain and service 14 syringe recovery bins located in the downtown core. As there has been a noticeable decrease in the usage of the bins, there is no plan to increase this number. The usage of the bins will be reviewed on a yearly basis to ensure their effectiveness in their current location. If it is determined that the location of the bin is no longer effective, it will be relocated to identified priority areas. A review of the locations will take place this spring.</p> <p>The total number of syringes collected in 2020, 2021 and 2022 was reviewed.</p> <p>SACY continues to empty the bins on a daily basis, some areas more than once.</p>	



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5.5	Northern Public Health Opioid Community of Practice	<p>Dr. Sutcliffe reported that opioid-related deaths between the Northern Public Health Units prior to and during the COVID-19 pandemic are similar.</p> <p>The northern public health units were successful in their bid for a Northern Public Health Opioid Response Community of Practice (CoP) supported by The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) EENET. Invitations to join the CoP will be sent once the CoP has been set-up by CAMH.</p> <p>Executive Committee members were also informed that a Knowledge Broker from Kenora has been assigned to the Northern Public Health Opioid Response CoP.</p> <p>Thunder Bay received approval to advance the implementation of a Safer Supply pilot program.</p>	
6.0	CONSENT AGENDA		
6.1	<p>Opioid Surveillance, Drug Alerts and Warnings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dashboard • Drug Warnings (December 9, 2022, January 16, 2023) 	<p>The dashboard was highlighted.</p> <p>On December 9, 2022, and January 16, 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	



MINUTES

CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY DRUG STRATEGY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: JANUARY 20, 2023 TIME: 1 TO 2:30 P.M.

MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING



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		the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts for the period of 2021 to date was shared for information purposes.	
6.3	Community Drug Strategy Steering Committee Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">September 20, 2022January 17, 2023	The minutes were shared for information purposes.	
7.0	NEXT MEETING DATE	To be determined.	
8.0	ADJOURNMENT	The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.	