




MINUTES

Community Drug Strategy for the City of Greater Sudbury
 Steering Committee Meeting
 Tuesday, December 19, 2023
 10:30 AM—12:00 PM
 Teleconference: Microsoft Teams

- Chair:** Sherry Price, Public Health Sudbury & Districts
 Daniel Despatie, Greater Sudbury Police Service
- Recorder:** Luc Cheff, Public Health Sudbury & Districts
- Present:** Sherry Price, Danielle Whitten, Nicole Gauthier, Stacey Gilbeau, Renee Lefebvre - Public Health Sudbury & Districts
 Daniel Despatie - Greater Sudbury Police Service
 Ayesha Iffat - City of Greater Sudbury
 Shannon Knowlan, Dr. Tara Leary, Jared Bonis, Paola Nikodem - Health Sciences North
 Amber Fritz - Réseau ACCESS Network
 Karla Ghartey- STOP Society
 Sarah Clarke - Rainbow District School Board
 Heidi Eisenhauer - Réseau ACCESS Network
- Regrets:** Guy Renaud, Jeremy Willmott - Greater Sudbury Police Service
 Cindy Junkala - City of Greater Sudbury
 Michael Roach - - Health Sciences North
 Marie Pollock - STOP Society
 Lisa Toner - Ontario Aboriginal HIV/Aids Strategy
 Kelly Zinger - Ontario Health North
 Julie Ward – Paramedic Services
 Cindy Rose, Canadian Mental Health Association – Sudbury/Manitoulin
 Monique Beaudoin - Centre de santé communautaire du Grand Sudbury
 Diane Zannier - Sudbury Catholic District School Board
 Melissa Roney - Greater Sudbury Emergency Medical Services
 Martin Lees, Adam Day - Ontario Health North
 Daniel Molke - Health Sciences North
 Roxane Zuck - Monarch Recovery Services
 Diane Zannier, Sudbury Catholic District School Board
 Valerie Lariviere - Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario
 Veronica Mensah, RJ Gardner - Réseau ACCESS Network
 Adele Bodson, Rachelle Clouthier - Health Sciences North

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1.0	ROLL CALL	The meeting was called to order at 10:35 am	Co-chairs

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2.0	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS Welcome new members	The co-chairs welcomed everyone back after a long hiatus due to the Summit. New introductions were made.	Co-chairs
3.0	TERRITORIAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	Nicole Gauthier made a land acknowledgement in lieu of Adrienne Moreau.	N. Gauthier
4.0	REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA	The agenda was approved as circulated.	Co-chairs
5.0	REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES	 Minutes_CDS_Steering_Committee_August Minutes from August 17, 2023 will be reviewed at the next meeting in January.	Co-chairs
6.0	DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST	None to declare.	Co-chairs
7.0	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES		
7.1	Supervised Consumption Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SCTS Provincial application • The Spot 	The closure of the SCS was discussed at this month's DSNO meeting. Yesterday, the municipality voted against supporting the Spot beyond January. Industry leaders came forward to have discussion about supporting the local safe consumption site for the following months, which is deemed inappropriate and sad for the local private industry to fund healthcare. Daniel Despatie said it's ironic that there's a Summit dedicated to addressing the escalating drug toxicity crisis in our region and exploring solutions to prevent drug-related harm, then announcing a week later that there will be no financial support for the Spot, which is an evidence-based approach to saving lives.	H. Eisenhauer
7.2	Revisiting the TOR	Deferred until February	S. Price
7.3	Summit Summary	The Summit was held on December 7 and 8 at the Edgar Leclair community centre in Azilda. It was by invitation only, with approximately 200 people in	Co-chairs

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		<p>attendance from 50 different organizations across our service area. There were over 30 speakers and panelists in attendance. Speakers included PHSD, PHO, Tara Gomes from the Ontario Drug Policy Research Network, Ben Perrin from BC, Jonathan Peltier from Wikwemikong, Elder Julie from N'Swakamok, Tim Ominika from Anishnawbek Nation. Three panels spoke to health promotion and stigma, wrap around non-clinical services, and substance use care including both harm reduction and treatment. Group activities occurred on both the first and second days. The group found that structural stigma was pervasive and must be addressed. Youth services rose to the top of the list of next steps as did the provision of basic needs including supportive, transitional, and affordable housing. The Icelandic Prevention Model was discussed as a way forward to work with youth to bolster protective factors and mitigate against risk factors for substance use. What comes next? There has been a transition committee struck that will determine how we as a community can be accountable. Certainly each sector can move things along before a structure is in place but there will be a more formal process created. The first meeting of this transition committee will be in January.</p>	
7.4	Needle disposal bin update	<p>November: recovered 2282 syringes from the street this month. Received drop-offs with a total of 5320 syringes. Hot spots in November: 344 Elgin St., Red Cross Ln., 95 Pine St.</p>	A. Iffat






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		<p>October: recovered 1522 syringes from the street this month Received drop-offs with a total of 1200 syringes. Hot spots in October: 344 Elgin St., Red Cross Ln., Sudbury Theater Centre.</p> <p>September: program recovered 1691 syringes from the street this month. 95 Pine Street received drop-offs with a total of 11,900 syringes. Hot spots in September: Red Cross Ln., Jesuits Ln., Hnatyshyn Park</p> <p>Heidi expressed a desire to have Réseau more involved in gathering these numbers. Karla asked for specific information such as harm reduction supplies being distributed in the year end report. She also expressed a need to advocate a humanistic perspective as part of CDS' responsibility to counteract the hostile architecture of the city that wants people who use drugs out of sight and out of mind. No place to sit or lie down, which goes against human rights for homeless people.</p>	
8.0	STANDING ITEMS		
8.1	Health Promotion & Prevention	No update.	
8.2	Treatment	No update	
8.3	Harm Reduction	<p>Naloxone distribution continues to be increased overall. For the month of November the distribution was 890 doses distributed by PHSD and partners and 260 trainings. Since July, two agencies have joined the Ontario Naloxone Program, French River Fire and Sudbury Centre for Transitional Care. We continue to see an increase in injectable naloxone requests.</p>	

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		<p>Paola asked who will be in the transitional committee after the Summit. Sherry said it's still being finalized but we've discussed it with City of Greater Sudbury, Public Health Sudbury & Districts, ____.</p> <p>Karla wanted to ensure proper representation of people with lived experience and local research-based perspective, and also asked if this Strategy has an advocacy plan to keep the Spot open. There is not much time.</p> <p>Stacey asked Heidi if next steps are hinging on after a meeting with industry. Dr Leary said we should partner local expertise who research Sudbury data with the resources we have to present to industry and make it digestible specifically in regard to the Spot. Karla expressed confusion towards our role – she thinks we're lacking moral action, advocacy and movement. Next steps are we draft a letter on behalf of the steering committee to support the Spot since Heidi said it could be helpful.</p>	
8.4	Enforcement & Justice	No update	
8.5	Communications Working Group	No update	
8.6	Opioid Surveillance Committee	No update	
9.0	ANNOUNCEMENT/UPDATES		
9.1	Drug Warnings and Alerts	<p>There have been two drug warnings since the last meeting; an alert in September due to the detection of a new adulterant (Flubromazolam) and a warning in November due to an increase in suspected drug poisonings.</p> <p>Public Health Sudbury & Districts - News & Alerts (phsd.ca)</p>	Co-chairs

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9.2	Resources	 SSRN-id4512984-1.pdf  City Budget Business Case Proposal (1).doc  Draft Harm Reduction Continuum  Save The Spot Support.pdf  SCS CONNECTIONS MADE Dec 15 2023.pr	All
10.0	NEXT MEETING	Next meeting is January 16, 2024, 10:30 am – 12 pm	Co-chairs
11.0	ADJOURNMENT	The meeting adjourned at 11:42 am	Co-chairs

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