





## MINUTES

Community Drug Strategy for the City of Greater Sudbury  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, June 20, 2023  
10:30 AM—12:00 PM  
Teleconference: Microsoft Teams

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


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1.0	<b>ROLL CALL</b>	The meeting was called to order at 10:35am	Co-chairs
2.0	<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</b> Welcome new members	Introductions were made.	Co-chairs
3.0	<b>TERRITORIAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT</b>	Adrienne Moreau made a land acknowledgement.	A. Moreau
4.0	<b>REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>	The agenda was approved as circulated.	Co-chairs
5.0	<b>REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>	 Minutes_CDS_Steering_Committee_May_2  Minutes_CDS_Steering_Committee_March The minutes from May 24 & March 21 2023 were approved.	Co-chairs
6.0	<b>DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST</b>	None to declare.	Co-chairs
7.0	<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		
7.1	Supervised Consumption Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on applications               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SCS Federal exemption</li> <li>○ SCTS Provincial application</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Spot</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing incredible feedback from clients.</li> <li>• A mat in the corner has been provided to some clients for sleeping off a high, which has been appreciated.</li> <li>• May – 79 visits</li> <li>• The SCS is out of the way for some clients.</li> <li>• Still waiting on provincial funding from an application in August 2021.</li> <li>• The site has applied for an exemption to government policy to allow people to share drugs inside The Spot without it be considered ‘trafficking’.</li> <li>• The SCS will be doing one-on-one consultations with clients to</li> </ul>	A. Fritz

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		critique, provide feedback and evaluate.	
7.2	<p>Naloxone distribution update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Réseau ACCESS Network</li> <li>• PHSD</li> <li>• Pharmacies</li> </ul> <p>Other agency updates</p>	<p>Naloxone distribution amongst PHSD and community partners is as follows:</p> <p>March 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 933 naloxone doses distributed</li> <li>- 137 Individuals trained</li> </ul> <p>April 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 844 naloxone doses distributed</li> <li>- 199 Individuals trained</li> </ul> <p>May 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1042 naloxone doses distributed</li> <li>- 132 Individuals trained</li> </ul> <p>Recent updates to the Ontario Naloxone Program are that the French River Fire and Sudbury's Centre for Transitional Care are being onboarded into the program.</p> <p>Pharmacy data from January to March has come in for Sudbury &amp; Districts:</p> <p>January 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 284 kits were distributed</li> </ul> <p>February 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 362 kits were distribute</li> </ul> <p>March 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 531 kits were distributed.</li> </ul> <p>The pharmacy data also shows a total increase in requested injectable naloxone throughout the months.</p> <p>As of June 1, Bill 88 came into effect. The Occupational Health and Safety Act requires an employer to have naloxone on hand if they have reason to believe that an employee is at risk for an overdose. This requires an employer to provide and maintain naloxone kits, as well as have someone trained in administering</p>	S. Price

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		naloxone. Training is provided by the Canadian Red Cross and St. John's Ambulance for free for two employees online.	
7.3	Needle disposal bin update	Same amount of bins No increase in usage May: SACY recovered 3487 syringes from the streets, and 3920 syringes were recovered at another address, totaling 7407 syringes	Crystal Stephens
7.4	Engagement with people with lived and living experience	PHSD is working on an ethics application and hoping to complete this soon in order to have the focus groups run by Réseau ACCESS Network. An ethics review has paused this project.	S. Price
7.5	DSNO	Steering Committee had inquired if the Canadian Association of People Who Use Drug (CAPUD) and PWLLE were consulted in the development of the fact sheets. Adrienne Crowder stated that through drug strategies, peer advisory groups were consulted. The Ontario Association of People Who Use Drugs (ONPUD) was also involved. She also added that the AMO, CMHA Ontario, CAMH, HIV Legal Network, (and more) were also consulted regarding this initiative (and more).  She was very appreciative of the feedback provided. She also spoke to the inclusion of opioids, related data.	S. Price
7.6	Local leadership summit	 Resolutions The Office of the Chief Coroner BOH <a href="#">meeting package</a>  At a city council meeting on June 13, the Chief Coroner for Ontario delivered a presentation analyzing and comparing Sudbury's opioid mortality data to the	S. Price

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		<p>province. Certain trends discussed that are important to highlight include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Polysubstance use contributing to death</li> <li>- The increase in inhalation rates</li> </ul> <p>Once the presentation was completed, the city council passed a resolution to host a local leadership summit focusing on the toxic drug crisis in Greater Sudbury.</p> <p>A motion was shared to highlight that the opioid mortality rates in the city are increasing despite the numerous multi-sector substance use prevention, harm reduction treatment and enforcement efforts. In turn, it was suggested that there is a need for intensification of leadership action, such as a local leadership summit.</p> <p>The PHSD BOH met June 15<sup>th</sup> where the Public Health Sudbury and Districts board approved a motion endorsing a recommendation by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>The motion directs the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, to ensure Public Health helps organize a local leadership summit to address the opioid crisis.</p> <p>When the media reaches out for overdose-related interviews, PHSD always consults the data in the opioid surveillance dashboard:  <a href="https://www.phsd.ca/public-health-sudbury-districts-opioid-surveillance">Public Health Sudbury &amp; Districts - Opioid Surveillance (phsd.ca)</a></p>	
7.7	Northern Public Health Opioid Response CoP	<p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Link</a></p> <p>The next Northern CoP meeting will take place Thursday, June 29 from 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm.</p>	S. Price

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		<p>These meetings can be great learning opportunities.</p> <p>If interested, please join the CoP through the link provided.</p>	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>STANDING ITEMS</b>		
8.1	Health Promotion & Prevention	No update. The committee needs to review the terms of reference but the meeting has not happened yet.	
8.2	Treatment	No update	
8.3	Harm Reduction	No update	
8.4	Enforcement & Justice	No update	
8.5	Communications Working Group	No update	
8.6	Opioid Surveillance Committee	No update	
<b>9.0</b>	<b>ANNOUNCEMENT/UPDATES</b>		
9.1	Drug Warnings and Alerts	<p><a href="https://www.phsd.ca/news-alerts">Public Health Sudbury &amp; Districts - News &amp; Alerts (phsd.ca)</a></p> <p>Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup> we received information from partners about unexpected reactions from the use of substances within our area resulting in partners attending to overdoses.</p> <p>Reports received included a substance known as “Carfentanil crystals”. Which appeared to be causing increased disorientation, sedation, and overdose.</p>	Co-chairs
<b>10.0</b>	<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	Next meeting is September 19, 2023 10:30am – 12pm	Co-chairs
<b>11.0</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	The meeting adjourned at 11:30am	Co-chairs

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