



**MINUTES**

Community Drug Strategy for the City of Greater Sudbury  
 Steering Committee Meeting  
 Tuesday, March 19, 2024  
 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, Nicole Gauthier, Abbira Nadarajah, Sam Mortimer, Renee Lefebvre - Public Health Sudbury & Districts  
 Amber Fritz, Heidi Eisenhauer - Réseau ACCESS Network  
 Ayesha Iffat - City of Greater Sudbury  
 Melissa Roney - Greater Sudbury Emergency Medical Services

**Regrets:** Daniel Despatie, Guy Renaud, Jeremy Willmott, Natalie Hiltz - Greater Sudbury Police Service  
 Adele Bodson, Rachelle Clouthier, Daniel Molke, Michael Roach, Dr. Tara Leary, Shannon Knowlan - Health Sciences North  
 Stacey Gilbeau - Public Health Sudbury & Districts  
 Lisa Toner - Ontario Aboriginal HIV/Aids Strategy  
 Cindy Junkala - City of Greater Sudbury  
 Karla Gharthey, Marie Pollock - STOP Society  
 Kelly Zinger - Ontario Health North  
 Monique Beaudoin - Centre de santé communautaire du Grand Sudbury  
 Cindy Rose, Canadian Mental Health Association – Sudbury/Manitoulin  
 Diane Zannier - Sudbury Catholic District School Board  
 Martin Lees - Ontario Health North  
 Roxane Zuck - Monarch Recovery Services  
 Sarah Jokinen - Rainbow District School Board  
 Adam Day - Ontario Health North  
 Valerie Lariviere - Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario  
 Julie Ward - Paramedic Services  
 Paola Nikodem

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1.0	ROLL CALL	The official meeting was not called to order at a particular time due to lack of attendance, so it was informal.	S. Price

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2.0	<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</b> Welcome new members	Sherry Price welcomed all members to the meeting and introduced new members as required.	S. Price
3.0	<b>TERRITORIAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT</b>	Samantha Mortimer made a land acknowledgement.	S. Mortimer
4.0	<b>REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>	The agenda was approved as circulated.	S. Price
5.0	<b>REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>	 Minutes_CDS_Steering_Committee_February Reviewed and approved meeting minutes from February 20, 2024.	S. Price
6.0	<b>DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST</b>	None to declare.	All
7.0	<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		
7.1	Feedback Survey Results on the Community Drug Strategy for the City of Greater Sudbury Committee Structure	<p>S. Price to present survey findings.</p> <p>A survey monkey was circulated following the February meeting. CDS members and Summit invitees and participants were invited to provide their input regarding the new CDS structure.</p> <p>Slide deck prepared to support this agenda item with speaking notes.</p> <p>Findings from the survey will be used to inform recommendations to CDS Executive Committee later this week, meeting date TBD (1<sup>st</sup> week of April 2024).</p> <p>CDS Steering Committee members are invited to provide additional feedback as findings are presented.</p>	S. Price
7.2	Draft recommendations to the Community Drug Strategy for the City of Greater Sudbury Executive Committee	Slide deck prepared to support this agenda item with speaking notes.	S.Price

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7.3	Next steps	<p>Slide deck prepared to support this agenda item with speaking notes.</p> <p>Recommendations will be revised considering feedback received today and presented to the CDS Executive Committee, date of meeting still TBD, first week of April.</p> <p>Following EC meeting, an email will follow notifying the SC of decisions made, next steps, and timelines. Recommendation to coordinate an inaugural CDS SC meeting for the new structure in mid to late-April. Streams to meeting in June.</p> <p>As a new structure takes shape, the important work that is currently underway must continue.</p> <p>Efforts are also underway to develop a CDS Evaluation Framework and indicators for Summit recommendations. A survey monkey will be circulated following this meeting to all CDS SC members and Summit invitees, seeking input regarding the new CDS structure (i.e. dissolution or realignment, determination of co-chairs, alignment with workstreams or pillars, membership, etc.). Responses to the survey help inform next steps as we continue to move forward.</p>	S. Price
<b>8.0</b>	<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES</b>		
8.1	Supervised Consumption Services	<p>Amber said the SCS is closing next week. There will be local outreach services with a vehicle in March distributing resources to populated areas. We will see what will happen with gap funding. There are people in need of early morning services that would usually be provided by SACY but they closed recently. Heidi claimed</p>	A. Fritz / H/ Eisenhauer

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		<p>there were many people that went down today, not to the point of emergency overdose intervention, so they were brought inside to get warm.</p> <p>Heidi submitted the following for discussion/updates:</p> <p>Is there an official response to the Chief MOH, in regards to surge response plan for Sudbury? What is our community response plan? Can this be shared? Surge response should include SCS and maybe ability to rapidly set one up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCS closure response – gaps</li> </ul> <p>Melissa Roney said she can have someone from her team attend any training/prep what PHSD is doing with other EMS services, there can be a lot to learn and more importantly support with planning. Heidi said people don't seem to be calling 911, despite being down for hours on end.</p>	
8.2	Needle disposal bin update	<p>Recovered <b>5620 syringes</b> from the street. drop-offs with a total of <b>7307 syringes</b></p> <p>Hot spots:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sudbury Theater Centre</li> <li>• 95 Pine St</li> <li>• Medina Ln.</li> </ul>	A. Iffat
8.3	Drug warning and alerts	<p>March 4, 2024. The Community Drug Strategies have received reports of an increase in the number of drug poisonings (overdoses) and unexpected reactions from the use of substances in the Sudbury and districts area.</p> <p>While we cannot confirm the substance(s) causing the overdoses, this situation serves as an important reminder to the community that street drugs may be cut or mixed with substances such as benzos (benzodiazepines), xylazine, fentanyl, or carfentanil. Frontline workers warn that</p>	S.Price

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		more toxic substances may be circulating locally, including a potent bluish-green looking substance being referred to as “down”. Workers report witnessing heavy “nods” accompanied by long periods of sedation.	
9.0	<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	Next meeting will host an inaugural meeting of the reinvigorated CDS. Open invitation to anyone interested in joining/supporting the new structure in mid to late April (tentative April 16, 2024, from 10:30 am-12:00 pm).	S.Price
11.0	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	The informal meeting adjourned at 11:02am.	S.Price

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