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

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

10:30 AM—12:00 PM

Teleconference: Microsoft Teams

Chairs: Sherry Price, Public Health Sudbury & Districts
Daniel Despatie, Greater Sudbury Police Service

Recorder: Luc Cheff, Public Health Sudbury & Districts

Present: Sherry Price, Nicole Gauthier, Corrie Vendetti, Erika Espinoza, Katy Peacock, Kathy Dokis, Sam Mortimer, Katie Gilchrist, Julie Labelle, Kerri Lusk, Angele Bodson, Stacey Gilbeau, Tina Skjonsby-McKinnon, Anna Harbulik, Teresa Lazinski, Caroline Lavoie, Abbira Nadarajaha, Renee Lefebvre - Public Health Sudbury & Districts
Cristina Scarpellini - Angels of Hope Against Human Trafficking
Michelle Brunette, Jenny Slack, John Hammill – Cambrian College
Josée Joliat, Veronique Boyer, Pierre Bourgoin - Collège Boréal
Lyne Rivet – Laurentian University
Robin Cheslock - Canadian Shield Health
Amanda Rainville - Capreol NP Lead Clinic
Miranda Mackie, Ayesha Iffat, Bill Leduc, Sherri Moroso, Julie Ward, Melissa Roney, Barbara Dubois, Cindi Briscoe, Gail Spencer, Raili Lakanen, Stefany Mussen, Tyler Campbell, Carolyn Cameron, Sherri Moroso - City of Greater Sudbury
Bruce Bourget, Nicole Nicolas-Bayer, Sarah Clarke - Rainbow Schools
Laurie Milling - Sudbury Catholic District School Board
Amber Fritz, Heidi Eisenhauer, Keenan Boily, Kaela Pelland, Angel Riess, Charlene Day, Rilynn Allen, Aidan Engel - Réseau ACCESS Network
Cathy Landriault - Sudbury Community Service Centre
Jennifer Clement - Sudbury District Nurse Practitioner Clinics
Jackie Balleny - Sudbury District Restorative Justice
Chantal Makela - Spark Sudbury Employment Services
Giulia Carpenter - Sudbury Women's Centre
Elaina Groves, Lisa Billard, Ryan Burke, Richard Garneau - The Children's Aid Society
Amanda Robichaud - The Mission
Donald Langlois – Vale
Anna Barsanti – VTRA
Robin Patry - Whitefish Lake First Nation
Kendra Maclsaac - YMCA NEO
Marlene Gorman - YWCA
Sarah Trottier - Univi
Lisa Arlt, Karlie Foster - CMHA, Sudbury/Manitoulin
Carly Gasparini – Community Builders
Marc Gauthier - Community Safety and Wellbeing

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Present:

Marie Pollock, Tammy B, Adrienne A, James Gough
 Mark Fraser, Isabelle Chausse – Compass
 Kara Vakiparta - Crown Attorney Sudbury
 Kyle Marcus - Downtown BIA
 Jelise Keating, Kamilah Francis - Future North
 Laura Lavigne - Greater Sudbury Public Library
 Leah Poryckyj, Loretta Bostrom, Crystal Pitfield, Deanna Jones-Keeshig, Dr. Jason Prpic,
 Kelly-Ann Lemieux, Michael Roach, Paola Nikodem, Jeffrey Middaugh, Catherine Watson,
 Shannon Knowlan, Dr. Tara Leary, Dr. Brent Kennedy, Jared Bonis, Natalie Aubin - Health
 Sciences North
 Kristen Morin - Health Sciences North Research Institute Walford Site
 Angela Gray - Independent Living Sudbury Manitoulin
 Marcella Nabigon Guerin - Kina Gbezhgomi Child & Family Services
 Michael Van Harten, Emily Sheppard - Lopes Ltd
 Paula Fields, Rilie Phillips, Melanie Stephens - Manitoulin Health Centre
 Stephanie Kehoe - Métis Nation of Ontario
 Angie Gaudette, Jasmine Beange, Debra Watterson, Roxane Zuck - Monarch Recovery Services
 Martin Boucher - Northern Initiative for Social Action
 Jeffery Hardy - Nogdawindamin Family & Community Services
 Kathryn Schwedhelm - Northwood Medical Clinic
 Diane Moncion, Dr. Emily Groot, Dr. Michael Franklyn, Patrick Mooney, Stephanie
 Stevens, Dr. Alex Anawati - Northern Ontario School of Medicine University
 Michel Brunet - OATC, Canadian Addiction Treatment Centre
 Norman McGraw - N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre
 Donald Kingsley - NouvelOn
 Andrea Dokis - Shkagamik-Kwe Health Centre

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| 1.0 | WELCOME & ROLL CALL Welcome new members | The official meeting was called to order at 10:32 am. Sherry Price welcomed about 100 participants to the meeting. | S. Price |
| 2.0 | LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT | Samantha Mortimer led a land acknowledgement. | S. Mortimer |
| 3.0 | REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA | The agenda was approved as circulated. | S. Price |
| 4.0 | LARGE GROUP PRESENTATION | | |
| 4.1 | A look back. How did we get here? | A presentation highlighted a brief overview of Community Drug Strategy (CDS) history, the Greater | S. Price |


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| | | Sudbury Summit on Toxic Drugs and its three focus areas, as well as direction from the Transition Task Group. | |
| 4.2 | Overview of Community Drug Strategy committee structure survey results | Sherry presented survey findings. To inform next steps and help shape the new CDS structure, Public Health Sudbury & Districts sought input from a vast network of community stakeholders including Summit participants and invitees, CDS members, as well as perspectives from people with lived experience and Indigenous Peoples. Feedback was collected using Survey Monkey and participation in the survey was voluntary. Survey findings were used to inform recommendations regarding the CDS structure and membership, which were reviewed at this meeting. | S. Price |
| 4.3 | Direction for the reinvigoration of the Community Drug Strategy | <p>In consideration of survey findings, recommendations were brought forward to the CDS Executive Committee for consideration and approval. These recommendations were made to ensure alignment of CDS operations with the current needs of the community while simultaneously providing oversight for the advancement of Summit priorities.</p> <p>Initial direction from the executive committee was specific to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new CDS structure • Membership <p>With regard to streams, specific direction included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aligning operations with the three streams of the Summit (health promotion, wrap around supports and substance use care) • The streams are accountable to Steering Committee • Streams are responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Workplan development and implementation ○ Ensuring movement of Summit priorities and other CDS initiatives • The need for additional sub-committees or working groups may be identified and activated based on the identification of need by the committee. • Stream co-chairs will maintain membership with the steering committee. | S. Price |

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| | | <p>The Steering committee is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing strategic direction, setting goals, defining objectives and ensuring alignment with the overall mission. • Making key decisions and recommendations to the Executive committee. • Developing evaluation framework to monitor progress of the CDS and in the advancement of Summit recommendations. • From the Steering Committee, a formal connection to the DSNO will be made through its steering committee co-chairs. The Steering Committee will explore formal connection to other community structure(s) to ensure efforts aligned, linked-up, and accountable. • The Steering Committee is accountable to the Executive Committee, and its leadership will mirror that of the Executive Committee. <p>Executive Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive Committee will serve as the primary decision-making body responsible for setting strategic direction, providing oversight on major initiatives, and ensuring the advancement of Summit recommendations. <p>All levels of the CDS will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honour and elevate the voices and perspectives of people with lived and living experience. • Value and ensure inclusion of the voices of equity deserving groups across the lifespan (i.e., BIPOC, newcomers, Francophone, youth, etc.). | |
| 4.4 | Small group breakout overview and instruction | Sherry instructed the committee on the purpose of the following breakout session, what to expect, and deliverables, including determination of co-chairs, review of membership for inclusivity and diversity, and a date/time for the next meeting. | S. Price |
| 5.0 BREAKOUT GROUPS BY STREAM | | | |
| BREAKOUT: HEALTH PROMOTION | | | |

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| 5.1 | Roundtable introductions | Samantha Mortimer was the moderator for this stream. Members participated in roundtable introductions. | S. Mortimer |
| 5.2 | Review of priority actions from the Summit – stream specific | <p>Priorities for action and key findings from the prioritization activities at the Greater Sudbury Summit on Toxic Drugs were reviewed for shared awareness, highlighting some of the important work ahead for the stream.</p>  <p>Greater_Sudbury_Summit_on_Toxic_Drugs</p> | S. Mortimer |
| 5.3 | Selection of stream co-chairs | Corrie Vendetti from Public Health Sudbury & Districts put her name forward as a co-chair, and Sherri Moroso expressed an interest, pending support from her agency. Veronique Boyer from Collège Boréal said she can assist with administrative tasks, if no other co-chair is found. | S. Mortimer |
| 5.4 | Review of membership | Jehna Morin from Sudbury Centre for Transitional Care and Rachel Bulman from Cambrian College should be added to the health promotion stream. | S. Mortimer |
| 5.5 | Identification of next meeting | Next meeting will be in May in advance of the next steering committee meeting in June - Doodle poll to be sent out by Corrie/Sam to determine the best date and time to solidify membership, inform the Terms of Reference, determine meeting frequency as well as next steps and how to move priority actions forward. Michelle Brunette from Cambrian asked about appetite regarding in-person or virtual meetings – advised Cambrian can host and provide parking passes, as well as a virtual option (has room for roughly 30 people for an in-person meeting). | S. Mortimer |
| BREAKOUT: WRAP-AROUND SUPPORTS | | | |
| 5.1 | Roundtable introductions | Nicole Gauthier was the moderator for this stream. Members participated in roundtable introductions. | N. Gauthier |
| 5.2 | Review of priority actions from the Summit – stream specific | <p>Priorities for action and key findings from the prioritization activities at the Greater Sudbury Summit on Toxic Drugs were reviewed for shared awareness, highlighting some of the important work ahead for the stream.</p> <p>In addition, a member shared clinical guidelines recommended for people who are unhoused. Housing and substance use are very closely connected. Out of the top 5 recommendations for people who are unhoused,</p> | N. Gauthier |

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| | | two of them address substance use. https://www.cmaj.ca/content/cmaj/192/10/E240.full.pdf | |
| 5.3 | Selection of stream co-chairs | Co-chairs were not identified for this stream at this meeting. Réseau ACCESS Network was suggested for consideration. A follow-up email will be sent via drug strategy email for attendees seeking expressions of interest for co-chairs. | N. Gauthier |
| 5.4 | Review of membership | Discussion among attendees noting that missing from this stream's membership were the following: Indigenous community representation, Centre de santé, Homelessness Network, North Bay Regional Health Centre, Kirkwood Place, N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre, Shkagamik-Kwe Health Centre, Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Community Centre, Monarch Recovery Services, Primary Care, Politicians, March of Dimes – Brain Injury Services, other supportive housing agencies. | N. Gauthier |
| 5.5 | Identification of next meeting | Nicole Gauthier will send an email and include a Doodle poll to help secure a May meeting date and time before the next scheduled Steering Committee meeting on June 18, 2024. | N. Gauthier |
| BREAKOUT: SUBSTANCE USE CARE (HEARM REDUCTION AND TREATMENT) | | | |
| 5.1 | Roundtable introductions | Tina Skjonsby-McKinnon was the moderator for this stream. Members participated in roundtable introductions. | T. Skjonsby-McKinnon |
| 5.2 | Review of priority actions from the Summit – stream specific | Priorities for action and key findings from the prioritization activities at the Greater Sudbury Summit on Toxic Drugs were reviewed for shared awareness, highlighting some of the important work ahead for the stream. | T. Skjonsby-McKinnon |
| 5.3 | Selection of stream co-chairs | Cristina Scarpellini, Angels of Hope Against Human Trafficking, volunteered as a co-chair. Heidi Eisenhauer nominated Amber Fritz from Réseau Access Network. Robin Patry, Atikameksheng FN, Addictions Wellness Coordinator, nominated herself. Members agreed to have one chair from the hospital and one from community for good balance. Health Sciences North agreed to be a co-chair; however the lead is still to be determined. Shannon Knowlan said that HSN will work to identify lead Names and affiliations of the co-chair nominees to be circulated after the meeting, followed by a vote on the second co-chair. Robin Patry and Cristina Scarpellini | T. Skjonsby-McKinnon |

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| | | withdrew their nominations. Tina Skjonsby-McKinnon offered to send out the information on co-chair nominees and a doodle poll to select the co-chair. Information is to be sent out on HSN representatives tomorrow; please respond with your vote by Friday. | |
| 5.4 | Review of membership | <p>OAHAS representation is missing. There is a representative from OAHAS on the list of invited people, Lisa Toner, but she is absent today. Carolyn Cameron from City of Greater Sudbury is missing.</p> <p>Youth representation is lacking. YMCA or compass youth hub could be considered for this stream. Jeffery Hardy is the only representation from a youth perspective right now. His organization serves indigenous youth and has a pool of funds to do so. Mark Fraser is in attendance, but he is currently in another stream.</p> <p>to the need to include aboriginal health access centers, and treatment centers geared toward indigenous people was discussed.</p> <p>Co-chair nominees were invited to speak about themselves. Amber Fritz has worked in frontline harm reduction for over a decade as an outreach worker, in case management, as manager of SCS before it closed, as co-chair of the old harm reduction pillar, and as a member of steering committee since 2018. She is familiar with the process of drug strategy, is a dedicated harm reductionist, a PWLLE, and a harm reduction advocate. She is happy to see the strategy evolving and catching up with the times.</p> | T. Skjonsby-McKinnon |
| 5.5 | Identification of next meeting | Renee Lefebvre said Fridays do not work well. No preference was expressed for mornings or afternoons. Tina Skjonsby-McKinnon will send out a doodle poll with options. | T. Skjonsby-McKinnon |
| 6.0 | LARGE GROUP REPORT BACK | | |
| 6.1 | Roundtable report back by stream | <p>Report back summarizing key discussions, decisions, and next steps.</p> <p>Corrie Vendetti, a health promoter on the school health team at Public Health Sudbury & Districts put her name forward for a co-chair for the health promotion stream. Sherri Moroso also expressed interest, pending support from employer. The group thought of some other people</p> | Co-chairs or spokespersons of streams |

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| | | <p>to invite. Next meeting is some time in May.</p> <p>Martin Boucher from Northern Initiative for Social Action and spokesperson for the wrap-around supports shared that co-chairs were not yet selected. A follow-up email will help facilitate this process. The group identified gaps in membership and would like to extend an invitation to other key agencies including politicians. A Doodle Poll will help to determine the next meeting date. Nicole Gauthier will action the follow-up items for the wrap-around supports stream.</p> <p>Tina Skjonsby-McKinnon spoke for the substance use care stream – HSN and a community agency will act as co-chairs, although exact people were yet to be determined. Tina will send a Doodle Poll to determine next meeting date.</p> | |
| 6.2 | Closing Remarks | <p>Sherry thanked the members for their participation and contributions. This work was expressed as important and there is much to be done. Deanna Jones-Keeshig from Health Sciences North brought forward an issue by Shkagamik-Kwe around potential substance misuse and vulnerabilities, particularly with First Nations people. There is a compensation payment coming, an influx of available resources to support people’s health and to plan in proactive way to support individuals.</p> | S. Price |
| 7.0 | ADJOURNMENT | <p>The meeting adjourned at 11:56am. Next CDS Steering Committee meeting is June 18, 2024</p> | S. Price |

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