

NORTH SHORE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE

MISSION STATEMENT

The North Shore Standing Committee on Substance Abuse will support community organizations to reduce the impact and incidence of substance abuse on the North Shore through advocacy, collaboration and leadership.

MEETING

Wednesday, February 28, 2018 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**Committee Room, District Hall
355 W. Queens Rd, North Vancouver**

MINUTES

Present:

Tanis Evans, Vancouver Coastal Health

Dr. Mark Lysyshyn, NS Medical Health Officer
Peter Vlahos, Tsleil Waututh First Nation

MEETING

Wednesday, October 5,

Constable Chris Bigland
Peter Vlahos, Tsleil Waututh First Nation
Charmaine Thomas, Squamish First Nation
Trustee Dave Stevenson, WV School District
Cllr Doug MacKay-Dunn, Councillor, DNV

Staff:
Annie Mauboules, DNV Staff Liaison
Arleta Beckett, DWV Staff Liaison
Mary Jukich, Committee Clerk
Annie Dempster, CNV Staff Liaison

Regrets:

Cpl Richard DeJong, RCMP
Cllr Maureen Nicholson, Councillor, Bowen
Joanne Ronsley, Lions Bay Representative
Vacant, Councillor, CNV
Cllr Christine Cassidy, Councillor, DWV
Chris Kennedy, RCMP Superintendent
Trustee Susan Skinner, NV School District
Heather Evans, CNV Staff Liaison

1. Welcome & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm by Cllr MacKay-Dunn.

2. Election of Chair / Vice-Chair

Annie Mauboules assumed the role of Chair and called for nominations for the position of Chair. Councillor MacKay-Dunn nominated himself and three more calls were made and no further nominations were received.

MOTION without objection
TO elect Councillor MacKay-Dunn as Chair

CARRIED BY ACLAMATION

Annie Mauboules called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. Dr. Lysyshyn nominated himself and three more calls were made and no further nominations were received.

MOTION without objection
TO elect Dr. Mark Lysyshyn as Vice-Chair

CARRIED BY ACLAMATION

3. Adoption of Agenda

MOVED, seconded and resolved
To adopt the agenda.

4. Adoption of Minutes from October 25, 2017

MOVED, seconded and resolved
To adopt the minutes.

5. Presentation

Tanis Evans, Manager, Mental Health and Substance Use, Strategic Initiatives – Vancouver Coastal provided a presentation on a recent initiative by Vancouver Coastal Health to develop a Substance Use Strategy. Some of the highlights of the presentation included:

Rationale

- Optimize the delivery of services for clients and families
- This strategy will ensure services are responsive, culturally safe, equitable
- Strategic advocacy for funding/service allocation

Steps

- Clinical Analysis
Literature Search
Best Practice
Promising Practice
- Resource Analysis
Current State
Utilization
Gap Analysis
- Engagement
Stakeholders Client/Family
Working Groups, Focus Groups, Consultations
- Coastal Substance Use Strategy
Service Delivery Framework
Strategic Priorities

6. Financial Report

Members were provided with a financial update of the North Shore Standing Committee on Substance Abuse. The City of North Vancouver manages the two accounts; an Implementation Account and a Project Account. The Implementation Account is for running the committee and as of January 1, 2018 had a balance of \$8,464.19. The Project Account is for specific initiatives and as of January 1, 2018 had a balance of \$14,445.81.

7. Men's Support Recovery House Update

Annie Mauboules reported that the men's support recovery house is completed and furnished and ready for occupancy. Staff have been hired; however, there has been a delay as a result of the time delay in securing criminal record checks for the staff. Turning Point Recovery Society has submitted all the paperwork and is now just waiting for issuance of the crim checks for staff.

It is anticipated that there will be a community open house of the facility in the spring. There will be an opening ceremony. The STSA will be invited.

Action: The Committee will be advised once the date is determined. Annie to follow up with Brenda on the status of the criminal record checks and to provide the information to the Committee

Discussion regarding the challenges to get the site rezoned due to neighbourhood opposition. A suggestion was presented on the possibility of developing a communication strategy to provide general information that contrary to perception, these facilities do not destroy neighborhoods.

Action: Annie will suggest this at an upcoming Neighbourhood Advisory Committee meeting for the men's house.

8. Update on Fentanyl (VCH)

Dr. Mark Lysyshyn, NS Medical Health Officer provided a PowerPoint presentation as attached.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled for May or June.

10. Any Other Business

No other business was presented.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.