

## NORTH SHORE SUBSTANCE ABUSE WORKING GROUP

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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

Meeting for Wednesday, October 1, 2014  
5:00 to 7:00 p.m. (A light supper will be provided)  
**Committee Room, District Hall**  
**355 W. Queens Rd, North Vancouver**

### **MINUTES**

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**Invited:**

Tanis Evans, Vancouver Coastal Health  
Dr Mark Lysyshyn, NS Medical Health Officer  
Trustee Dave Stevenson, WV School District # 45  
Cllr Linda Buchanan, Councillor, CNV  
Cllr Doug MacKay-Dunn, Councillor, DNV  
Trustee Lisa Bayne, NV School District # 44  
Cst Nick Bell, WVPD  
Cpl Richard DeJong, RCMP  
Cllr Alison Morse, Councillor, Bowen Island  
Cllr Joanne Ronsley, Councillor, Lions Bay

Arleta Beckett, DWV Staff Liaison  
Annie Mauboules, DNV Staff Liaison  
Paul Penner, CNV Staff Liaison  
Mary Jukich, DNV Committee Clerk

**Apologies:**

Cllr Michael Lewis, Councillor, DWV  
Angela George, Director of Community  
Development, Tsleil Waututh First Nation  
Deborah Baker, Squamish First Nation

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1. Welcome & Introductions /Adoption of agenda

- The agenda was agreed by unanimous consent.

2. Adoption of minutes from June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014

- The minutes were adopted.
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3. Business Arising from Minutes

- None.

#### 4. Updated Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference were revised via email after the last meeting to indicate the addition of the Medical Health Officer as a voting member and amending the definition of quorum. Consent to the revisions was previously acquired through electronic vote. The updated Terms of Reference were circulated to the group

#### 5. Abuse of Prescription Drugs: Next Steps

At the last meeting, interest was indicated on doing work on prescription drugs and some preliminary discussion was undertaken. Research indicated that there is a national campaign already underway and that the Committee could support this campaign. Members were reminded that they were previously provided with the link to the national campaign.

Arleta informed the Committee that other organizations are having similar discussions with regard to the need for a campaign reminding parents about potential easy access to over the counter drugs, eg., laxatives, green tea extracts in their medicine cabinets.

Members discussed a possible role for the Committee. A question was raised with regard to the role of the Division of Family Practice and whether there was a key person leading this group that the Committee could contact.

Annie suggested that the Committee take a collaborative approach, and support increased coordination and communication so that we are not duplicating the Federal campaign.

It was suggested that the Committee send a letter from the Chair stating what the Committee proposes to do and encouraging collaboration. The letter should also encourage them to get in touch with our Committee and keep an open communication in case any opportunities arise.

The Federal campaign will include a week in May of returning your own prescriptions and it was suggested that community groups could be informed of this initiative.

A question was raised on whether there was an ad hoc or formal group that represents pharmacists.

**Action: Dr. Lysyshyn will contact the provincial association of pharmacists and see if the Committee can make a connection.**

A mobile APP was launched on accessing doctors on the North Shore and health services.

**Action: Arleta will ask Mary to send this out.**

**Action: Staff to contact John Weston's office to indicate the Committee's interest in the national campaign and future collaboration**

#### 6. Regional Homeless Transit Plan

Members reviewed the staff presentation and provided comments and concerns with the proposal to request Translink to develop a Regional Transit Plan for the homeless.

It was clarified that TransLink was only seeking municipality endorsement to create a plan, and was not endorsing the plan yet as it has not been written.

There was some discussion regarding coastal communities and the impact of the cost of ferries on those living in poverty as well. There was some concern with potential financial implications with the Plan once completed but it was suggested that the Plan be further reviewed once completed.

MOVED and seconded

THAT the North Shore Substance Abuse Working Group endorse the transit working group proposal to develop a regional homeless transit plan and the working group consider issues with mental health and addiction.

AND that the Substance Abuse Working Group forward their recommendation to the member municipalities and request that the member municipalities also endorse the creation of a Regional Homeless Transit Plan.

**CARRIED  
Unanimously**

**ACTION: Forward proposal to the member municipalities for endorsement**

**Forward to the North Shore Advisory Committee on Disability Issues for information.**

7. Presentation: Shifting Legalities of Marijuana

Dr. Lysyshyn and Cpl Richard DeJong were thanked for an informative presentation.

Cpl DeJong provided a summary of Section 4.1 of the Criminal Code of Canada that it is illegal to possess marijuana, and the population's misperception that in small amounts, marijuana is legal in Canada, especially in BC.

Cpl DeJong reported that there is a social demand for the growing of medical marijuana.

Members discussed current practices of law in the growing and policing of medical marijuana.

Members were informed that the City of North Vancouver has a by-law at third reading that could regulate where grow-ops can be located, and Council has limited to one particular zone where applicants could establish themselves.

Annie reported that the District also looked at the issue in May and approved a similar by law.

**ACTION: Annie will forward the CNV and DNV by-law to the committee.**

With regard to recovery homes, work is being undertaken on a list to determine which recovery homes are licensed.

**ACTION: Circulate information on what other municipalities are doing.**

MOVED and seconded

To receive the presentation

**CARRIED**

A question was raised on whether it would be appropriate to present this information at multiple dates and locations.

**ACTION: Look at school districts, including grade 7 and take to youth coordinating committees.**

Consider providing the presentation to the youth services coalition, and target pre-teens through the two School Districts.

Key speakers . Kerrie Watt and Marc Keith (Vancouver Coastal Health) would work with the RCMP and Dr. Lysyshyn

#### 8. Men's Support Recovery House

Annie provided an update on the possibility of opening a men's recovery house. The Committee previously consented and approved \$5,000 for the development of a business case to create a support recovery home for men on a District owned site set aside for this purpose. The men's support recovery house would be similar to the women's house on Lloyd.

The Canadian Mental Association did not have capacity to take the project on, but work is now underway to move the project forward with Turning Point Recovery Society and BC Housing, who will provide the capital and a housing loan to make the project happen.

Turning Point has already met with Vancouver Coastal Health to discuss the operating funding requirements.

A draft Business Case was just received by staff. The final Business Case will be circulated to the Committee once complete.

MOVED and seconded

The Committee receive the draft Business Case as read in to the record

**CARRIED**

Community consultation will be tentatively scheduled for the first quarter in 2015.

Members were reminded that the Committee previously approved to provide \$5,000 to CMHC to develop the business case and develop a model. The District provided a site in 2014 and Committee was waiting for something from CMHC.

MOVED and seconded that:

For the purpose of developing a Business Case for a Men's Support Recovery Project that \$5,000 be given to Turning Point based on the strength of the draft business case and funding letters provided.

**CARRIED**

#### 9. Date of Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be scheduled for after the election, in 2015.

#### 10. Any Other Business

- None.

#### 11. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.