

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, April 16th, 2014
5:00 to 7:00 p.m. (A light supper will be provided)

Atrium Room, City Hall
141 West 14th Street, North Vancouver, BC

(Please note: the meeting room is located on the main floor at the South end of the building)

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE TO LOCATION, THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD AT NORTH VAN CITY HALL

MINUTES

Invited:

Cst Nick Bell, WVPD

Cpl Richard DeJong, RCMP

Tanis Evans, Vancouver Coastal Health

Michelle George, Alternate for Angela George,
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Dr Mark Lysyshyn, NS Medical Health Officer

Cllr Doug MacKay-Dunn, Councillor, DNV

Cllr Alison Morse, Councillor, Bowen Island

Arleta Beckett, DWV Staff Liaison

Annie Mauboules, DNV Staff Liaison

Paul Penner, CNV Staff Liaison

Lisa Stalham, DNV Committee Clerk

Apologies

Trustee Lisa Bayne, NV School District # 44

Trustee Dave Stevenson, WV School District # 45

Cllr Linda Buchanan, Councillor, CNV

Cllr Michael Lewis, Councillor, DWV

Cllr Joanne Ronsley, Councillor, Lions Bay

Prior to call to order

- Annie provided an update on the work so far on the Turning Point Support Recovery House. The structure is taking shape. Some change orders with cost implications have arisen for Turning Point due to issues arising upon the start of construction.

Meeting called to order at 5:18 p.m.

2. Adoption of agenda

MOVED and seconded
TO adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of minutes from last meeting

MOVED and seconded
TO adopt the minutes from meeting January 29th, 2012.

CARRIED

4. Committee Finances

- Paul provided a brief update on Committee finances indicating that there was just under \$35,000 available and reminding members that the current fund will no longer be replenished.

5. High priority projects for consideration, staff

- Further to the request at the last meeting, staff was to report on opportunities for the group's engagement. Ideas included:
 - Support recovery home for men
 - Youth beds at HOpe Centre

ACTION: Tanis to keep SAWG informed on the progress of the request for youth beds at the HOpe Centre.

- CMHA proposal to develop a model and secure partners for a centre for both acquired brain injury, and mental health and addiction.

MOVED and seconded

THAT SAWG would approve \$5,000 for CMHA to develop the proposal for a centre for both acquired brain injury, and mental health and addiction on the North Shore.

CARRIED

- Prevention Initiatives:
 - Drinking and driving
 - Youth and marijuana
 - Harm reduction with regard to drug use
 - Distracted driving
 - Prescription drug misuse with a focus on seniors
 - Alcohol related violence, family violence

ACTION: Annie to follow-up with Tanis to find out the status of Action on Prevention, a youth service provider group, with a view to exploring the idea of an education campaign regarding marijuana use.

ACTION: Explore ways to get involved with the National Day for Return of Prescriptions on May 9th.

ACTION: Refer the issue of prescription misuse among seniors to staff to meet with Mark and explore the issues further with the agencies: areas of concern, what is being done.

ACTION: Tanis to talk to the older adult mental health team with regard to the recreational issue of misuse of prescriptions by the elderly.

- It was suggested that awareness be raised regarding the complexities of compound diagnosis for youth with developmental disabilities who are having mental/substance use issues.

6. Next meeting

- A meeting was to be scheduled in May or June.

ACTION: Staff to meet prior to next meeting to further explore ideas.

7. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.