

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 29th, 2015

5:00 to 7:00 p.m. (A light supper will be provided)

Committee Room, District Hall

355 W. Queens Rd, North Vancouver

MINUTES

Attended:

Cpl Richard DeJong, RCMP
Tanis Evans, Vancouver Coastal Health
Dr. Mark Lysyshyn, NS Medical Health Officer
Joanne Ronsley, Lions Bay Representative
Cllr Linda Buchanan, Councillor, CNV
Cllr Christine Cassidy, Councillor, DWV
Cllr Doug MacKay-Dunn, Councillor, DNV
Cllr Maureen Nicholson, Councillor, Bowen
Trustee Dave Stevenson, WV School District

Trustee Jessica Stanley, NV School District

Staff:

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

Regrets:

Cst Nick Bell, WVPD
Chris Kennedy, RCMP Superintendent
Angela George, Tsleil Waututh First Nation
Charmaine Thomas, Squamish First Nation

1. Welcome & Introductions / Adoption of Agenda

MOVED AND seconded
To adopt the agenda

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes from February 4, 2015

Item #4 was amended to indicate Nick Bell instead of Dr. Lysyshyn.

MOVED AND seconded

TO adopt the minutes, as amended

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from Minutes

3.1 Abuse of Prescription Drugs

Communication was sent to the College of Pharmacists and the Association of Pharmacies; however, to date, no reply was received. Work will continue trying to leverage interest around table with other campaigns and determine if there are any opportunities.

ACTION: Paul Penner to contact preventable.ca.

3.2 Anti-bootlegging Campaign

Tanis Evans from Vancouver Coastal Health provided the following update with regard to the Anti-Bootlegging Campaign:

- The Anti-bootlegging Campaign will be launched May 6th.
- Vancouver Coastal Health has an employee assistance program column that goes out electronically to health authority employees and a column for the campaign will be submitted for May.
- Work is being undertaken with the social media staff at VCH to promote the campaign launch and poster campaign.
- Youth Public Service Announcement – during the March break nine youth spent a week creating videos that focus on two target audiences; parents/adults and youth. The videos will be played at the launch and the municipalities approached to host the videos on their webpage for Youth Week.
- The videos will also be played at the Youth Awards.
- The youth were nominated for Youth Team Awards in both the City and District for their participation in this project.
- The videos will be submitted to the Canadian Broadcasters of BC for their annual humanitarian grants process at the end of the year. Capilano Community Services has provided the information to complete the application. The successful candidate receives free airtime for their organization/cause.
- VCH communications reached out to the BC Liquor Distribution Branch; however did not make inroads.

- Poster choice – after feedback from the February Substance Abuse Working Group meeting, the proposed poster did not go ahead, but instead the poster from the 2013 campaign will be used.
- Requests to the District of West Vancouver for access to community transit shelters went out but were unsuccessful and only able to secure the poster space at John Lawson Park by donation for one month.
- City of North Vancouver community access is booked and not available for outside agencies, but the CNV is partnering to promote the campaign through social media and exposure at CITYFEST.
- The District of North Vancouver has successfully secured 11 spaces and will be contributing the hanging fees (\$450) to the campaign again this year.
- School District #44 donated prime space in their District office for the media launch.
- The community WVPD officers will increase their presence outside liquor stores during Youth Week, inquiring who and where the alcohol purchases are going.
- VCH has increased funding commitment.
- Transit Shelters Breakdown

District of North Vancouver – 11 community shelters
Pattison 3 committed and chosen shelters:
2 – City of North Vancouver
1 – District of West Vancouver
3 Bonus shelters placed in any of the three municipalities.

Total number of shelters across all municipalities: 17

3.3 Take Home Naxlozone Program – Update

The Take Home Naxlozone Program is a provincial program that enables drug users to be trained to administer the drug Naxlozone on themselves or others to reverse the effects of a drug overdose.

Dr. Lysyshyn reported that correspondence has been provided to the two police Chiefs with information with regard to the new program to enable an understanding of this medication.

It is anticipated that training will also be provided at various health connections.

3.4 Needle Disposal

A recent issue arose with regard to needles being disposed around public sites in the municipalities, and discussion arose around bringing awareness to this issue and how to safely deal with needle disposal.

Some suggestions included contacting Homeless Outreach workers, community centres and community partners that are dealing with this on their sites.

ACTION: Annie will request information with regard to issues around needle disposal and best practices from community partners.

4. **McCreary Presentation on Adolescent Health Survey North Shore Data**

Presentation: Annie Smith, Executive Director

Members viewed the results of the 2013 BC Adolescent Health Survey. The survey has been conducted every five years since 1992 with youth in Grades 7-12 in mainstream public schools. Some highlights included:

- Local youth are making less risky choices about their health.
- Local students were less likely to have ever had sex (other than oral sex or masturbation) than students a decade earlier, and among those who had ever had sex, fewer youth reported pregnancy involvement than in 2003.
- Fewer students (52%) had ever tried alcohol, compared to five and ten years ago, and they were also waiting longer to have their first drink than in previous years.
- However, mental health concerns still exist in North Shore/Coast Garibaldi, and for females in particular.
- Other areas of concern included concussions, sleep and bullying. For bullying, rates of being teased or excluded increased among males, despite students feeling safer in all areas of their school than a decade ago.
- There were some improvements in some protective factors.
 - Most youth felt connected to their school and their families.
 - The percentage of students who felt safe at their school increased.
 - Students were also more likely than in 2008 to report having pro-social friends.
 - All these had positive links to health outcomes.

How the data is being used by McCreary:

- Each of the 56 school districts that participated have received a confidential copy of their own data tables.
- 16 reports at the Health Service Delivery Area have also been created. These are being published in a staggered release until the end of March.
- The data will be a part of the 2nd Growing up in BC report with the Representative for Children and Youth and the Provincial Health Officer.
- Sexual health report for the Ministry of Health will be released in Winter 2015.
- McCreary is currently producing youth resources, including fact sheets. Grants for youth led projects are also available, details can be found at www.mcs.bc.ca.

ACTION: Presentation will be circulated to the Committee

5. Turning Point Recovery Society: Men's Support Recovery House DNV (*Annie Mauboules*)

The community information meeting on March 4th was well attended by members of the community, as well as representatives from the Substance Abuse Working Group, B.C. Housing and the Director from Turning Point Recovery Society. The meeting was structured as a town hall meeting and provided an opportunity for questions, concerns and feedback from the community. The meeting was balanced between people opposed and in favour of the concept.

A community information package was developed and is available on the DNV website. All feedback received by email, as well as that gathered at the meeting was provided to Council and to Turning Point Recovery Society.

The project is now with Turning Point Recovery Society.

ACTION: The public and Committee will be notified when a rezoning application is received.

ACTION: Annie will provide an update to the Committee at the next meeting.

6. Municipal Alcohol Policy – DWV & VCH Update (*Arleta Beckett & Dr. Lysyshyn*)

The District of West Vancouver received a \$6,500 grant from BC Healthy Communities which will be used to develop a Municipal Alcohol Policy. A consultant was hired to undertake community consultation with regard to alcohol use in public spaces, specifically in parks and to focus on food and drink events.

There has been one meeting with the consultant, and a steering committee will be formed by the end of June.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Members determined that the next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 30th at 5:00 pm at the North Vancouver District Hall.

A call for agenda items will be made, and any items arising can be forwarded to the Committee Clerk.

ACTION: The Committee Clerk with send out a calendar invite for the next meeting on September 30th, 2015.

8. Any Other Business

As suggested at the previous meeting, a report is being brought to CNVCouncil suggesting some advocacy with regard to kids and alcohol. The report will include a recommendation and research suggesting administrative justice and control to address provisions of alcohol. Part of the recent changes is that there are now mandatory materials to be displayed at liquor stores but these do not address selling alcohol to kids. Staff recommendation is to advocate the Ministry of Justice to look into this issue, and that the report be referred to the two Districts, as well as to the Substance Abuse Working Group, and that other organizations may also take an advocacy stand.

9. Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.