

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

Wednesday, October 7th, 2015, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Committee Room, District Hall

355 W. Queens Rd, North Vancouver

MINUTES

Invited:

Cpl Richard DeJong, RCMP
Cst Nick Bell, WVPD
Tanis Evans, Vancouver Coastal Health
Cllr Linda Buchanan, Councillor, CNV
Cllr Christine Cassidy, Councillor, DWV
Cllr Doug MacKay-Dunn, Councillor, DNV

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

Guest:

Dale Handley, Integrated Youth Outreach Service

Regrets:

Chris Kennedy, RCMP Superintendent
Dr. Mark Lysyshyn, NS Medical Health Officer
Angela George, Tsleil Waututh First Nation
Charmaine Thomas, Squamish First Nation
Cllr Maureen Nicholson, Councillor, Bowen
Joanne Ronsley, Lions Bay Representative

1. Welcome & Introductions / Adoption of Agenda

MOVED AND seconded
To adopt the agenda

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes from April 29, 2015

MOVED AND seconded
To adopt the minutes

CARRIED

3. **Business Arising from Minutes**

3.1 Needle Disposal

As a follow up to the issue of needles being disposed around public sites in the municipalities and best practices from community partners, members were informed that although there is no policy, there are public facilities available for drop-offs for needles.

4. **Integrated Youth Outreach Service (iYOS) Presentation**

Dale Handley provided a presentation on the Integrated Youth Outreach Service in the North Shore. iYOS has been developed to provide an urgent response service for youth in acute crisis. The service will provide youth and their families with rapid access to clinical services such as assessment and crisis intervention, care planning and referral coordination, and intensive case management.

5. **Correspondence**

5.1 Letter from City of North Vancouver regarding Provision of Alcohol to Minors (attached)

5.1 Letter from Minister Anton to Ralph Sultan

Action: Paul will look at the website and see if actions have been taken with regard to the correspondence.

A concern was raised with regard to changes with liquor restrictions and easier access to alcohol. Members discussed alcohol use in past grad events and possible increases in criminal activity as a result of alcohol.

Action: At the next meeting, include an update on the anti-bootlegging and brainstorm for next year's campaign. Tanis to coordinate

Members discussed issues with regard to parties with alcohol in private homes and the need for educating parents on their rights and responsibilities as well as resources available in the community to become more informed.

Action: Explore the possibility of presentations regarding underage drinking with representatives from the Parent Advisory Committee's across the North Shore.

There was a suggestion to explore having health work in collaboration with the Youth Outreach Workers on prevention presentations to the two DPAC's regarding substance use and the provision of alcohol to minors. There was a discussion on whether or not the DPAC reps should be invited to speak at the next SAWG, and decision to wait until a more clear discussion is had amongst the SAWG members on what the initiative looks like.

Action: Add this to the agenda for the next meeting.

6. **Turning Point Recovery Society: Men's Support Recovery House DNV**

The public hearing is now closed and the project was successfully rezoned and approved.

Turning Point Recovery Society have engaged consultants and working on the development permit and building permits. It is anticipated that construction will begin in January/February and the facility opening in the summer.

On behalf of the Committee, Annie was acknowledged for her all her work with this project.

Action: Circulate to Committee the Public Hearing link.

7. **Municipal Alcohol Policy – DWV & VCH Update**

Community consultation with regard to alcohol use in public spaces, specifically in parks, will take place in late October, followed by some open house forums. The Policy will be taken back for testing to the people who participated in the community consultation, and then forwarded for Council consideration in March.

8. **Date of Next Meeting**

Members determined that the next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 20th, 2016 at the District Hall.

Some items to be considered for the next agenda and/or work for the Committee to consider were as follows:

- Discussion on what are some of the North Shore addictions initiatives that may need advocacy
- Anti-bootlegging Campaign status update
- Inviting a representative from Turning Point Recovery Society to discuss the needs for support recovery beds for youth
- Looking at the issues of seniors who are presenting in crisis, and available services for seniors
- The RCMP Detachment is undertaking a survey on services provided on the North Shore and results may be of interest to the Committee
- Mental health service continuum for adults? Presentation by VCH? Dr. Mark Lysyshyn to provide an update on Fentanyl and regulating medical marijuana dispensaries in Vancouver.
- Presentation from Stepping Stones
- Misuse of 911 (seniors dialling 911 for non-emergency issues)

Action: The Committee Clerk will send out a meeting notice for January 20th.

9. **Any Other Business**

There was a discussion with regard to issues around domestic violence on the North Shore and the possibility of having a presentation at the Committee.

10. **Adjournment**

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

