

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, January 20, 2016, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Committee Room, District Hall

355 W. Queens Rd, North Vancouver

MINUTES

Invited:

Cpl Richard DeJong, RCMP
Tanis Evans, Vancouver Coastal Health
Dr. Mark Lysyshyn, NS Medical Health Officer
Trustee Dave Stevenson, WV School District

Cllr Maureen Nicholson, Councillor, Bowen
Trustee Jessica Stanley, NV School District
Cllr Christine Cassidy, Councillor, DWV

Cllr Doug MacKay-Dunn, Councillor, DNV

Staff:

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

Regrets:

Chris Kennedy, RCMP Superintendent
Cst Nick Bell, WVPD
Joanne Ronsley, Lions Bay Representative
Cllr Linda Buchanan, Councillor, CNV
Angela George, Tsleil Waututh First Nation
Charmaine Thomas, Squamish First Nation

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Election of Chair/Vice-Chair

Paul Penner assumed the role of Chair and called for nominations for the position of Chair. Dr. Lysyshyn nominated Councillor MacKay-Dunn. Three more calls were made and no further nominations were received.

MOTION without objection
TO elect Councillor MacKay-Dunn as Chair

CARRIED BY ACLAMATION

Paul Penner called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. Councillor MacKay-Dunn nominated Dr. Lysyshyn. Three more calls were made and no further nominations were received.

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

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

3. Adoption of agenda

MOVED AND seconded
To adopt the agenda

CARRIED

4. Adoption of minutes from October 7th, 2015

MOVED AND seconded
To adopt the minutes

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from Minutes

No business was presented.

6. Financial Update

Members were provided with a financial update of the North Shore Substance Abuse Working Group. 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, 2016 had a balance of \$9,963.47. The Project Account is for specific initiatives and as of January 1, 2016 had a balance of \$14,445.81.

7. Update on Fentanyl / Regulating Medical Marijuana Dispensaries (*Dr. Lysyshyn*)

Results released by the Coroner for 2015 indicate deaths and number of overdoses is higher than those recorded in the 1990's, with deaths involving Fentanyl increasing to approximately 33% of all overdose deaths in 2015. These results can be attributed to people using Fentanyl unknowingly in other drugs contaminated with Fentanyl. Some interventions being facilitated include the Naxlozone Take Home Program and working with Vancouver Coastal Health to request that Health Canada changes Naxlozone to non-prescription status.

Action: Prepare a submission from the Substance Abuse Working Group indicating the Committee's support for the non-prescription status of Naxlozone.

The Federal government has approved a second supervised injection site at the Dr. Peter Centre in Vancouver's West End.

Vancouver Coastal Health is involved in working with the City of Vancouver to require that medical marijuana dispensaries are licenced and the sale of edibles regulated. Products are being sold in forms that could be appealing to children, eg., candies, and baked goods, and the dispensaries have been requested to sell edibles in pill form and

not in a form that could be appealing, and unknowingly given to a child. This will ensure that dispensaries are not making and selling products that can be confused and given to children.

Action: Provide ongoing updates to the Committee on medical marijuana dispensaries and possible approaches for the North Shore.

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

Annie reported that the proposed site has been successfully rezoned and subdivided and some site clearing already undertaken. It is anticipated that construction will begin next month, with a possible 2016 Fall opening of the facility. As well, BC Housing has confirmed, in writing, all capital funding for this project. Brenda Plant is working on determining a date for a Neighbourhood Advisory Committee meeting with the community association and residents/relevant stakeholders and once determined, flyers will be distributed to ensure all are notified of the meeting.

Action: Provide update to the Committee on progress of the men's recovery house.

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

Members were informed that the Municipal Alcohol Policy is moving ahead in the District of West Vancouver. There will be an online survey, Open House and testing with the stakeholders and others who participated in the community consultation. It is anticipated that the draft policy will be forwarded to Council in early March.

Dr. Lysyshyn reported that the City of Vancouver recently voted against wine sales at grocery stores as they felt that alcohol availability was already adequate, and the City of Vancouver's zoning by-law with regard to a specific distance between outlets selling alcohol.

Members discussed that it may be beneficial to contact the City of Vancouver and review their alcohol zoning by-law in light of the new decision to have alcohol in grocery stores and the possibility that this may come to the North Shore.

Action: Annie, Paul and Arleta will review each NS municipalities by-laws for the sale of alcohol, and an update will be brought to the next meeting.

10. List of Future Agenda Items:

Members reviewed the following list of potential topics that came up at the last meeting for consideration.

- VCH Substance Abuse Services and Programs Presentation (could include Stepping Stones)
- Presentation on North Shore Collaborative on Mental Health
- Presentation on Parent Ed Series: Youth Mental Health and Wellness
- Substance Use / Provision of Alcohol to Minors: Information for DPAC's
- Support Recovery Beds for Youth – Need?
- Presentation on Services for At Risk Seniors

- Misuse of 911 for Non-Emergency Issues
- RCMP Survey Results

Action: Annie, Arleta and Jessica will discuss the possibility of having a Parent Ed Series presentation at a future DPAC.

Action: Annie, Paul and Arleta to work with Tanis Evans to prepare a presentation on VCH Substance Abuse Services to the next SAWG meeting

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 11th, 2016 from 5:00-7:00pm at the District of North Vancouver.

12. Any Other business

No other business was presented.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.