

Harm Reduction Working Group Meeting

Thursday, June 13, 2024 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Via Microsoft Teams

Present: Anastasia Adams (Welcome Centre Shelter), Rio Anzolin (WRH), Jennifer Bradt (WECHU), Kristen Dwyer (Positive Pathways), Cindy Gignac (WECHU), Theresa Sarkis (WECHU Recorder), Selena Scebba (WECHU).

Regrets: Meg Gregoire (University of Windsor), Adrian Guta (University of Windsor), Heather Johnson-Dobranksy (Hiatus House), Emily Kydd (University of Windsor), Ashley Lavin (Downtown Mission of Windsor), Laura Liebrock (CMHA Health Centre), Dr. Katherine Rudzinski (University of Windsor), MHART Representative (EMS/HDGH), Jordan Urquhart (St. Leonard's House), Amy Visser (WECHC).

Chair: Kristen Dwyer

Recorder: Theresa Sarkis

| | | <i>Action Required</i> |
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| 1.0 | Welcome and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting called to order at 1:03p.m. Michael Brennan has stepped down from the role of Co-Chair. | Anyone who may be interested in taking on the role of co-chair please contact Kristen Dwyer |
| 2.0 | Approval of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agenda approved. | |
| 3.0 | Review of Action Items and Approval of Previous Minutes from March 14, 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test strip evidence document shared ONP eligibility of campus police investigated and shared. Coroner's report definitions examined, and details shared. 2024 project proposal endorsed by WECOSS LC. Approval of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved | |
| 4.0 | Meeting Goals <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Review progress next steps of ongoing projects. | |
| 5.0 | Project Updates Community Overdose Prevention Trainings (S. Scebba) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First event on April 24th had 30 participants with 25 naloxone kits and 260 fentanyl test strips distributed. Future events planned include DWCC park event on June 25th. | If interested in an information table at any of the DWCC park events, contact Bob Cameron Nate for details. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next two events are more targeted - downtown business and construction sector. <p>SafePoint</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update - Legislation will be taking time off until Thanksgiving. There will likely be no update until after that. | |
| 6.0 | <p>New Business</p> <p>Safe Supply Needs Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is Safer Supply being addressed locally in any capacity? What are some of the barriers that exist. | |
| 7.0 | <p>Community Agency Roundtable (All)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Centre Shelter – distribution of harm reduction supplies limited to female-identifying community members. Health Box to be available after hours. | |
| 8.0 | <p>WECOSS Pillar Update (S. Scebba)</p> <p>Enforcement and Justice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop hosted with social workers at SECC. Participants had: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased confidence to support people who use substances (97%) Increased awareness of local substance use services (90%) Positive change in attitudes/beliefs towards people who use substances and harm reduction (85%) Two more events are planned - Southwest Detention Centre in June and St. Clair College in September with Police Foundations Students. Working on planning another event for Social Work students. <p>Treatment and Recovery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing work on inventory, additional person at WECHU to facilitate. Developing a client resource (wallet card) for EMS directing clients to services (naloxone, harm reduction, suboxone). To support EMS suboxone initiative. <p>Prevention and Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication Strategy launched and will run until end of September (one post/week). Toolkit will be distributed soon. Working on alternative media – bus ads etc. to be out mid- August leading to Overdose Awareness Day. | |

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| | <p>OSUNS Peer Evaluation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In collaboration with WECHC Positive Pathways, hosting a focus group with peers on June 18th. Online survey also launched throughout June. | |
| 9.0 | <p>Next Steps & Recap of Action Items (Co-Chairs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anyone who may be interested in taking on the role of co-chair please contact Kristen Dwyer (educationhr@positivepathways.com) If interested in an information table at any of the DWCC park events, contact Bob Cameron (bob@dwcc.ca) and Nate (nate@dwcc.ca) for details. | |
| 10.0 | <p>Meeting Wrap-Up and Conclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m. | |
| 11.0 | <p>Next Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday, October 3, 2024, 1:00pm – 3:00pm Thursday, December 5, 2024, 1:00pm – 3:00pm | |