



Windsor-Essex Community Opioid Substance Strategy Leadership Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 18, 2024 | 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Microsoft Teams

Minutes are draft until approved at a subsequent meeting

Present: Jenny Bradt (WECHU), Michael Brennan (Positive Pathways), Bob Cameron (DWCC), Elizabeth Dulmage (Brentwood Recovery Home), Kristen Dwyer (Positive Pathways), Surjeet Gill (WPS), Lori Kempe (Children First), Patrick Kolowicz (HDGH), Katherine Leferman (Ontario Health), Yves Mainville (CSC), Alison Malott (Peer Representative), Eric Nadalin (WECHU), Michelle Oake (City of Windsor), Slawomir Pulcer (EWEMS), Joe Rafuse (WPS), Selena Scebba (WECHU), Ron Sheppard (Windsor Family Health Team), Rita Taillefer (WECHC), Karen Trotter (CSC), Amy Visser (WECHC), Karen Waddell (House of Sophrosyne), Kim Willis (CMHA-WECEB)

Regrets: Michael Akpata (Town of LaSalle), Rio Anzolin (WRH), Dr. Ken Blanchette (WECHU), , Jessica Brunet (Ontario Health Team), Luciano Carlone (CMHA), Brian Coulbeck (Ontario Health), Wita Cross (SOAHAC), Jason Crowley (WPS), Andrew Daher (City of Windsor), Celine Damphouse (WECHU), Sebastian Di Pietro (Di Pietro Drugs Ltd.), Luke Di Polo (WRH), Justin Lammers (Essex-Windsor EMS), Hilda MacDonald (Municipality of Leamington), Kimberly Mallais (House of Sophrosyne), Ian Rathbone (OPP), Kristen Scott (WRH), Mona Taouil (WECDSB), Abe Taqtaq (City of Windsor), Jason Woods (LaSalle Police Service), Joyce Zuk (FSWE)

Co-Chair: Eric Nadalin (WECHU) & Patrick Kolowicz (HDGH)

1.0	Welcome & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Bradt (WECHU) • New CMHA CEO, Nicole Sbrocca to be joining WECOSS LC.
2.0	Standing Items & Consent Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1. Recap of Action Items from November 20th Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1.1. SSNAPP training opportunities will be shared with this group. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be circulated as they become available. 2.1.2. Terms of Reference has been updated and awaits approval. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has been updated, for later discussions 2.1.3. Members who know of representatives who might be interested in becoming a member of a WECOSS Working Group can contact Eric Nadalin or Patrick Kolowicz.

	<p>2.2. Approval of Minutes from November 20th, 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved <p>2.3. Approval of Agenda (March 18th, 2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved <p>2.4. Grant Opportunities and Recent Submissions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent opportunity for Bell Let’s Talk Grant (up to \$25,000) • HDGH submitted SUAP grant proposal (\$1.8 Million over five years) to implement peer support within withdrawal management program, no response yet, funds to be issued in June 2024. • CMHA has received Bell Let’s Talk Grant for \$20,000 in support of Wellness and Recovery College
3.0	Meeting Objectives
	<p>3.1 Review and approve 2024 Working Group projects.</p> <p>3.2 Review and approve 2024 WECOSS Terms of Reference.</p> <p>3.3 Review and approve 2023 Annual Report.</p>
4.0	Business Arising
	<p>4.1 SafePoint Update (E. Nadalin/P. Kolowicz)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update available from the Ministry regarding SafePoint. Any updates will be shared. <p>4.1.1 Advocacy Letters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a result of a number of requests to offer support from members of the WECOSS (both Leadership and working groups), consistent verbiage was provided to members to use at their discretion in advocating on behalf of their agencies. Letters were sent out on behalf of Eric as WECOSS Leadership Committee co-chair. • Michael Brennan shared that letters were also sent out on behalf of Pozitive Pathways Community Services and the Harm Reduction group on the same subject. These separate letters have been sent to ministry requesting transparency and with any kind of information regarding CTS applications, at the time of the meeting there had been no response from the ministry. Critical review information is unconfirmed at this time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A media conference coordinated by the Drug Policy Coalition of Ontario on March 5th engaged a panel of five speakers from impacted communities regarding CTS sites. The ministry was requested to respond within seven days of this media conference. No response had been received, so the next step is to move into the next phase which is going to be more media engagement, petitions gathering, endorsements, building more provincial coalitions and rallies and demonstrations at Queens Park. • Question: what is the appropriate response we give to grassroots groups? M. Brennan will share the appropriate contacts.

	<p>4.2 WECOSS Working Group and Sub-Committee Updates</p> <p>4.2.1 Harm Reduction (M. Brennan/K. Dwyer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation delivered on community overdose prevention trainings. • Feedback – information shared is important as clients and families have already expressed interest in training. • Project Proposal - Endorsed <p>4.2.2 Prevention & Education (K. Willis/J. Bradt)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation delivered on continuation of communication campaign. • Communication toolkit to be released by end of month. • Project Proposal - Endorsed <p>4.2.3 Treatment & Recovery (E. Dulmage/K. Mallais)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No proposal at this time. Working group plans to continue the work of the program and service inventory (marketing, launch, and sustainment). • Another focus is to investigate the integration of the additional service of transitional housing support. • L. Kempe expressed interest in working with group to expand to people under the age of 16 years. <p>4.2.4 Enforcement & Justice (J. Rafuse)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation delivered on substance use workshops to be delivered to corrections officers, social workers, and post-secondary students. • Project Proposal - Endorsed
5.0	New Business
	<p>5.1 Approval of WECOSS Terms of Reference (E. Nadalin/P. Kolowicz)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still looking to add language regarding replacement members. • S. Scebba to share word version for further revisions and discussions. If none are present, TOR will be approved. <p>5.2 2023 Annual Report (S. Scebba)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation given and report endorsed. <p>5.3 Mass Overdose Response (E. Nadalin/P. Kolowicz)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request from some agencies who distribute harm reduction supplies, including some public health and the Chief Medical Officer of Health office related to mass overdose response as a result of drug toxicity events. • There are emergency response protocols as dictated through the Ontario Public health standards.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some additional conversations will happen internally about what it looks like as it relates specifically to mass overdose events. <p>5.4 In-person meeting (E. Nadalin/P. Kolowicz)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If anyone is interested in hosting an in-person meeting this year with available space for approximately 20-30 people, please reach out to the Co-Chairs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brentwood Recovery Home and HDGH expressed interest in hosting.
6.0	<p>Community Partner Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EWEMS: Staff will soon rollout administration of Suboxone • SSNAPP: First training February 27 with 40 service providers. Next training April 26 for deescalating potentially violent situations and followed by May for motivational interviewing. Video series with police team ambassadors sharing lived experiences is in the process. Four engagement events planned this year with DWCC. • CSCProvidence: Several teachers have taken part in training offered by the ACT Foundation including CPR training with AED, naloxone administration for suspected overdoses, the objective is for them to be certified in order to train the other teachers in the school as well as students in their health and Phys. Ed classes.
7.0	<p>Next Steps & Recap of Action Items (Co-Chairs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Brennan to share the contacts for the Canadian Drug Policy Coalition and the Drug Strategy Network of Ontario. • S. Scebba to share word version of TOR for further revisions and discussions. If none are present, TOR will be approved. • S. Scebba to share annual report and communication toolkit once finalized. • If anyone is interested in hosting in-person meeting this year with available space for approximately 20-30 people, please reach out to E. Nadalin and P. Kolowicz
8.0	<p>Meeting Wrap-Up and Adjournment</p> <p>Meeting Adjourned: 2:31 p.m.</p> <p>2024 Meeting Schedule: Monday, June 17th, 2024 – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday, September 23rd, 2024 – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday, December 9th, 2024 – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p>