



Prevention & Education Working Group Meeting

Thursday, May 23, 2024 1:00p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting (Via Microsoft Teams)

Present: Jennifer Bradt (WECHU, Co-Chair), Margo Cameron (CMHA), Rob Hallett (WPS), Ashley Kirby (WECHU), Sean Patterson (WPS), Theresa Sarkis (WECHU), Selena Scebba (WECHU), Mona Taouil (WECDSB), Karen Trotter (CSC Providence), Kim Willis (CMHA, Co-Chair).

Regrets: Amanda Ryall (WECHU), Amy Visser (weCHC), MHART Representative (EMS/HDGH), Tammy Drazilov (HDGH), Jenny Lee Almeida (CMHA), Kelly Farrugia (WECHU)

Co-Chairs: Kim Willis, Jennifer Bradt

Recorder: Theresa Sarkis

		<i>Action Required</i>
1.0	Welcome and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting called to order at 1:02 p.m. 	
2.0	Meeting Goals <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Review progress and next steps of ongoing projects. 	
3.0	Approval of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agenda approved. 	
4.0	Review of Action Items from February 29th, 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share annual event information with Kim, Jenny, and Selena - Ongoing Forward contacts in construction to Kim, Jenny, and Selena - Ongoing WECOSS LC endorsement of project - Complete Approval of Minutes from February 29th, 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved 	Kim to forward list of contacts within construction sector and unions
5.0	Project Updates Continuous Communication (S. Scebba) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication toolkit shared and reviewed. Once graphics are finalized, it will be circulated. Messaging for other substances can be added to the toolkit as they are developed. Website updates in progress – to be shared when complete for feedback. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest in polysubstance page on website for information on multiple substances use. • Interest in external quarterly newsletter about substance use/WECOSS. • Cannabis and alcohol stats can be including in Healthy Schools newsletter that is already in circulation. Can sign-up here: https://www.wechu.org/school-health/subscribe <p>Medicine Cabinet Clean Out (S. Scebba)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned for November, Crime prevention week. • Attended Earth Day at Malden Park – not a collection event. Will connect with Crime Stoppers for next year’s spring event (collection at Devonshire Mall). <p>Break the Vape (A. Kirby)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winners of Break the vape PSA challenge were shared: https://www.wechu.org/break-the-vape#grades-6-8 • Videos are now being shared on social media and metrics are being collected. • Working on youth engagement approach for nicotine and vaping for youth. • Link to OSDUHS Drug Use Report 2023: https://www.camh.ca/en/science-and-research/institutes-and-centres/institute-for-mental-health-policy-research/ontario-student-drug-use-and-health-survey---osduhs 	
6.0	New Business	
7.0	<p>Community Agency Roundtable (All)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margo Cameron (CMHA): Safebeds expanding from 4 to 6 beds. Continuing to partner with the Mental Health Commission of Canada and the Ontario shores, one of the 5G psychiatric hospitals in Ontario with our schizophrenia initiative. • Kim Willis (CMHA): Downtown revitalization project was unanimously approved by council. • Mona (WECDSB): Partnered with youth diversion for increased need of cannabis addiction work. Grade 9 and 10 students were given presentations. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (CSC Providence): Have naloxone kits in all high schools and HPE educators received a train the trainer by Advanced Coronary Treatment Foundation (ACT) https://actfoundation.ca/about-act/our-programs/ 	
8.0	WECOSS Pillar Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harm Reduction: Overdose Prevention event hosted April 24th – first of four events in 2024. Planning on next one in June. Treatment and Recovery: Inventory work to resume and promotion of tool along with it. Enforcement and Justice: Beginning substance use workshops with justice professionals, like corrections officers and social workers as well as students pursuing these professions. 	
9.0	Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlight youth cannabis statistics in Healthy Schools newsletter. Share toolkit and continue with communication plan. Begin on quarterly newsletter for community, geared towards adults aged 18+ Partnership evaluation will be shared in the next few weeks. 	Ashley to send link to Healthy Schools newsletter for sharing.
10.	Wrap up	
11.	Adjournment: 2:05 p.m.	
12.	Proposed 2024 Meeting Schedule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday, September 19, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Thursday, November 7, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. 	