

Safer Opioid Supply Community of Practice Newsletter

February 2021

Key Meeting Themes

Meeting minutes can be found in the [meeting notes and resources folder](#) on the [SOS Google Drive](#)

January 7th, 2021

- Increased difficulty assisting people switching from street supply to safer supply
- Client responses to Dilaudid 8 mg shortage
- Importance of client/provider/team relationship

January 14th, 2021

- Fentanyl patches as a backbone
- Framing SoS as palliative addiction medicine
- SoS risks and harms in the context of the escalating overdose crisis
- Access to detox services while on SoS

January 21st, 2021

- Chronic pain & SoS criteria
- SS Ritalin
- Microdosing Suboxone
- Discontinuation from SoS

January 28th, 2021

- Grief, trauma, and resiliency
- Making space to recognize and acknowledge how we are feeling

Research

We encourage CoP members to email karen.cook@amho.ca with submissions to include. Content examples: community led projects, peer reviewed articles, grey literature, government publications, etc.

- [Tackling the overdose crisis: The role of safe supply](#)
- [Preliminary Patterns in Circumstances Surrounding Opioid-Related Deaths in Ontario during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Addressing the Syndemic of HIV, Hepatitis C, Overdose and COVID-19 Among People Who Use Drugs: The Potential Roles for Decriminalization and Safe Supply](#)
- [“It’s Helped Me a Lot, Just Like to Stay Alive”: a Qualitative Analysis of Outcomes of a Novel Hydromorphone Tablet Distribution Program in Vancouver, Canada](#)

Featured Resources

- [Letters of Support for SoS](#)
- [Letter for Client Emergencies](#)

- [SoS Staff Access Policy](#)
- [BCCDC Safer Tablet Injection](#)
- [Safer stimulant resources](#) (FOLDER)
- Google Groups
 - We have a new communications platform for CoP members! Please email safersupplyon@gmail.com if you are interested in joining.

Questions

We encourage CoP members to submit questions to safersupplyon@gmail.com. Organizers will bring questions and/or answers to meetings as well as circulate a brief summary in following newsletter.

- We're planning to invite a bioethicist to our March 2021 meeting. What are the **top three** topics you would like to see covered? Please rank in order of importance and send to safersupplyon@gmail.com.

News

- [Four-month delay in prescribing safe drug supply costing lives, say B.C. advocate](#)
- [BC's Safer Supply Program Is Too Slow To Start and Not Working, Users Say](#)
- ['It's very alarming': Ontario seeing unprecedented spike in stimulant-drug deaths](#)
- [Canadian study finds almost half of medical cannabis users with chronic pain stopped using opioids](#)
- [Government of Canada supports four safer drug supply projects in British Columbia](#)

Upcoming Events

SoS Interdisciplinary Hot Topic Meetings

- February 25th, 2021: SoS Client Panel on Safer Use Practices and Other SoS Topics – Let us know if you have SoS Clients who may wish to participate on the panel by emailing us at safersupplyon@gmail.com
- March 25th 2021: Ethics Discussion with Bioethicist Daniel Buchman (Centre for Addiction and Mental Health)

Other Events

- March 26th, 2021: [Opioid Use Disorder in Primary Care Virtual Conference](#)