

## Safer Opioid Supply Community of Practice Newsletter

March 2021

### Key Meeting Themes

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

#### February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

- Funding for B.C. Safer Supply Programs
- Need for advocacy to get injectable hydromorphone on ODB
- Approaches to medications with drowsy clients
- SoS clients and the broader healthcare system (WMS, surgical procedures)
- Intake criteria & discharging from SoS

#### February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

- Carries
- Wrap around supports
- Group Programming
- Free time

#### February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

- Associations, colleges and organizations putting out statements of support
- Safer stimulant supply
- What are the “magic ingredients” to get started with safe supply
- Current challenges

#### February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

- SoS client panel discussion exploring:
  - Requirements of SoS programs
  - Benefits of SoS
  - Difficulties/Downside to SoS
  - What clients want the public, prescribers and others to know about SoS

### Research

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

- The **Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction** is currently conducting an **online survey** to better understand the experiences of people who provide harm reduction services. The survey should take approximately 30 minutes to complete. **The survey will remain open until March 24 or until 700 responses are received.** If you have any questions, please contact [suic@ccsa.ca](mailto:suic@ccsa.ca)

- [Opioid and Stimulant-related Harms in Canada](#)
- [A treatment algorithm for ADHD in cocaine-dependent adults: A one-year private practice study with long-acting stimulants, fluoxetine, and bupropion](#)
- [Effective drug therapy for cocaine dependence: a milestone.](#)

## Featured Resources

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- [Safer Opioid Supply CMHA-ON](#)
- [Safer stimulant resources](#) (folder)
- Google Groups
  - We have a new communications platform for CoP members! Please email [safersupplyon@gmail.com](mailto:safersupplyon@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining.
- National Safe Supply Working Group – Canadian Drug Policy Coalition
  - Email Scott Bernstein: [scott\\_bernstein@sfu.ca](mailto:scott_bernstein@sfu.ca)

## Questions

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We encourage CoP members to submit questions to [safersupplyon@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:safersupplyon@gmail.com).
- How frequently should this CoP host SS client panels?
  - What question do you have for SS clients?

## News

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- [As Canada's overdose deaths soar, the safe-supply debate enters a new and urgent phase](#)
- [Government of Canada supports safer supply pilot project in B.C.](#)
- [Paramedics attend a record 40 suspected opioid overdose calls, 3 deaths in 24 hours.](#)
- [Bill C-22: Mandatory Minimum Penalties to be repealed](#)
- [Expand access to harm reduction interventions during COVID-19: CMHA Ontario branches support safer supply approaches](#)

## Upcoming Events

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### SoS Interdisciplinary Hot Topic Meetings

- March 25<sup>th</sup> 2021: Ethics Discussion with Bioethicist Daniel Buchman (Centre for Addiction and Mental Health)

### Other Events

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