

Safer Opioid Supply Community of Practice Newsletter

April 2021

Key Meeting Themes

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

March 4th, 2021

- Benzos in the street supply
- SoS eligibility requirements & criteria
- Ethical reporting, kids and driving.

March 11th, 2021

- Alcohol and SoS
- Sub-criteria and triaging protocols
- Vaccination clinics

March 18th, 2021

- Weekend on call discussion
- Tips on starting an SoS program

March 25th, 2021

- Dr. Daniel Buchman, a Bioethicist at the Centre for Mental Health and Addiction, spoke about ethical considerations in safer supply work and introduced us to some ethical concepts and frameworks to apply when making decisions about safe supply

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.

- [Caring for people who inject drugs when they are admitted to hospital](#)
- [The opioid death crisis in Canada: crucial lessons for public health](#)
- [An emergency response to the opioid overdose crisis in Canada: a regulated opioid distribution program](#)
- [“About Nothing Without Us”: A comparative analysis of autonomous organizing among people who use drugs and psychiatrized groups in Canada](#)
- [Take home injectable opioids for opioid use disorder during and after the COVID-19 Pandemic is in Urgent need: a case study](#)

Featured Resources

- [Cool Aid Community Health Centre Report on Risk Mitigation Guidance Prescriptions](#)
- [Substance Replacement Therapy in the Context of COVID-19 Pandemic in Québec](#)

- [SOS CoP Google Group](#)
 - 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.

- What are some events or topics you would like the organizers to pursue in the future?
- How frequently should this CoP host SS client panels?
 - What question do you have for SS clients?
- What ethics discussions would be helpful for providers and programs?

News

- [Doctors Call for Safer Cocaine Supply](#)
- [‘Vending Machine’ that dispenses safer drugs operating in London](#)
- [Women are Leading Canada’s Safe Supply Movement](#)
- [Opioid-related overdose deaths jump by 59 percent in Ontario](#)
- [Peterborough opioid deaths double the provincial average in 2020](#)
- [Canada’s hidden crisis: How COVID-19 overshadowed the worst year on record for overdose deaths](#)

Upcoming Events

SoS Interdisciplinary Hot Topic Meetings

- April 29, Research and Evaluation – Spotlight on:
 - Tara Gomes/team: Evaluation of the London InterCommunity Health Centre’s SOS program (London Ontario)
 - Dale McMurchy: Preliminary Assessment of SUAP-funded Safer Supply Programs (Cross Canada)
 - Marion Selfridge: Cool Aid CHC Report on Risk Mitigation Guidelines (Victoria BC)