

Safer Opioid Supply Community of Practice Newsletter

May 2021

Key Meeting Themes

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

[April 1](#)

- Kadian shortage
- APO formulation
- COVID hots & continuity of care
- SoS & hospitals

[April 8](#)

- National funding announcement
- SoS and resistant partners
- SoS and Pharmacists

[April 15](#)

- Safer Supply Smoking
- Client not taking their SS
- Diversion

[April 22](#)

- Program Models
- Group Care
- Injectable Hydromorphone
- Stimulants

[April 29 \(video link\)](#)

- Research and Evaluation – Spotlight on:
 - Tara Gomes/team: Evaluation of the London InterCommunity Health Centre’s SOS program (London Ontario) and scale up of safer supply in Ontario. Contact: tara.gomes@unityhealth.to
 - Dale McMurchy: Preliminary Assessment of SUAP-funded Safer Supply Programs (Cross Canada) - [slides](#) Contact: dale.mcmurchy@sympatico.ca
 - Marion Selfridge and Ash Heaslip: Cool Aid CHC [Report on Risk Mitigation Guidelines](#) (Victoria BC) - [slides](#) Contact: mselfridge@coolaid.org

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.

- [Focus on: Safe Supply. Findings from focus groups with people who use unregulated drugs.](#)
- [Changes in substance supply and use characteristics among people who use drugs \(PWUD\) during the COVID-19 global pandemic: A national qualitative assessment in Canada.](#)
- [Identifying the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on service access for people who use drugs\(PWUD\): A national qualitative study](#)

Featured Resources

- [Intentional Processing as Part of Self Care and Collective Care in a CoP](#)
- [Trauma and resistance: ‘hang time’ and other innovative responses to oppression, violence and suffering.](#)
- [Harm reduction worker safety during the COVID-19 global pandemic](#)

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?

News

- [Street drug users fear overdoses, “near-death experiences,” says reporting backing safe supply.](#)
- [Government of Canada supports first of its kind safer supply project in Toronto.](#)
- [Front-Line workers warn that B.C.’s opioid crisis is only getting worse.](#)
- [B.C., Health Canada working on decriminalization agreement.](#)
- [For One Day, BC Activists Handed Out Clean Heroin and Cocaine.](#)
- [Street drugs poisoned with benzos can lead to ‘catastrophic’ overdoses: advocate](#)

Upcoming Events

SoS Interdisciplinary Hot Topic Meetings

- Drug Checking Projects in Canada - Centre for Drug Policy and Evaluation; BC Centre for Substance Use; Vancouver Island Drug Checking Project. May 27th, 2021 – 12-1pm EST.