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September 2021 Newsletter

Upcoming September Events:

September Hot Topic Meetings (open to non-members and members):

- **Dr. Jennifer Wyman: Methadone guidance for people who use Fentanyl**
Dr Jennifer Wyman, MD CCFP FCFP DABAM MPH, is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto and Associate Medical director of the Substance Use Service at Women's College Hospital in Toronto. As a physician working in primary care and addictions, in community and academic settings, her interest is in improving care pathways for people with substance use disorders through education, resource development and advocacy across the health care sectors.

Thursday, September 23rd at 12 noon EST.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/94953695446?pwd=TDJKNKG51SIByZDhKdUlycVlSaXJ4Zz09>.

September Workshop (for people applying for funding for safer supply programs)

- **SUAP funding workshop** – Wednesday, September 15th, 2-4 pm EST
Email Rebecca Penn to register: rebecca@lihc.on.ca

Fall Inaugural Speaker Series

Open to members and non-members – please share with your networks!

- **Dr Nanky Rai** is formally trained in public health and practices as a primary care physician. She works closely with 2SLGBTQIA+ communities including Black, Indigenous and other racialized queer, trans and gender nonconforming people, those who use drugs, those who are unhoused and or undocumented, and those living with the infectious complications of structural violence such as HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C. She will be speaking on:
 - **Uprooting Medical Violence: How to build an Anti-Oppressive Praxis in SS Programs - October 7, 2021 12-1:30 pm EST**
 - **Register (Advanced Registration Required):**
https://www.google.com/url?q=https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_i63H65ZcQ1yiJeVk12Chhw&sa=D&source=editors&ust=1631041284550000&usg=AOvVaw1WJWLN_TNalaGc6I58caJK
- **Corey Ranger** works with the SAFER team at AVI Health and Community Services in Victoria and is a registered nurse and clinical nurse lead for the Victoria SAFER Initiative—he is also a board of directors for the HIV Legal Network and cofounder of Westside Harm Reduction.
 - **Safer Supply 101: An Introduction, orientation and background**

- October 14 2021, 12-1:30 EST

Register (Advanced Registration Required):

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_i63H65ZcQ1yiJeVk12Chhw

- **Emotional Harm Reduction**

November 8 2021, 1-2:30 pm EST

Register (Advanced Registration Required):

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_pQBm3sGYRuS_9EYcc8JvuA

August Meeting Themes:

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

- August 5th
 - Time off and coverage
 - Pharmacy & stigma
 - Program models
 - Crystal Meth
- August 12th
 - Psychopharmacology
 - COVID & Vaccines
 - Relationship building
- August 19th
 - Election issues
 - Mental Health supports & complex care
- August 26th
 - Hot Topic meeting featuring a presentation on **Worker Wellness** from Juno Zavitz and Nicola Bangham, Breakaway Community Services
 - See folder for video, slides, and resources:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1bPJIEdvzXMz1nx4FKjgwbdnXt1qinxSm?usp=sharing>
 - Please complete our feedback survey: <https://forms.gle/jF28KiRGck16G9PFA>

Featured Resources – Grieving Overdose Zine

- Grieving Overdose Zine: Your Grief Matters and So Do You: The DOPE Project collaborated with artist Gaia Wxyz to create a zine as an act of care for a community that experiences too much loss. You can find the Zine here at the following link, print it on 8.5” by 11” paper, fold and distribute. <https://harmreduction.org/issues/grieving-overdose-zine-your-grief-matters-and-so-do-you/>

Featured Resources – Clinical guidance and tools

- Victoria SAFER Initiative **Protocols** – updated September 8 2021
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1w8-CAB3HlvDtJinelpU_rNDMC44Xt6gT/view?usp=sharing
- **Fentanyl patch resources** from SAFER, Portland Hotel Society – protocols, templates, references
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1l-CFx-NDBxNQbfPNSTyW4X4O6HjuQ-oO?usp=sharing>
- Needle Exchange **Fentanyl Patch Policy** – Protocol was adapted from Portland Hotel Society (Dr. Christy Sutherland and Rupi Brar) by Tracey Day, DNP NP(F) and Patty Wilson MSN-NP
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/18bMjdHRV91-xszkizbLox7XcT2TuzFcU/edit?usp=sharing&oid=110467425163335594805&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Featured Resources – Program /operations

- London InterCommunity Health Centre Safer Opioid Supply **Program Documents**
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1gxekLrL-e3VZHP_iOv1mDXN5clYRIgr3?usp=sharing
- Victoria SAFER Initiative **Practice Brief**: Implementing the Victoria SAFER Initiative
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1gxekLrL-e3VZHP_iOv1mDXN5clYRIgr3?usp=sharing
- South Riverdale CHC template for **SOS Rx tracking tool**
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YC0plqAnaKMmLGxb6xMWHYDSqqRAnTRI/edit?usp=sharing&oid=110467425163335594805&rtpof=true&sd=true>
- South Riverdale CHC **SOS Program Letter** templates:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/17vtvWviD2f71sGRwE3YRVXKHRoKo6JH_/edit?usp=sharing&oid=110467425163335594805&rtpof=true&sd=true

Research

We encourage CoP members to email safersupplyon@gmail.com with submissions to include. Content examples: community led projects, peer reviewed articles, grey literature, government publications, etc.

Jones, et al. 2021. [Correlations between changes in medical opioid dispensing and contributions of fentanyl to opioid-related overdose fatalities: Exploratory Analyses from Canada](#). *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*.

Unfortunately, these are not open access but contact us for information about the articles:

Weng, et al. 2021. Supervised Tablet Injectable Opioid Agonist Therapy: A Strategy to Address Safer Supply for Individuals with an Opioid Use Disorder? *Journal of Addiction Medicine*, June 17, 2021, doi: 10.1097/ADM.0000000000000887

Bardwell, et al. 2021. “People need them or they’re going to take fentanyl and die”: A qualitative study of the ‘problem’ of prescription opioid diversion during an overdose epidemic. *Social Science and Medicine*: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2021.113986>

News

- Notice of Civil Claim between CAPUD and the Attorney General of Canada <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gFQsfp5CLbCVjjglrkfr15nWQb8yp7fu/view?usp=sharing>
- CAPUD Decriminalization work: [CAPUD Decrim – Canadian Association of People who Use Drugs \(drugdecrimcanada.com\)](http://drugdecrimcanada.com)
- ['We're losing control': Ultra-potent, unpredictable street opioids are claiming more lives in Canada | CTV News](#)
- [Brockville harm reduction workers push for safe consumption site | CBC News](#)
- ['Keeping these people alive': A volunteer team works to reverse overdoses in Edmonton - The Globe and Mail](#)
- [Canada's opioid crisis should be front and centre this election, advocates say | CTV News](#)

Ways to get involved

Share your skills

We'd like to create opportunities for skills sharing. Let us know if you would like to offer a workshop or present to the membership.

Share your successes

Share your success stories, your reports, and safer supply resources that you develop with the NSS-CoP membership through:

- Our meetings
- Our newsletter
- Our resource library (currently housed on [Google Drive](#))
- The [NSS-CoP Google Group / listserv](#)

Tell us what you need!

How can we help? Our goal is to support you! Let us know how we can help you/your program/your organization/your community!