

**Supervised Consumption Services – Community Liaison Committee**  
**Thursday, June 13, 2024 DRAFT Minutes**

Present:

Staff: Allison Alexiou (Program Manager, keepSIX), Sarah Greig (Director, SUMH), Jason Altenberg (CEO and Co-Chair), Seff Pinch (Researcher)

Community Members and Organizations: Naureen Chaudhry (WoodGreen), Andrea Nickel (Community Resident), Patricia Melville (Community Rep), Ben Vozzolo (Co-Chair and Community Member), Blair Scorgie (Community Member)

Regrets:

Zoha Malik (Executive Assistant), Jennifer Wilkie (Community Member), Cathy Quinton (Leslieville Business Improvement Area), Dorothy Quon (WoodGreen & Michael Garron Hospital), Kim O'Toole (Toronto Police Service), Mike Hayles (Toronto Police Service), Hailee Morrisson (Fontbonne Ministries/Mustard Seed), Smitri Bhattarai (New Hope Shelter/Salvation Army), Leslieville Harm Reduction Coalition, Kathleen Dinely (Michael Garron Hospital), Anne Kennedy (Queen St E Presbyterian Church), Morse Street Public School, Toronto Public Health, Christiane Tetrault (Leslieville BIA), Anne Simard (Community Member)

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

Attendees made brief introductions.

**2. Land Acknowledgement**

Seff Pinch read a land acknowledgement.

**3. Conflict of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest to declare.

**4. New Agenda Items/Motion to approve the draft agenda**

Members agreed to discuss the SCS CLC Workplan item first, followed by Standing Agenda Items.

**MOTION TO APPROVE DRAFT AGENDA**

**1) P. MELVILLE**

**2) B. SCORGIE**

**CARRIED**

**5. Approval of May 30<sup>th</sup> 2024 Meeting Minutes**

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**CARRIED**

### **6. SCS CLC Workplan**

S. Pinch shared the workplan document with attendees. The document included priority tasks identified by the CLC, grouped together in larger themes based on similarity and potential overlap. Different committee members had previously identified they would like to take the lead on certain tasks, which the committee will discuss and adjust as needed. J. Altenberg noted that some tasks have been added by SRCHC, but are open to feedback or changes from the CLC to better reflect the community's needs.

Attendees identified gaps in programming for families with small children and social supports for young/new families. They also acknowledged that the demographics of the neighbourhood have changed in the last several years, so much of the programming at SRCHC had shifted to support equity-deserving populations.

B. Scorgie inquired about using the physical space at SRCHC as a resource for external partners to host programs around health & wellness. J. Altenberg identified that there is also potential to support post-partum supports with SRCHC's midwifery program. The attendees agreed that the most pressing needs of the community should be defined first in order to explore opportunities for community partnerships – what are the gaps, and what solutions would fit the mandate of the centre and needs of the community.

Attendees discussed KPIs and how those surrounding safety and community engagement may be difficult to measure. The CLC agreed that this would be best captured in a survey, which then led to a discussion around the catchment area for these surveys. The committee identified that community members living within one block of SRCHC have a different experience than people living a farther distance away that don't walk past the centre every day. Also noted that the survey should extend to the catchment area of SRCHC's clients, as those community members do interact with the centre frequently.

### **7. Business arising from previous meeting / Community Concerns**

Topics from the last meeting were briefly discussed pertaining to the volume of community complaints received by SRCHC including photos, which made service users feel that their privacy was violated. Members recalled that an offer from J. Wilkie was brought forth last meeting for her to be a part of facilitating conversations with community members that were submitting multiple complaints, in order to bridge the relationship between them and SRCHC.

Since the last CLC, SRCHC has only received 2 pieces of feedback from neighbours and no photos of service users. One person found a discarded needle in their backyard and sent a very strongly worded email to SRCHC. A staff person was able to go to their backyard

immediately to dispose of the needle, and they noted that the interaction was very positive. Additionally, the owner of Culture Athletics (at the corner of Queen & Carlaw) reported that they have not had any break-ins, incidents or concerns lately. The owner is hoping to join the CLC as a new member. The attendees welcome the new addition, but flagged that the committee should review minimum attendance requirements for continued membership of all existing members.

## **8. Updates on keepSIX**

KeepSIX saw 85 unique clients during the month of May, which has been generally consistent over the last 6 months. SRCHC is also hoping to collaborate with 55 Division officers and host small “coffee & chat” information sessions with SCS staff at local businesses, for community members that have questions or want information about the SCS. Plans for these sessions will be developed during the upcoming partnership meetings with SRCHC and 55 Division.

B. Vozzolo noted that he and other neighbours feel it has been very quiet lately; people are out, but there are not many things happening. He also noted the difference between this time last year, which could have been due to the amount of displacement from the downtown core last summer.

## **9. Date for July CLC**

To be confirmed via email.

## **10. Motion to adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.