

**Supervised Consumption Services – Community Liaison Committee**  
**Tuesday, September 24, 2024**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Present:

Staff: Allison Alexiou (Program Manager, keepSIX), Sarah Greig (Director, SUMH), Jennifer Bowman (Interim CEO), Seff Pinch (Researcher), Gabriella Skubincan (Director, Community Engagement and Communications)

Community Members and Organizations: Ben Vozzolo (Chair and Community Member), Andrea Nickel (Community Member), Patricia Melville (Community Rep), Blair Scorgie (Community Member), Cathy Quinton (Leslieville BIA), Dorothy Quon (WoodGreen & Michael Garron Hospital), Jennifer Wilkie (Community Member), Naureen Chaudhry (WoodGreen).

Regrets:

Kim O’Toole (Toronto Police Service), Mike Hayles (Toronto Police Service), Smitri Bhattarai (New Hope Shelter/Salvation Army), Leslieville Harm Reduction Coalition, Kathleen Dinely (Michael Garron Hospital), Anne Kennedy (Queen St E Presbyterian Church), Christiane Tetrault (Leslieville BIA), Hailee Morrison (Fontbonne Ministries/Mustard Seed), Morse Street Public School, Toronto Public Health.

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

Jennifer Bowman, Interim CEO – introduced to the CLC by B. Vozzolo.

**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**

Draft agenda approved. HART Hubs application process was added to agenda item #6 by J. Bowman.

**MOTION TO APPROVE DRAFT AGENDA**

**1) B. SCORGIE                      2) C. QUINTON                      CARRIED**

**5. Approval of July 11<sup>th</sup> 2024 Minutes**

Request to send out meeting minutes within one week following meetings, as per the Terms of Reference. July 11<sup>th</sup> 2024 meeting minutes approved.

**MOTION TO APPROVE JULY 11 MEETING MINUTES**

**1) J. WILKIE                      2) K. QUINTON                      CARRIED**

## **6. Updates: Ontario's August 20<sup>th</sup> announcement regarding changes to CTS services**

J. Bowman shared highlights from the provincial announcement on August 20<sup>th</sup> regarding CTS closures. 6 of 10 Supervised Consumption Services in Toronto will close on March 31, 2025, including keepSIX. The provincial government has put out a call for proposals for HART Hubs. SRCHC has participated in an intent to submit, working with 11 partnering agencies from the Toronto East Health Partners OHT to develop a proposal. SRCHC is currently positioned as the lead for submitting the application, due October 18, 2024.

### **6a. Review timelines for keepSIX operations until mandated closure**

J. Bowman outlined that SRCHC will need to submit a wind-down plan by October 30<sup>th</sup> for the closure of keepSIX by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. The plan would outline how to support staff and address the continuity of care for clients while keeping the community informed in preparation for the closure. It was also discussed that SRCHC is working to submit a federal exemption renewal request, which is required to operate an SCS, before end of September with approval process outcome to be delivered by November 30, 2024. CLC members requested more information about next steps, specifically in regards to the keepSIX contingency plan and wind-down process, and agreed to contribute and collaborate as appropriate through the Committee's work plan and its implementation.

More information about and status of the federal exemption application process can be [found here](#).

### **6b. Discuss potential Role of CLC in Wind-Down Plan**

CLC members discussed what their potential, and most impactful, role could be within the wind-down plan. CLC members agreed that contributing to this work is within scope of their mandate and, for this reason, recommended SRCHC maintain the monthly meeting schedule until end of March. The CLC determined it would be beneficial for each member to reach out to the broader community to relay important information, including the high-level findings from the community engagement survey, as well as important milestones in the planning process. The CLC also agreed that the survey findings would be helpful in guiding revisions to the work plan. SRCHC committed to sharing high-level survey findings at the next meeting.

## **7. Review and Discuss Revisions to CLC Work Plan**

The CLC agreed to review the main themes of the existing work plan, adapting and expanding relevant tactics and activities to support SRCHC's wind-down plan for keepSix. The CLC agreed to ensure establishing priorities for the work plan is a focus of the next meeting.

## **8. Business arising from previous meeting**

No business arising from previous meeting.

## **9. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

**A. NICKEL**

**2) C. QUINTON**

**CARRIED**