

Minister's Opioid Emergency Response Commission

Record of Discussion: June 4-5, 2018

June 4, 2018 (New Member Orientation)

1. Welcome to New Members

The co-chairs welcomed new members to the Commission.

2. Review of Agenda and Purpose of the Day

The meeting participants reviewed the agenda and purpose for the first day meeting.

3. Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Expectations

Co-chair Dr. Grimsrud provided new members with an overview of the Commission's expectations on managing conflicts of interest and adhering to the oath of confidentiality.

4. Swearing in of New Commission Members

New members completed their oath of confidentiality and were sworn in as official members of the Minister's Opioid Emergency Response Commission.

5. Harm Reduction and Treatment Overview

Co-chair Dr. Hyshka provided new members with an overview of harm reduction and opioid treatment options.

Next steps: Members requested Alberta Health explore opportunities to facilitate a webinar presentation on these topics and make similar resources available online for the public to access.

6. Alberta's Opioid Crisis Response Overview

Alberta Health provided new members with an overview of Alberta's response to the opioid crisis to date.

7. Naloxone Program Overview

Alberta Health also provided new members with an overview of Alberta's naloxone program.

June 5, 2018 (Full Commission Meeting)

8. Welcome and Roundtable Introductions

The Commission began their second day meeting by participating in roundtable introductions and reviewing members' conflicts of interest.

9. Review of Agenda and Purpose of the Day

The Commission reviewed the agenda and purpose for the second day meeting.

10. Lethbridge Supervised Consumption Services Proposal

The Commission heard a proposal from ARCHES, the harm reduction organization providing supervised consumption services (SCS) in Lethbridge, for an additional mobile SCS in the City of Lethbridge.

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Next steps: The Commission requested Alberta Health participate in collaborative discussions with all of the provincially supported SCS providers and develop a strategy on how to respond to the unanticipated utilization of these services provincially.

11. Overview of Commission Changes

Co-chair Dr. Grimsrud provided an overview of the Commission's mandate and direction for their extended term.

12. Co-Chair Updates

Dr. Grimsrud provided an update on discussions related to SCS in Lethbridge and Red Deer. An update on Alberta Health's progress around the development of a mechanism to enable safe, practical and consistent remediation practices was also provided and additional details on Federal Budget 2018 were shared.

Dr. Hyshka shared information on recent Federal opioid response announcements. An overview of both national and local opioid response events was also provided.

13. Alberta Health Services Updates

Alberta Health Services provided an update on their ongoing opioid response efforts.

14. Opioids and Substances of Misuse Q1 2018 Report Update

Alberta Health provided an update on the most recently released quarterly report on opioids and substances of misuse.

15. Office of the Child and Youth Advocate Update

The Office of the Child and Youth Advocate (OCYA), including the Child and Youth Advocate, returned to provide an update on their opioid related investigative report.

Next steps: The Commission agreed the co-chairs would follow up with the OCYA and provide expertise to assist with the finalization of report outcomes, specifically as they relate to which stakeholders would be appropriate to engage with to facilitate implementation of recommended actions.

16. Primary Care Grant Update

The Alberta College of Family Physicians provided an update on the progress of the primary care grant currently underway.

17. Priority Setting Discussion

Members participated in a roundtable discussion regarding priority setting for the extended term of the Commission.

18. Meeting Scheduling Discussion

Members participated in a roundtable discussion regarding frequency, dates and times of meetings for the extended term of the Commission.

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Next steps: The Commission agreed on bi-monthly standing meetings with the potential for additional interim teleconference and/or sub-committee meetings as needed.

19. Conclusions and Next Steps

The next Commission meeting will be held in August 2018.