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COM-CAP

Community Opioid / Overdose
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Indigenous Lead Talking Circle(s): Overview, Stories, & Reflections

September 2021

About Community Opioid/Overdose Capacity Building

Community Opioid/Overdose Capacity Building (COM-CAP), started in 2019, is a four-year project funded by Health Canada's Substance Use and Addiction Program. The goal of COM-CAP is to support community-led responses to opioid/overdose-related harms in communities across Ontario. The supports focus on strengthening the knowledge, skills, and capacity of the key stakeholders involved:

- The Ontario College of Art & Design University (OCAD U) - Health Design Studio
- University of Toronto- Strategy Design and Evaluation Initiative
- Black Coalition for AIDS Prevention
- Chatham-Kent Public Health
- NorWest Community Health Centres
- Drug Strategy Network of Ontario

For more information about COM-CAP, visit substanceuse@oahpp.ca



Welcome & Acknowledgements



Ontario Network of People who use Drugs (ONPUD)



Opening Elder Blu Waters



What we want to do today (objectives)...

- Describe key stories and recommendations from the “Indigenous Lead Talking Circle(s) Report”
- Understand experiences of Indigenous communities in mitigating overdose/opioid harms
- Build linkages between webinar content and organizational action and practices



Agenda

Theme	Lead
Welcome and Introductions	Pamela Leece Ashley Smoke & Sophie Fahey
Opening	Elder Blu Waters
Indigenous Lead Talking Circle(s) Report: Overview & highlights	Saige McMahon
Knowledge sharing through story-telling	Sara Anderson
Discussion: Reflecting on report and looking ahead	Ashley Smoke + Sophie Fahey
Introduction to “Learning & Sharing Series” & wrap-up	Pamela Leece & Ashley Smoke
Closing	Elder Blu Waters



Polls



Logistics

- May use Mentimeter during our discussion
- Prepare head: Go to [menti.com](https://www.menti.com)
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- To access the report (will share in chat box):
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 - Click on 'Reports' tab
 - Click on 'COMCAP Talking Circle Report'



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Indigenous Talking Circle(s) Report

2-SPIRITED PEOPLE OF THE 1ST NATIONS

INDIGENOUS LEAD TALKING CIRCLE(S) REPORT: OVERVIEW, STORIES, & REFLECTIONS

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TODAY'S PRESENTATION

OUTLINE OF TOPICS

- Relationship Building with Indigenous communities
- Meaningful Relationships with Indigenous communities
- Meaningful Relationships with Indigenous communities in overdose response
- Best practices
- Accountability



Let's reclaim our
place in the circle
together.

2-Spirited People of the 1st Nations

OVERVIEW OF REPORT

A BACKGROUND

Who was involved?

How did we share?

What did we learn?



RELATIONSHIP BUILDING WITH INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES:

THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT

- Truth and Reconciliation
- Colonial Violence
- Systemic failures

OUR WAYS OF DOING

- Humanizing the crisis
- Understanding the 7 Grandfather
Teachings, in practice
- We are relational

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Trust takes time
- We are the experts in our own
experiences



MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS WITH INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIE

What does that look like?
How can it be achieved?

MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS WITH INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES IN OVERDOSE RESPONSE

Specific Approaches
Alternate models of care



BEST PRACTICES:

COMMUNITY IMPACT AND BENEFITS



Multi-faceted Approaches to
Care



Contextualize the Issue



Humanize the Crisis



Timeline of Intervention



Access to our Ways of Doing



ACCOUNTABILITY

WHAT DOES ACCOUNTABILITY LOOK LIKE
WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND HOW CAN
THAT BE MODELLED IN OPIOID AND
OVERDOSE RESPONSE WORK?

2-SPIRITED PEOPLE OF THE 1ST NATIONS



CHI MIIGWETCH

ALL MY RELATIONS



Knowledge Sharing through Stories

Sarah Anderson



Facilitated Discussion



Up next...





Questions for Speakers

Substance-related supports

As settlers, how do we navigate the tension between harm reduction and abstinence-based approaches while supporting Indigenous persons and self-determination?

Equity

What are ways we can pay attention to those most marginalized and vulnerable? E.g. women, remote Indigenous communities

COVID-19

What has access to harm reduction services been like for people on Opioid Agonist Treatment (OAT) & those new to OAT during COVID? Have circumstances improved as Ontario reopens?



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Wrap up



Learning and Sharing Series

Goals:

- Strengthen cultural competency and safety in knowledge, skills, and practices
- Support building mutually meaningful relationships
- Support partners and COM-CAP team to identify and implement at actions or changes to practice

Guiding principles:

- Capacity building supports, webinars, or resources will be led by a partnering Indigenous organization
- Community initiatives and partner networks are at various stages of knowledge and experience
- Action, practice change, and accountability are essential components

Format:

- Quarterly events including presentations, training, and resources sharing



Closing Elder Blu Waters

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