Meeting Notes

Consumption and Treatment Services Community Advisory Group (CAG) – Meeting April 4, 2022 via Microsoft Teams

- The meeting began with a moment to recognize those who have been lost to overdoses in Waterloo Region.
- The group discussed the types of drugs most commonly used at the CTS and the differences in reactions they produce, the complex reasons why people use the drugs they use, and the stigma associated with drug use.
- Standing updates were discussed including site operations, full-site service planning, community engagement, and safety and security.
- Site visits in December 2021 and January 2022 were the highest the CTS has ever had. December 2021 had 1128 visits to the site and January 2022 had 1136 visits.
- The CTS still has capacity limits, limiting the number of people that can be in the building at one time.
- The Rapid Access Addiction Medicine (RAAM) clinic continues to take virtual and in-person appointments. Walk-in appointments are also accepted.
- The Safer Supply Program continues to take appointments for registered clients.
- Region of Waterloo Public Health is in the process of developing a plan to evaluate the impacts of the CTS.
- The meeting concluded with a round table discussion.
- The next meeting of the CAG is scheduled for June 2022.

Consumption and Treatment Services Community Advisory Group (CAG) – February 7, 2022 via Microsoft Teams

- The meeting began with a moment of silence to recognize those who have been lost to overdoses in Waterloo Region.
- Group discussion to answer questions members had regarding CTS operations and the people the site supports.
- Standing updates were discussed including site operations, full-site service planning, community engagement, and client feedback.
- Site visits in December 2021 were the highest the CTS has ever had. December 2021 had 1128 visits to the site.

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• In total, 2021 had 8830 visits to the site. This is a 52% increase in the number of visits compared to 2020, which had 5797 total visits.

• Throughout operations in 2020 and 2021, the number of consumption booths opened has had to change in response to COVID-19. Oftentimes decreases in monthly site visit numbers can be linked with fluctuations in COVID-19 and the need to adjust services.

• The Rapid Access Addiction Medicine (RAAM) clinic continues to take virtual and in-person appointments. Walk-in appointments are also accepted.

• The Safer Supply Program continues to take appointments for registered clients.

• The CTS webpage on the Region of Waterloo website has recently been updated and includes a frequently asked questions tab.

• The meeting concluded with a round table discussion.

• Group members expressed interest in learning opportunities about the CTS.

• The next meeting of the CAG is scheduled for April 2022.