Consumption and Treatment Services Community Advisory Group (CAG) Meeting Notes

June 7th, 2023 (in-person meeting)

- The meeting began with a moment to recognize those who have been lost to overdoses in Waterloo Region.
- The group discussed Support and Treatment Options in our community.
- Standing updates were discussed including site operations, full-site service planning, community engagement, and safety and security.
- In total, 7600 visits to the CTS in the last 6 months, averaging 41.9 visits per day and an average of 216.8 unique clients each month.
- The Rapid Access Addiction Medicine (RAAM) clinic continues to take virtual and in-person appointments. Walk-in appointments are also accepted.
- An update on the CTS Evaluation was presented to the group.
- The meeting concluded with a round table discussion.
- The next meeting of the CAG is scheduled for October 11, 2023.

April 5th, 2023 (hybrid meeting)

- The meeting began with a moment to recognize those who have been lost to overdoses in Waterloo Region.
- The group discussed decriminalization of drugs.
- Standing updates were discussed including site operations, full-site service planning, community engagement, and safety and security.
- In total, 7166 visits to the CTS in the last 6 months, averaging 39.8 visits per day and an average of 223.5 unique clients each month.
- 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.
- Region of Waterloo Public Health evaluation of the impacts of the CTS is underway.
- The meeting concluded with a round table discussion.
- The next meeting of the CAG is scheduled for June 7th, 2023.
February 8, 2023 (hybrid meeting)

- The meeting began with a moment to recognize those who have been lost to overdoses in Waterloo Region.
- The group hosted a guest speaker. Jess Fry, KW Van Coordinator for the Waterloo Region Community Health Van joined the group to discuss mobile outreach.
- The group discussed what external factors influence service users at the CTS, and what challenges are seen in relation to mental health and the toxic drug supply. The group also discussed the Waterloo Region Community Health Van (Outreach Service) provided by Sanguen Health Centre.
- Standing updates were discussed including site operations, full-site service planning, community engagement, and safety and security.
- In total, 13,728 visits to the CTS in the last 12 months, averaging 37.6 visits per day and an average of 212 unique clients each month.
- 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.
- Region of Waterloo Public Health evaluation of the impacts of the CTS is underway.
- The meeting concluded with a round table discussion.
- The next meeting of the CAG is scheduled for April 5, 2023.