
MOUNTAINSIDE HARM REDUCTION SOCIETY

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REPORT

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CHILLIWACK OPS TO MOUNTAINSIDE HRS

We are rebranding, kickstarting some incredible programs, and welcoming a founding Board of Directors, and an innovative partnership for co-Executive Directors!

Chilliwack Overdose Prevention Society had an interesting start, with inconsistent income and interesting learning curves! It seemed as though the organization was meant to go through this period of overhaul! This caused a near halt in activity and operations, our founder and Co-executive Director, Sarah Agnew found herself in a much needed period of rest and rebuild..

During this time, Sarah reconnected with an old colleague, Tanis Oldenburger, who was working an exciting peer coordinator position with the Community Action Initiative (CAI). Tanis was able to mentor Sarah through several grant applications and other subsequent engagements and adjudication.

Right near the end of the 2021, Christmas Eve to be exact, just as the seemingly unlikely pair were getting ready to call it quits..

"CANT SAY WE DIDN'T TRY"

A stroke of luck afforded them both some much needed motivational New Year's energy in the form of a low-barrier, strongly supported and mentored, 1-time 1-year grant to fund their core operations. This funding would allow their partnership to evolve comfortably and for the new organization to sustainably engage with numerous stakeholders, Including a unique provincial network of lived experience experts in harm reduction and overdose prevention called, the Provincial Peer Network. This network had had an interesting inception itself and is now quite impressive - with more than 30 peer-led societies and organizations throughout BC!



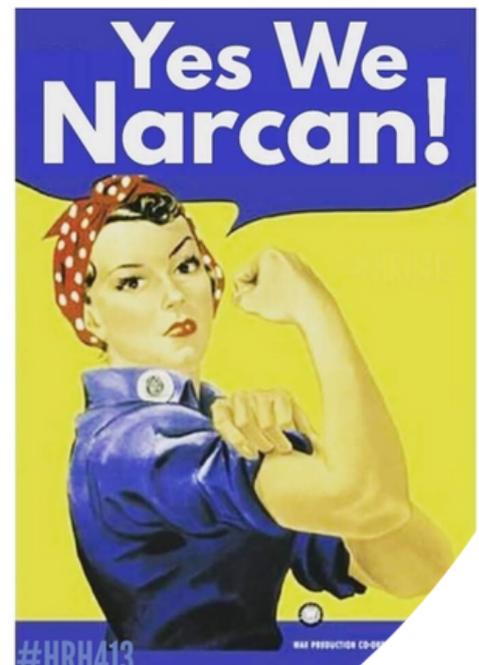
Mountainside Harm Reduction Society is like the phoenix rising from the ashes of Chilliwack OPS, we are expanding to incorporate a larger mandate of the entire Fraser East health authority region. We are also working tirelessly to create sustainable options for our financial administration systems and other core operation strategies.

We also are working with our fantastic founding board of directors to incorporate collective core values and other strengths into our brand new personalized versions of Constitution and Bylaws - Stay tuned for these things and much more in 2022!

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CCAT MICRO-GRANT '21

Overdose Emergency Response Centre funds the Community Action Team (CAT) through Community Action Initiative (CAI) who is closely affiliated with the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA)



PEER SUPPORT

This 1-time, minimal reporting, micro-grant from Chilliwack's Community Action Team was used for paying PWLLE/PWUD to clean-up various high-risk areas that are populated by our unsheltered community, encampments and other areas prone to overdose and other potentially harmful bio-hazardous wastes. This was a successful program led by Founder, Sarah Agnew!

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Overdose Emergency Response Centre's Provincial Peer Networking, Year 3 Grant is a flexible, strongly supported, 1-time, 1-year term, intended to create opportunities for PWLLE to do front line harm reduction work - opioid overdose prevention and response.

OERC PPN Y3 - DEC.24.2021



Illicit Drug Toxicity Deaths in BC
January 1, 2012 to January 31, 2022

Vancouver, 2012-2022 ^[3]					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
	134	94	80	188	207
	108	85	78	173	-
	159	119	119	174	-
	135	82	128	184	-
	118	88	180	171	-
	116	74	187	169	-
	149	72	185	196	-
	125	84	162	194	-
	139	62	143	153	-
	119	79	176	200	-
	131	81	166	211	-
	127	62	163	219	-
5	1,560	982	1,767	2,232	207
5	130.0	81.8	147.3	186.0	207.0

Essential Health Sector Interventions	Essential Strategies for a Supportive Environment
<p>Naloxone Ensuring optimal supplies, training and community-level infrastructure to provide sustained access, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coverage Supplies Trainers On-going capacity 	<p>Social stabilization Community-level strategies to ensure on-going psycho-social support, access to housing, income stabilization, transportation, food:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services to engage and strengthen support networks such as family/friends Support groups/healing circles, counselling Access to affordable and/or supported housing Support programs incorporate capacity to address housing, income, food insecurity
<p>Overdose Prevention Services Supporting a range of community-level, low barrier services tailored to local needs, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overdose prevention & supervised consumption sites Housing-based initiatives Strategies to reach individuals using alone Mobile Services Drug Checking Safe drug supply (e.g. hydromorphone in supervised settings) 	<p>Peer empowerment and employment Providing individual skills and capacity-building initiatives for communities/people with lived experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diversity of paid peer program opportunities Peer-led initiatives Peer training opportunities Involving people with lived experience in strategic program planning and decision-making
<p>Acute overdose risk case management Robust surveillance, analytics and referral system to identify individuals at risk within communities and capacity for follow-up connection to care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proactive screening for problematic opioid use at health care sites Clinical follow-up Fast-track pathways to treatment and care System for monitoring/evaluating patient outcomes and following up 	<p>Cultural safety and humility In collaboration with Indigenous communities and organizations, ensuring services are rooted in an understanding of the social and historical context of health and health-care inequities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural safety teachings and support available to all service providers Trauma-informed and culturally safe facility/space and program design Services and supports incorporate Indigenous approaches to healing and wellness Elders involved in service delivery & planning
<p>Treatment and Recovery Ensuring low-barrier access to a full spectrum of evidence-based medications and comprehensive treatment & recovery services, including access to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Methadone, suboxone, oral morphine, injectable hydromorphone Continuum of treatment and recovery programs for opioid dependence that combine medication and psychosocial supports. Multi-disciplinary pain management 	<p>Addressing stigma, discrimination, and human rights Policy/legal analysis & action plans to address barriers to services based on stigma/discrimination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to legal team to address discriminatory laws and policies that impact harm reduction Public education resources, campaigns Community-level actions to address barriers in access to services for people who use drugs.

CORE FUNDING

OERC/CAI PPN Y3 Grant was won in order to fund our core operations, including the hiring of our full-time project manager, Tanis Rose Oldenburger. These funds are to go towards kickstarting, re-branding and developing our burgeoning societal foundation, through diverse leadership and various training and mentorship for all new directors and staff members. We have also been able to acquire important assets!

52K**ANNUAL INCOME**

Our entire 2021 income came from British Columbia's Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions (MMHA) through the Overdose Emergency Response Centre (OERC) disseminated by the Community Action Initiative (CAI)! Thank- you funders!

					Current Balance	\$41,263.00	
Check #	Date	Description	Category	Amount (\$)	Income (+)	Expenditure (-)	
Chilliwack Comserv 35960	2021-05-26	OERC/CMHA/CCATT Microgrant	Deposit		\$11,307.00	\$11,307.00	
Etransfer	2021-06-10	Staff	HR	\$4,800.00		\$6,507.00	
Debit	2021-06-10	Gas & Insurance for VAN	Travel	\$1,000.00		\$5,507.00	
Debit	2021-07-01	Program Supplies	misc	\$1,500.00		\$4,007.00	
CASH	2021-07-01	Stipends - Cleanup	Peer Pay	\$3,000.00		\$1,007.00	
Etransfer	2021-09-01	Admin	HR	\$1,000.00		\$7.00	
Chilliwack Comserv 36186	2021-12-24	OERC/CMHA/CCATT Microgrant	Deposit		\$1,256.00	\$1,256.00	
cmhaREF/INVPP NGRANT-9507	2021-12-24	OERC/CAI/PPNY3 Grant	Deposit		\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	

ANNUAL INCOME**\$52.5K****ANNUAL SPENDING****\$11.3K**

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Chilliwack OPS hired peers from community and local supportive housing units to clean-up local encampment areas that were littered with garbage and used harm reduction supplies. They effectively disposed of sharps in yellow biohazard bins. They handed out sandwiches, water and granola bars while interacting with members of the unsheltered population. Our peer workers led our team to a very large camp at Island 22, and we decided to train the people living there how to use Naloxone. We did a hot breakfast at the camp serving over 100 residents with pancakes, bacon and eggs! We would go down to the camp often for BBQ and hanging by the river, getting to know our at-risk community members and helping them to navigate services wherever needed. This was a very rewarding program, and opened our eyes and ears to this vulnerable population!

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Mountainside Harm Reduction Society has many exciting announcements ahead! Our most foundational piece to date, is that we now have an official founding Board of Directors, comprised of people with lived and work experience in harm reduction!



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sarah Agnew and Tanis Oldenburger will be Co-Executive Directors, Treasurer & Secretary respectively. Our founding President is Cody Chance, VP Will McLellan, Indigenous Cultural Engagement lead, LaJune Rabang; Sergeant at Arms, Dave Waltho and Youth Engagement lead, Haley Hodgkinson. Other new board members include: Becky Walls, Cassie Neufeld, Claire McDowell, Laina Fasicalla, Lee Phillipson, and Megan Walter. Congratulations & Welcome!
