

CCSA's Issues of Substance 2025

Program at a Glance

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Simultaneous interpretation available for all sessions.

Monday, November 17

Time	Activity
8–9 a.m.	Hot Breakfast
9–9:30 a.m.	Opening Remarks
9:30–10:30 a.m.	Opening Plenary: Len Pierre — Decolonizing Substance Use
10:30–11 a.m.	Networking Break and Poster Viewing Session
11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Concurrent Session A

PANEL A1: Supporting Systems of Care for Youth Substance Use and Concurrent Disorders: Youth Priorities, Measurement-Based Care and Clinician Supports

Jillian Halladay, McMaster University
Tea Rosic, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario
Selene Etches, IWK Health Centre, Dalhousie University

PANEL A2: Drug Checking Across Canada: Lessons from a National Community of Practice

Julie-Soleil Meeson, Addiction Workers Association of Québec
Jarred Aasen, Drug Resource and Education Project
Tessa Rogers, Peers Alliance

WORKSHOP A3: Developing Research Partnerships with Indigenous Peoples: An Interactive Workshop to Help You Develop Your Project Ideas and Partnerships

Caroline Tait, University of Calgary

ORAL A4: Building Competency and Resilience in Care Settings

A4.1 Hooked on a Feeling: How My Recovery from Love and Sex Addiction Made Me A Better Nurse

Julianne Butt, Glooscap First Nation



A4.2 Substance Use Health Competencies for All Prescribers

Miguel Andres Hernandez-Basurto, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction

Sheena Taha, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction

A4.3 Life is Sacred — Integrating Life Promotion Intervention into Bed-Based Addictions Care

Debra Dell, Youth Substance Addiction Committee

Angela Carter, Ka-Na-Chi-Hih Treatment Centre

Karen Main, Youth Substance Addiction Committee

ORAL A5: Substance Use Monitoring: From National to Regional Pictures

A5.1 Data Without Borders: Advancing Substance Use Insights Through a National Dashboard

Spencer Fietz, University of Calgary

Pam Kent, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction

Monty Ghosh, University of Alberta / University of Calgary

Tyler Williamson, University of Calgary

Megan Harmon, University of Calgary

Richelle Booker, Criminal Intelligence Service Alberta

Danielle Southern, University of Calgary

Samantha King, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction

Chandni Sondagar, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction

A5.2 Building a Mental Health and Addictions Surveillance System in Newfoundland and Labrador — A Work in Progress

Shane Randell, Public Health Agency of Canada

A5.3 Comparing Wastewater and Web Monitoring to Detect Drug Consumption Patterns in Canada

Pavitra Ramachandran, Health Canada

Rowan Weatherbee

Susantha Mohottalage, Health Canada

Colin Steensma, Health Canada

Rebecca Rodrigues, Health Canada

Simon Youn,

Evan Burns, Health Canada

Jolie Lui,

Stéphanie Lessard, Health Canada

David Décary-Hetu, University of Montreal



ORAL A6: Alcohol Messaging, Guidance and Public Response

A6.1 Investigating the Impact of Message Framing on Reactance to Alcohol Warning Labels in Canada

Kara Thompson, St. Francis Xavier University

Erin Hobin, Public Health Ontario

Renaud Legoux, Higher Business Studies of Montréal

A6.2 Advancing Public Health: The Impact of *Canada's Guidance on Alcohol and Health*

Bryce Barker, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction

Christine Levesque, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction

Mélissa Joseph, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction

Adam Sherk, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction

A6.3 Clicks, Comments and Conversations: Evaluating the Media Reach and Campaign Effectiveness of KnowAlcohol.ca

Timothy Naimi, Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research

Andrea Cowan, Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research

Amanda Farrell-Low, Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research

Priya Johal, Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research

ORAL A7: New Frontiers in Substance Use Health and Mental Health Care

A7.1 GLP-1RAs: A Breakthrough for Addiction, and Unique Opportunity for Canada

Nicholas Reville, Center for Addiction Science, Policy and Research

A7.2 Fuel Your Recovery! Healing with Nutrition in the Journey from Addiction

Nicole Fetterly, Fuel Your Recovery

A7.3 Artificial Intelligence Guidance with Mental Health and Substance Use Health Care in Canada

Maureen Abbott, Mental Health Commission of Canada

Kim Corace, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction / University of Ottawa

Pam Kent, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction

Samuel Breau, Mental Health Commission of Canada

ORAL A8: Creative Expression of Lived Experience

A8.1 Chemstory : Une série balado créée par des personnes ayant une expérience vécue de chemsex/PnP et issue d'une recherche-action

Patrice St-Amour, University of Montréal

Maxi Gaudette, University of Montréal

Jorge Flores-Aranda, University of Québec in Montréal

Mathieu Goyette, University of Québec in Montréal

Olivier Ferlatte, University of Montréal



A8.2 Smokey Devil — Underworld Street Reporter

Nat Canuel, Overdose Prevention Society

A8.3 Don't Turn the Lights Off: Digital Stories by Safer Supply Participants

Abigale Sprakes, Lakehead University

Sydney Ambury, Lakehead University

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12:30–1:30 p.m.	Lunch and Poster Viewing Session (1:00–1:30 p.m.)
1:30–3 p.m.	Concurrent Session B

PANEL B1: Recovery Support Services within The Alberta Recovery Model

Rachel Melnychuk, System Overview and Strategic Services, Ministry of Mental Health and Addiction, Government of Alberta

WORKSHOP B2: Buffalo Riders Early Intervention Program for First Nations Youth

Jessica Ford, Thunderbird Partnership Foundation

Carrie Miller, Thunderbird Partnership Foundation

ORAL B3: Enhancing Pediatric Substance Use Health Responses

B3.1 Improving Early Identification and Intervention of Substance Use Through Universal Screening in Child, Youth and Young Adult Mental Health Programs at BC Children's Hospital

Martha Ignaszewski, British Columbia Children's Hospital

Spencer Hussyne, British Columbia Children's Hospital

Kelsey Gray, British Columbia Children's Hospital

B3.2 Empowering Providers in Caring for Children and Youth Experiencing Substance Intoxication and Withdrawal: Implementing Provincial Guidelines in Acute Care Through Co-Designed Educational Resources

Sharon Dhillon, British Columbia Children's Hospital

B3.3 National Guidance to Support Youth Substance Use Health in Pediatric Hospital Settings

Christina Katan, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction

Sara Atif, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction

Kim Corace, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction / University of Ottawa

Sheena Taha, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction

Karen Leslie, Hospital for Sick Children



ORAL B4: 10-Minute Talks: Evidence and Action Across Canada's Substance Landscape

B4.1 Learning From our Neighbours: Examples of Promising Alcohol Policy Initiatives Across Canada

Timothy Naimi, Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research

Ashley Wettlaufer, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

Norman Giesbrecht, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

Elizabeth Farkouh, Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research

Bella Priore, Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research

Tim Stockwell, Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research, University of Victoria

Kara Thompson, St. Francis Xavier University

Mark Asbridge, Dalhousie University

Amanda Farrell-Low, Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research

Tina Price, Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research

B4.2 Testing Alcohol Container Warning Labels Among Alcohol Consumers in the Field Over a Four-Week Period: A Protocol for a Randomized Field Experiment

Erin Hobin, Public Health Ontario

Kim Corace, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction / University of Ottawa

Adam Sherk, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction

Theresa Poon, Public Health Ontario

David Hammond, University of Waterloo

Brendan Smith, Public Health Ontario

Lana Vanderlee, Laval University

Tim Stockwell, Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research, University of Victoria

Timothy Naimi, Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research

B4.3 Self-Reported Cannabis Prices and Expenditures from Legal and Illegal Sources Five Years After Legalization of Non-Medical Cannabis in Canada

Samantha Rundle, University of Waterloo

Daniel Hong, University of Waterloo

Maryam Iraniparast, University of Waterloo

Vicki Rynard, University of Waterloo

Elle Wadsworth, University of Waterloo

Rosalie Liccardo Pacula, University of Southern California

Beau Kilmer, RAND Corporation

David Hammond, University of Waterloo

B4.4 Sources d'information sur le cannabis : perceptions et influences chez les jeunes de 16 à 24 ans

Alexis Beaulieu-Thibodeau, Addictions University Institute

Christophe Huynh, Addictions University Institute

Nadine Blanchette-Martin, Addiction Research Service, Capitale-Nationale Integrated

University Health and Social Services Centre / Chaudière-Appalaches Integrated Health and Social Services Centre



Joëlle Maguire-L., Addictions University Institute
Louis-Philippe Bleau, University of Montréal
Isabelle Labrie, Jonquière Cégep
Marie-Josée Olsen, Jonquière Cégep
Martin Choquette, Édouard-Montpetit Cégep
Chacha Enriquez, Édouard-Montpetit Cégep

B4.5 Cannabis Harm Reduction Among LGBTQ+ Youth: Insights from a Participatory Cellphilm Project

Amy Rhanim, University of Montréal
Olivier Ferlatte, University of Montréal
Mathieu Goyette, University of Québec in Montréal
Rod Knight, School of Public Health, University of Montréal

B4.6 Psychedelic Substances: A Scoping Review of Indicators Used to Assess Use and Harms

Matthew Young, Greo Evidence Insights
Adetoun Dapo-Famodu, Greo Evidence Insights
Sasha Stark, Greo Evidence Insights

PANEL B5: Understanding the Impact of Cannabis Legalization Among Equity-Deserving Populations: Trends in Prevalence, Patterns of Use and Adverse Outcomes

David Hammond, University of Waterloo
Anastasia Marquette, University of Waterloo
Elle Wadsworth, University of Waterloo
Samantha Rundle, University of Waterloo

ORAL B6: Care in the Community

B6.1 The Path to Acceptance

Amanda Walker, N/A

B6.2 TBC

B6.3 Catalyst: Community-Level Treatment for Crystal Methamphetamine Use Disorder and Beyond

Christina Moeys, Addictions and Mental Health, Street Health Centre — Kingston Community Health Centres
Laurie Barkun, Street Health Centre — Kingston Community Health Centres
Meaghan O'Connor, Providence Care
Sarah den Ouden, Street Health Centre — Kingston Community Health Centres

ORAL B7: Voices for Change

B7.1 The Activism of David Dennis: Improving Transplant Care for Indigenous Patients Living with Alcohol-Related Liver Disease

Caroline Tait, University of Calgary



B7.2 Navigating the Care System Is Hard, but Navigating Family Dynamics Is Even Harder

Kathy Martin, Infrastructure Health & Safety Association

B7.3 Leading with Emotional Intelligence in Uncertain Times

Shauna Cronin, Stepped Care Solutions

AnnMarie Churchill, Stepped Care Solutions

PANEL B8: Why Does Access Matter? Transforming the System and Care Experience Through Co-Leadership

Shawn Fisk, Community Addictions Peer Support Association

Kim Corace, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction/University of Ottawa

Michelle Miller, Providence Care

Brian Rush, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

Time	Activity
3–3:30 p.m.	Networking Break and Poster Viewing
3:30–5 p.m.	Concurrent Session C

PANEL C1: Let's Call It What It Is: Substance Use Health and Care

Ashleigh Hyland, Community Addictions Peer Support Association

Shawn Fisk, Community Addictions Peer Support Association

Brianne Peters, Community Addictions Peer Support Association

Tanisse Epp, Community Addictions Peer Support Association, Carleton University

Anthony Esposti, Community Addictions Peer Support Association

PANEL C2: Quatre projets de recherche qui mènent tous à une même réalité : La stigmatisation vécue par les membres de l'entourage

Mélissa Côté, Laval University

Audrey-Anne Dumais Michaud, Laval University

Catherine Arseneault, University of Montréal

Karine Gaudreault, University of Sherbrooke

WORKSHOP C3: Let's Talk Cannabis: Digital Tool Resources for Connecting with First Nations Youth About Cannabis

Jessica Ford, Thunderbird Partnership Foundation

Jody-Ann Henry, Thunderbird Partnership Foundation

Kayla Vick, Thunderbird Partnership Foundation



ORAL C4: Opioid Harms in Context: Personal, Systemic and Cultural Impacts

C4.1 They Are Loved

Tracey-Mae Chambers, Tracey-Mae Chambers

C4.2 The Collateral Effects of COVID-19 Public Health Policies on People Who Use Opioids

Sara Ling, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

Sridevi Kundurthi, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

Linda Adams, Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care

Megan Campbell, Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care

Ashley Melvin, Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care

C4.3 Understanding Opioid Use Among First Nations in Ontario

Sacha Bragg, Chiefs of Ontario

Tara Gomes, Unity Health Toronto

ORAL C5: Youth and Families at the Forefront

C5.1 My Teacher — My Son

Sandy Pitzel, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction

Judson Goodstriker, First Nation Person

C5.2 Youth Voices for Parents Like Us

Stephanie Diebolt, Thunder Bay District Health Unit

Sheena Albanese, Thunder Bay District Health Unit

C5.3 Youth-Friendly North Shore: A Municipally Led Approach to Building Youth Resilience

Ash Amlani, BUNYAAD Public Affairs

ORAL C6: Substance Use Health Care through Connection

C6.1 Connection, Care, Community: Strengthening Harm Reduction for LGBT2Q People who use Drugs in Canada

Richard Elliott, HIV Legal Network

C6.2 Building Together: A Regional Approach to Supporting Addiction Care in a Collective of Acute Care Settings

Ginette Poulin, Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care

Chris Zanette, Royal Victoria Hospital

Don Sangster, Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital

Gregory Devet, Collingwood General and Marine Hospital

Cait Button, Georgian Bay General Hospital

Paul Hoogeveen, Georgian Bay Clinic

Dave Bayfield, Georgian Bay Clinic



C6.3 The Circle of Care: A Personal Story of Recovery and Connection

Sarah Miller, Womankind Addiction Service

Lana Arnold, St Joseph Healthcare Womankind Addiction Service

ORAL C7: British Columbia at the Forefront: Lessons from Drug Policy Implementation

C7.1 Outcomes of a Provincial Safer Inhalation Supply Distribution Program in British Columbia: Results of a Mixed-Methods Evaluation

Christie Wall, British Columbia Centre for Disease Control

Katie Fajber, British Columbia Centre for Disease Control

Jessica Xavier, British Columbia Centre for Disease Control, University of British Columbia

Alexis Crabtree, University of British Columbia

C7.2 “This is Quite Politically Charged Nowadays”: Impacts of the Politicization and Polarization of Prescribed Safer Supply on Prescribers in British Columbia, Canada

Brittany Barker, First Nations Health Authority

Bernadette Pauly, University of Victoria, Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research

Daniel Gudino, Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research

Karen Urbanoski, University of Victoria

Alexa Norton, University of British Columbia

Izzy Brohman, First Nations Health Authority

C7.3 Initial Impacts of the Decriminalization of Illicit Drugs in British Columbia

Cayley Russell, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

Farihah Ali, Canadian Research Initiative in Substance Misuse, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

Sameer Imtiaz, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

ORAL C8: Late Breaking: Strengthening the Continuum of Care

C8.1 Assessing the Impact of Treatment and Healing on Indigenous Wellness Outcomes: Results from the Addictions Management Information System 2023–2024

Majd Radhaa, Thunderbird Partnership Foundation

Stephanie McConkey, Thunderbird Partnership Foundation

C8.2 Planet Youth: Transforming Prevention Through Community Action

Jon Sigfusson, Planet Youth

C8.3 Youth Substance Use Care: Supporting Equitable Access and Promoting Best Practices Through Education and Practice Change in a Hospital Setting

Karen Leslie, The Hospital for Sick Children

Lauren Morris, SickKids

Trish Tulloch, The Hospital for Sick Children

Susan Komhyr Smith, The Hospital for Sick Children

Linda Nguyen, SickKids

**C8.4 Expanding Access to Substance Use Education and Mentorship through Project ECHO NL**

Hayley Baker, Newfoundland and Labrador Health Services

C8.5 Emergency Department Diversion and Returns for Substance Intoxication: A Retrospective Analysis of the Stabilization and Connection Centre in Toronto

Camron Ford, University of Toronto

Natasha Vitkin, University Health Network, Social Medicine Program

Nick Kerman, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

Sarah Coyle, University Health Network, Social Medicine Program

Dana Luchsinger, Parkdale Queen West Community Health Centre

Lorie Steer, The Neighbourhood Group

Andrew Boozary, University Health Network, Social Medicine Program

Kate Hayman, University Health Network

Tuesday, November 18

Time	Activity
8–9 a.m.	Hot Breakfast
9–9:30 a.m.	Opening Remarks
9:30–10:30 a.m.	Keynote Plenary: TBA
10:30–11 a.m.	Networking Break and Poster Viewing Session
11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Concurrent Session D The Mental Health Commission of Canada has partnered with CCSA to present Concurrent Session D  Mental Health Commission of Canada Commission de la santé mentale du Canada

PANEL D1: Culture in Virtual Care Environments: A Virtual Hub for Substance Use Treatment Programming Within First Nations Communities (BIRCH) and Further Considerations for Wise Practices in a Digital Age

Kate Turner, Thunderbird Partnership Foundation

Mary Deleary, Thunderbird Partnership Foundation

Elaine Toombs, Thunderbird Partnership Foundation

WORKSHOP D2: A New Frontier in Stigma Research: Measuring Objective Stigma in the Brain

Tanisse Epp, Community Addictions Peer Support Association, Carleton University

Brianne Peters, Community Addictions Peer Support Association



Kim Hellemans, Carleton University

ORAL D3: Youth Mental Health: Tailored Services and Complex Needs

D3.1 Exploring the Intersection of Neurological Disorders in Youth with Mental Health and Addiction Issues: Implications for Treatment and Outcomes

Karin Archer, Pine River Institute
Jennifer Bingley, Pine River Institute
Andrew Whiteman, Pine River Institute

D3.2 Understanding Pathways: Improving Access to Low-Barrier, Non-Judgmental Mental Health and Substance Use Services for Youth in Victoria, British Columbia

Andrea Mellor, University of Victoria
Cecilia Benoit, Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research

D3.3 Matching Mental Health and Substance Use Health Care to the Needs and Goals of Children, Young People and Their Families Through a New Quality Standard

Gabrielle Lucente, Knowledge Institute on Child and Youth Mental Health and Addictions
Poppy DesClouds, Knowledge Institute on Child and Youth Mental Health and Addictions
Amy Porath, Knowledge Institute on Child and Youth Mental Health and Addictions
Shannon McGavin, Well Community Collective
Alexandra Tucci, Knowledge Institute on Child and Youth Mental Health and Addictions
Kathryn Matsushita, Knowledge Institute on Child and Youth Mental Health and Addictions

ORAL D4: Integrated Care for Concurrent Disorders

D4.1 The Role of Measurement-Based Care in Treating Concurrent Mood, Anxiety and Substance Use Disorders: The Evolution of a New Inpatient Program

Shannon Remers, Homewood Health Inc
Sarah Ahmed, Homewood Health Inc
Emily Rossi, Homewood Health Inc
Robert Waterman, Homewood Health Inc

D4.2 Substance Use Health, A Personal Account from Abstinence to Substance Use Disorder

Tim Deloughery, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction

D4.3 Addressing Gaps and Opportunities Related to the Health and Well-Being of Individuals with Concurrent Disorders: Results from a National Concurrent Disorders Think Tank

Jean Costello, Homewood Research Institute
Kim Corace, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction / University of Ottawa
Sherry Stewart, Dalhousie University
Jerrica Little, Homewood Research Institute



Stephanie Lu, Homewood Research Institute
Sidney Kennedy, Homewood Research Institute
James MacKillop, McMaster University, Peter Boris Centre for Addictions Research, St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton, Centre for Medicinal Cannabis Research

ORAL D5: Addiction and Trauma Treatment in Nunavut

Kylie Aglukark, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.
Ujaralaaq Karetak, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.

ORAL D6: Navigating Care: Insights into Mental Health and Substance Use Services

D6.1 Key Insights from the Canadian Institute for Health Information's 2025 Survey on Navigation and Early Intervention of Mental Health and Substance Use Services

Kristen Hart, Canadian Institute for Health Information
Rahme Daoud, Canadian Institute for Health Information
Iman Sabra, Canadian Institute for Health Information

D6.2 The State of Mental Health in Canada 2024: Putting the Substance Use Health and Policy Data in Focus

Leyna Lowe, Canadian Mental Health Association, National Office

D6.3 Protracted Benzodiazepine Withdrawal and Post-Traumatic Growth

Jennifer Chouinard, Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Regina
School of Public Health, University of Saskatchewan

PANEL D7: 10-Minute Talks: Bridging Mental Health and Substance Use Health

D7.1 Talking About Suicide: Empowering Healthcare Providers, Instilling Hope in Clients

Nitika Chunilall, Mental Health Commission of Canada
Anita David, British Columbia Mental Health and Substance Use Services
Yvonne Bergmans, University of Toronto

D7.2 Mental Health Needs and Opportunities to Support Wellness Among People Assessed for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

Kelly Harding, Canada Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Research Network
Katherine Flannigan, Canada Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Research Network
Jacqueline Pei, University of Alberta
Kaitlyn McLachlan, University of Guelph
Mansfield Mela, University of Saskatchewan
Ana Hanlon-Dearman, Max Rady College of Medicine, University of Manitoba
Melissa Tremblay, School and Clinical Child Psychology Program, University of Alberta
Kathy Unsworth, Canada Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Research Network
Jocelynn Cook, Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada



D7.3 Examining the Relationship Between Binge Drinking and Mental Health Among Red River Métis Citizens

Kyler Nault, Manitoba Métis Federation — Health & Wellness Department
Mya Kidson, Manitoba Métis Federation — Health & Wellness Department
Colton Poitras, Manitoba Métis Federation — Health & Wellness Department
Lisa Rodway, Manitoba Métis Federation — Health & Wellness Department
Toluwani Omomo, Manitoba Métis Federation — Health & Wellness Department
S. Michelle Driedger, Max Rady College of Medicine Community Health Sciences
Josée Lavoie, Max Rady College of Medicine
A. Frances Chartrand, Manitoba Métis Federation — Health & Wellness Department
Olena Kloss, Manitoba Métis Federation — Health & Wellness Department

D7.4 Trends in Co-Occurring Cannabis Use and Emotional Disorders Among Canadians Between 2012 and 2022

Jillian Halladay, McMaster University, School of Nursing, Peter Boris Centre for Addictions Research
Chris Ji, McMaster University, School of Nursing, Peter Boris Centre for Addictions Research
Kathy Georgiades, McMaster University and Offord Centre for Child Studies
Matthew Sunderland, University of Sydney
Tim Slade, University of Sydney
James MacKillop, McMaster University, Peter Boris Centre for Addictions Research, St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton, Centre for Medicinal Cannabis Research

D7.5 Fighting for Change: My Journey to Obtain Health Insurance Justice for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders

Isabella Tatar, N/A

D7.6 Facilitating the Implementation of Quality Standards for Youth and Family Engagement in the Child and Youth Mental Health and Substance Use Health System

Poppy DesClouds, Knowledge Institute on Child and Youth Mental Health and Addictions
Amy Porath, Knowledge Institute on Child and Youth Mental Health and Addictions
Shannon McGavin, Well Community Collective

ORAL D8: Late Breaking: Intersection Paths: Mental Health and Substance Use Health

D8.1 Defining Complex Trauma from a First Nations Perspective: Preliminary Results of a Rapid Review

Nya Elijah, Thunderbird Partnership Foundation
Katie Hoffman, Thunderbird Partnership Foundation

D8.2 Emotional First Aid for Peers and Frontline Workers of the Drug Poisoning Crisis

Julie Fagan, St. John Ambulance National Office



D8.3 Building an Inclusive and Diverse Space When Engaging People with Lived and Living Experience and Caregivers in Mental Health and Substance Use Health Research: A Qualitative Study

Katie Upham, Self-Employed

Charlotte Munro, ODPRN, CAMH, META-PHI, AI4PH, HDRN, PAN, PWYCPS

Abigail Amartei, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

Shoshana Hauer, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

Claudia Sendanyoye, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

Mary Rose van Kesteren, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

Lisa Hawke, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

D8.4 Enhancing Early Intervention and Treatment for Youth Substance Use and Concurrent Disorders Through Integrated Youth Services

Karleigh Darnay, Youth Wellness Hubs Ontario

Christopher Bourke, Youth Wellness Hubs Ontario

D8.5 Attachment Styles and Addictive Behaviours: A Systematic Review of Associations and Emerging Patterns

Alexia Michaud, Laval University

D8.6 Exposed: Examining the General Impact of Maternal Substance and Alcohol Use on Family Health and Social Outcomes

Sarah Gander, Horizon NB

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12:30–1:30 p.m.	Lunch and Poster Viewing Session (1–1:30 p.m.)
1:30–3 p.m.	Concurrent Session E

PANEL E1: Improving Access and Outcomes in Substance Use Health Care in Ontario: The Digital Front Door to Rapid Access Addictions Medicine Clinics

Kim Corace, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction / University of Ottawa

Natalie Aubin, Health Sciences North

Penny Marrett, Addiction Services Central Ontario

Michael Roach, Health Sciences North

Melanie Willows, University of Ottawa

PANEL E2: Powering the Future — Defining Sector Leadership for Canada's Sidelined 2%

Scott Elliott, Dr. Peter Centre

Lyn Tyler, Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation



WORKSHOP E3: Animal Awareness for the Substance Use Workforce

Colleen Dell, University of Saskatchewan

Linzi Williamson, University of Saskatchewan

Darlene Chalmers, University of Regina

Maryellen Gibson, University of Saskatchewan

Mitch Daschuk, University of Saskatchewan

Renata Roma, University of Saskatchewan

ORAL E4: Preventing Substance Use Harms: Strategies that Empower Youth

E4.1 Moving Upstream: Improving Youth Substance Use Prevention

Katarina Kane, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction

Jennifer Donnan, Memorial University of Newfoundland

E4.2 Creating a Bright Future for Northern Youth Through the Icelandic Prevention Model: Lessons on Readiness, Coalition Building and Youth Engagement to Strengthen Community-Led Substance Use Prevention

Erica Koopmans, Provincial Health Services Authority

Megan Crawford, Northern Health

Shirley Giroux, School District 57

E4.3 Drug Education Centred on Youth Decision Empowerment: A Novel Substance Use Harm Reduction and Prevention Strategy

Jennifer Donnan, Memorial University of Newfoundland

Lisa Bishop, Memorial University of Newfoundland

Megan O'Brien, Mental Health and Addictions Division, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

ORAL E5: Diverse Pathways in Opioid Therapy

E5.1 Finding the Answers to Methadone Dependency in the Jungle

Lisa Yeo, Lisa Yeo

E5.2 Buprenorphine (Suboxone) Macro-Induction Cases in a Virtual Setting

J Stryder ZoBell, Virtual Opioid Dependency Program

Lindsey Davis, Virtual Opioid Dependency Program

E5.3 Evaluating the Prescribed Alternatives and Outreach Program in Hamilton, Ontario: A Culturally Responsive Approach to Safer Supply and Wraparound Care

Salwa Musa, University of Alberta, Memorial University of Newfoundland

Alex McLean, Memorial University of Newfoundland

Sandy Ezepue, Hamilton Urban Core Community Health Centre

Angela Carol, Hamilton Urban Core Community Health Centre

Thandiwe Nkomo, Hamilton Urban Core Community Health Centre

Shannon Williams, Hamilton Urban Core Community Health Centre

Gillian Kolla, Faculty of Medicine — Population Health and Applied Health Sciences,



Memorial University of Newfoundland

ORAL E6: 10-Minute Talks: Towards Better Care: Policy, Practice and Personal Journeys

E6.1 Matching Needs to Care: The Flexibility of a Provincial Continuum

Julie Kaplan, Nova Scotia Health, Mental Health and Addictions Program

Dave Martell, Nova Scotia Health

E6.2 The Bruce Oake Recovery Model: Harnessing Evidence and Data to Anchor Hope in Recovery

Greg Kylo, Bruce Oake Recovery Centre

Lisa Elford, Habitus Collective

Kyle Goertzen, Bruce Oake Recovery Centre

Nadia Ansari, Habitus Collective

Tanner Short, Habitus Collective

E6.3 Barriers to Care: The Impact of Drug Use History on Health Care Access and Outcomes

Charlotte Munro, Ontario Drug Policy Research Network, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Mentoring, Education, and Clinical Tools for Addiction: Partners in Health Integration, Artificial Intelligence for Public Health, Health Data Research Network Canada, Patient Advisors Network, Pay What You Can Peer Support

E6.4 Evidence-Informed Policy Considerations for Enhancing Substance Use Service Delivery in Rural Ontario

Cara Evans, Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care

Arina Bogdan, Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care

Nadiya Sunderji, Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care

E6.5 From Powerless to Empowered: Dismantling 12-Step Dogma

Karli Coombes, University of Calgary

E6.6 Promoting Hope and Harm Reduction Through Cultural Integration: The Journey of Establishing Manitoba's First Safer Consumption Site

Charlene Hallett, Aboriginal Health & Wellness Centre of Winnipeg

ORAL E7: Innovative Supports Across Different Environments

E7.1 The ANCHOR Program: Lessons Learned from the Implementation of a Multipartner Non-Police Crisis Response Program

Caroline Cox, Centretown Community Health Centre

E7.2 Bridging Barriers: Integrating Lived Experience and Innovation in Hepatitis Care and Harm Reduction

Michelle Pittman, RECAP

Steve Colwell, Action Hepatitis Canada, CRISM, SUNAR (ROUTES), RECAP



E7.3 Healing in Jail

Rand Teed, Recovery Solutions Group

ORAL E8: Late Breaking: Measuring and Responding to Substance Use in a Changing Landscape

E8.1 Increasing Detections of Carfentanil in BC's Unregulated Drug Supply

Christie Wall, BC Centre for Disease Control

E8.2 Development of the Canadian Substance Use Exposure Database: Modelling the Prevalence of Substance Use in Canadian Jurisdictions, from 2008 to 2023

Jinhui Zhao, Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research, University of Victoria

Anat Ziv, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction

Pam Kent, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction

Adam Sherk, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction

Keegan Lawrance, Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research, University of Victoria

Raadiya Malam, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction

Tim Stockwell, Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research, University of Victoria

E8.3 Using Artificial Intelligence to Enhance Real-Time Surveillance of Substance-related Harms: Early Lessons

Pam Kent, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction

Vijay Mago, York University

Bart Gajderowicz, Utah State University

Kate Stoysich, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction

Mark Fox, University of Toronto

Hrishita Sharma, University of Waterloo

Gebreyowhans Bahre, York University

Kamila Kolpashnikova, Western University

E8.4 Barriers and Facilitators to the Uptake of Prescribed Safer Supply at Carrier Sekani Family Services

Patricia Wilson, University of Toronto

E8.5 Diagnostic Accuracy of Khat Immunoassay Tests and Their Application to Mental Health Phenotypes

Hugh Atkinson, Dalhousie University

E8.6 Slow-release Oral Morphine as Opioid Agonist Therapy in the Fentanyl Era: A Qualitative Study of Client Experiences

Pamela Leece, Women's College Hospital

Jennifer Wyman, META:PHI

Ahmed Bayoumi, Unity Health Toronto

Tara Gomes, Unity Health Toronto

Carol Strike, University of Toronto

Sarah Clarke, META:PHI

Anita Srivastava, St. Joseph's Health Centre



Ashley Smoke, Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation
Cassandra Smith, Black Coalition for AIDS Prevention
Andrew McLeod, Alpha House, Renascent, META:PHI

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3–3:30 p.m.	Networking Break and Poster Viewing
3:30–5 p.m.	Concurrent Session F

PANEL F1: Advancing Pan-Canadian Substance-Related Monitoring and Research Infrastructure

Bridget Maloney-Hall, Public Health Agency of Canada
Regan Murray, Public Health Agency of Canada
Matthew Bowes, Nova Scotia Medical Examiner Service
Ellen Stephenson, Statistics Canada

PANEL F2: The Promotion of Alcohol, Cannabis, Gambling, Tobacco and Vaping Liquids with Nicotine to Youth: Identifying the Strengths and Gaps in the Regulations

François Gagnon, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction
Annie-Claude Savard, Laval University
Jean-François Crépault, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

WORKSHOP F3: Let's Talk About and Share Experiences Regarding Overdose Intervention: At the Crossroads of Different Knowledges

Timon Thoene-Gerber, PROFAN 2.0, Montréal, Canada

ORAL F4: Supporting People Who Use Drugs: From Research to Real-Life Lessons

F4.1 Reflecting on Your Practice: Actionable Strategies for Reducing Harms when Supporting Youth who Use Drugs

Noor Hadad, Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy
Heath D'Alessio, Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy
Kiah Ellis-Durity, Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy
Hunter Trombley, Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy

F4.2 Perceptions of Supervised Consumption Sites and Overdose Response Hotlines/Applications: Evidence from a Comprehensive Cross-Sectional National Survey

Monty Ghosh, University of Alberta / University of Calgary
Nathan Rider, University of Calgary
Boogyung Seo, University of Calgary
Dylan Viste, University of Calgary
William Rioux, University of Alberta



Bo Pan, AbSPORU

Yazid Al Hamarneh, AbSPORU

Gavin McCormack, Cumming School of Medicine, Department of Community Health Sciences

Fariba Aghajafari, University of Calgary, Cumming School of Medicine

Laura McDougall, University of Calgary, Cumming School of Medicine

F4.3 The Worst Outcome in Our Work: Jacob's Story

Shirley Paulsen, BC Mental Health and Substance Use Services

ORAL F5: Rethinking Cannabis: Policy, Practice and Experience

F5.1 Research Informing Policy: Do We Need to Revise Provincial Cannabis Use Policies?

Candice Crocker, Dalhousie University

Blair Gibbs, The Policy Works Advisory

Rachel Church, Nova Scotia Health Authority

Joey Nosko, Nova Scotia Health

Philip Tibbo, Dalhousie University

F5.2 Beyond Budtenders: Enhancing Healthcare Workers' Role in Cannabis-Related Care by Bridging Knowledge Gaps and Promoting Engagement

Daniel Bear, Humber Polytechnic

Ashley Hosker-Field, Humber Polytechnic

Jennifer Donnan, Memorial University of Newfoundland

Lisa Bishop, Memorial University of Newfoundland

Kelsey Westall, Humber College

Sandra Gerges, Humber College

Kati Whelan, Memorial University of Newfoundland

F5.3 Cannabinoid Hyperemesis Syndrome and Cannabis Addiction: Love, Loss, Healing and a Call for Change

Lindsay Civiero, Canadian Certified Peer Support Specialist, Independent Peer Support Specialist — Lived Experience Educator

Corey Stewart, N/A

ORAL F6: Hope and Recovery in Practice

F6.1 The Alberta Recovery Model and its Efficacy through the Canadian Centre of Recovery Excellence

Kym Kaufmann, Canadian Centre of Recovery Excellence

F6.2 Vital Conversations: A Journey from Defeat to Hope

Andrew McLeod, Alpha House, Renascent, META:PHI

F6.3 Navigating Withdrawal Management Bed-Based Services for All Individuals

Kari Whitelaw, St Joseph Healthcare Hamilton — Womankind Addiction Service



Sonya Sethi-Rankin, St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton
Michael Oord, St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton
Lori Bathurst, St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton

ORAL F7: 10-Minute Talks: Expanding Harm Reduction Across Communities

F7.1 Implementing Harm Reduction Practices in an Acute Care Hospital in Halifax, Nova Scotia: A Qualitative Process Evaluation

Maya Lowe, Dalhousie University
Thomas Brothers, Dalhousie University and Nova Scotia Health
Landon "Morty" Morton, Mainline Needle Exchange
Leah Genge, Dalhousie University – Faculty of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine
Leah Jones, Direction 180
Jo Parker, Mainline Needle Exchange
Mariah Hughes, Nova Scotia Health Authority

F7.2 The Canoe Project: Working in Partnership to Increase National Capacity in Indigenous Harm Reduction Services

Jason Alternberg, Dr. Peter Centre
Cherese Reemaul, Dr. Peter Centre
Florence Ranville, Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation
Ashley Smoke, Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation
Patrick Brownlee, CAAN (Communities, Alliances & Networks)
Rosalind Baltzer Turje, Dr. Peter Centre
Nadine Favics, Dr. Peter Centre

F7.3 Results of a Social Return on Investment of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan's Safe Consumption Site

Linzi Williamson, University of Saskatchewan
Barbara Fornssler, University of Saskatchewan
Maryellen Gibson, University of Saskatchewan
Evan Poncelet, University of Saskatchewan
Maggie Coupland, University of Saskatchewan
James Dixon, University of Saskatchewan
Kayla DeMong, Prairie Harm Reduction
Anne Miller, Constellation Consulting

F7.4 The Expansion of Harm Reduction Services in New Brunswick: A Bottom-Up Approach

Heather Ibbetson, AIDS New Brunswick
Linda Thompson-Brown, AIDS New Brunswick
Jess Gionet, AIDS New Brunswick

F7.5 Meaningful Employment as a Buffer to Relapse: Peer Support in Community Settings

Jordana Jackson, Community Action Initiative



F7.6 Palliative Care Is... A Collective Response to Death, Dying, and Grief in Housing, Shelter, and Harm Reduction Work

Matthew Busby O'Conner, Victoria Cool Aid Society

Kara Whitlock, University of Victoria

Ashley Mollison, University of Victoria

Charlotte Futcher, Island Health

Nikki Page, Victoria Cool Aid Society

Kelli Stajduhar, University of Victoria

ORAL F8: Late Breaking: Perceptions and Policies

F8.1 The Perceptions of Psychedelic Retail Stores and Associated Policy Responses in Canada: A Pan-Canadian Survey

François Gagnon, Canadian Center on Substance Use and Addiction

F8.2 Shaping the Narrative: Public-Facing Media Communications, Misinformation, and the Potential Impact on Public Perceptions of Decriminalization in British Columbia

Jordan Mende-Gibson, Research Analyst

Cayley Russell, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

F8.3 The Collateral Effects of COVID-19 Public Health Policies on People Who Use Opioids

Megan Campbell, Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care

F8.4 The Housing Crisis for First Nations with Addiction: A Community Perspective

Stephanie McConkey, Thunderbird Partnership Foundation

Joanne MacMillan, Thunderbird Partnership Foundation

Brooke Duggan, First Nations Housing Professionals Association

F8.5 Stigma Versus the Actual Disease of Addiction

David Stempowski, Manga Hotel Group

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8–9 a.m.	Hot Breakfast
9–10:30 a.m.	Concurrent Session G

PANEL G1: Workplaces & Substance Use: Risk and Protective Factors

Shawna Meister, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction

Vicky Waldron, Construction Industry Rehabilitation Plan Society

Kathy Martin, Stakeholder and Public Relations, Mental Health, Infrastructure Health & Safety Association

Sarah McIlwaine, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction



PANEL G2: Familial Counterculture and Systemic Alienation in Addiction

Oona St-Amant, Toronto Metropolitan University
Angie Hamilton, Families for Addiction Recovery
Brynlea Barbeau, Families for Addiction Recovery
Cheryl Forchuk, University of Western Ontario
Robert Tanguay, University of Calgary
Henry Parada, Toronto Metropolitan University
Vicky Stergiopoulos, The Centre for Addiction and mental Health

WORKSHOP G3: Harm Reduction Supplies: Strengthening Communities Through Innovative Knowledge Exchange

Meghanne Hicks, Ontario Harm Reduction Distribution Program

ORAL G4: Alcohol Use and Impact

G4.1 Alcohol Consumption and Mortality Among Canadian Drinkers: A National Population-Based Survival Analysis (2000–2017)

James Clay, Dalhousie University and University of Victoria
Russell Callaghan, University of Northern British Columbia
Adam Sherk, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction
Timothy Naimi, Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research
Tim Stockwell, Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research, University of Victoria
Mark Asbridge, Dalhousie University

G4.2 Trends in Alcohol and Substance Use Among Caregivers and Individuals with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

Kelly Harding, Canada Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Research Network
Katherine Flannigan, Canada Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Research Network
Dorothy Reid, Canada Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Research Network
Audrey McFarlane, Canada Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Research Network
Jacqueline Pei, University of Alberta

G4.3 How Getting Sober Sparked my Love of Learning and Research

Geoff Ingram, Edgewood Health Network Canada

ORAL G5: First Nation Strength and Resilience in Healing

G5.1 Hope and Healing: The Cultural Path to Recovery

Ijeoma Ogbuehi, First Nations Health Authority
Treanna Delorme, Westbank First Nation Health and Wellness Centre
Laura Wittkopf, Adams Lake Indian Band Health Centre
Brittany Patey, First Nations Health Authority

G5.2 Reclaiming Indigenous Resiliency and Hope

Mary Deleary, Thunderbird Partnership Foundation



G5.3 Story of a First Nations Person Surviving the Reserve System

Warren Lewis, Indigenous Training Collective

ORAL G6: Women and Substance Use Health

G6.1 Invisible Mother: The Shattering and Reconstruction of Identity, the Unforgiving Weight of New Stigma, Shame, and Guilt, and the Silent Struggles of Motherhood and Recovery

Tina White, Carleton University

G6.2 Empowering Recovery: 2nd Floor Women's Recovery Centre

Sandy Boyd, Women's Recovery Centre

G6.3 Applying Sex, Gender, and Equity-Based Analysis to Wraparound, Virtual Social Support, and Health Promotion Interventions that Address Substance Use by Women

Lorraine Greaves, Centre of Excellence for Women's Health

Nancy Poole, Centre of Excellence for Women's Health

Lindsay Wolfson, Centre of Excellence for Women's Health

Andreea Brabete, Centre of Excellence for Women's Health

ORAL G7: From Data to Dialogue: Youth Cannabis Use and Engagement

G7.1 Patterns of Use and Access to Cannabis among Students in Canada: Results from the Canadian Student Alcohol and Drugs Survey

Samantha Goodman, Health Canada

Hanan Abramovici, Health Canada

Emilia Krzeminska, Health Canada

Sarah McDermott, Public Health Agency of Canada

Sebastian Srugo, Health Canada

G7.2 A Recurring Population Health Survey to Monitor Emerging Cannabis Consumption Habits After Legalization: The Cannabis Vaping Example

Florence Conus, Québec Statistical Institute

G7.3 Mobilizing the *Lower Risk Cannabis Use Guidelines*, by Youth for Youth: Presenting two Innovative Knowledge Translation Tools

Cecilia Benoit, Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research

Andrea Mellor, University of Victoria

PANEL G8: Putting Communities First: Small Cities Initiative

Mary W. Rowe, President and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Urban Institute

Kami Kandola, Chief Public Health Officer, Northwest Territories

Michelle Staples, Mayor, City of Duncan

Sebastian Jørgensen, Nordic Safe Cities



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10:30–11 a.m.	Networking Break and Poster Viewing
11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Concurrent Session H

PANEL H1: A New Hospital Addiction Consult Service: Learning/Collecting Data

Jeffrey Smith, Nova Scotia Health

Dave Martell, Nova Scotia Health

WORKSHOP H2: The People Behind the Numbers: Understanding the Costs and Harms of Substance Use in Canada

Aisha Giwa, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction

Anat Ziv, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction

Tim Stockwell, Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research, University of Victoria

Pam Kent, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction

Adam Sherk, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction

Chandni Sondagar, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction

Raadiya Malam, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction

Jinhui Zhao, University of Victoria, Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research

Keegan Lawrence, Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research, University of Victoria

ORAL H3: Indigenous Knowledge and Healing in Practice

H3.1 Culture is Medicine: An Indigenous Harm Reduction Pilot Program for Perinatal Substance Use

Claudia Kobetitch, Vancouver Coastal Health

Janine Hardial, Sheway, Vancouver Coastal Health

Dana Clifford, Sheway

H3.2 Métis Perspectives on Harm Reduction

Michelle Padley, Métis Nation British Columbia, Canada

H3.3 Supporting Connections: Lighting Up the Path

Heloise Bédard, Inuulitsivik Health Centre

Stéphanie Boisclair, Inuulitsivik Health Centre

Jasmine Hower, Inuulitsivik Health Centre

Maude St-Gelais-Cloutier, Inuulitsivik Health Centre

Elisapi Tulugak, Inuulitsivik Health Centre

Sarah Gerth, Inuulitsivik Health Centre

Lisa Morin, Inuulitsivik Health Centre



ORAL H4: Youth and Schools: Intervention and Prevention in Education Settings

H4.1 Bridging the Research-Policy Gap: A Case Study from One BC School District

Ash Amlani, BUNYAAD Public Affairs

Cindy Andrew, Bunyaad Public Affairs

Sherri Moore-Arbour, Bunyaad Public Affairs

Sanchita Sivaraman, Bunyaad Public Affairs

H4.2 TBHonnête : Une approche innovante de prévention numérique pour les jeunes

Judith Clément, Jean Lapointe House

Max Teisseire, Jean Lapointe House

H4.3 Les perceptions et les habitudes liées à l'usage de substances chez les étudiants Gen Z

Christophe Huynh, Addictions University Institute

Nadine Blanchette-Martin, Addiction Research Service, Capitale-Nationale Integrated

University Health and Social Services Centre / Chaudière-Appalaches Integrated Health and Social Services Centre

Alexis Beaulieu-Thibodeau, Addictions University Institute

Joëlle Maguire-L., Addictions University Institute

Louis-Philippe Bleau, University of Montréal

Isabelle Labrie, Jonquière Cégep

Marie-Josée Olsen, Jonquière Cégep

Martin Choquette, Édouard-Montpetit Cégep

Chacha Enriquez, Édouard-Montpetit Cégep

ORAL H5: Family Voices in Supports for Substance Use Health

H5.1 Grandparents Raising Grandchildren — My lived Experience

Donald Avery, Building-GRAND-Families Inc.

H5.2 HOPE in Action: Leveraging Parent Peer Support

Leanne Lewis, Helping Other Parents Everywhere

Abby Goldstein, University of Toronto

H5.3 “Everything Needs to Change”: Experiences of Family Caregivers of People who Use Drugs in Rural Canada

Holly Mathias, University of Alberta School of Public Health

Nyal Mirza, University of Alberta

Jenn McCrindle, RECLAIM Collective

Sarah Auger, University of Alberta

Tristan Dreilich, Manitoba Harm Reduction Network

Rebecca Haines-Saah, University of Calgary

Willi McCorriston, Moms Stop the Harm

Em Pijl, University of Manitoba

Tyla Savard, Stronger Together



Elaine Hyshka, University of Alberta

ORAL H6: Lived Realities: Substance Use Across Cultures, Communities and Generations

H6.1 Community Perceptions on Substance Use and Culturally Based Interventions Among Migrants and Ethnic Minorities in Regina, Canada

Geoffrey Maina, University of Saskatchewan

Wambui Thuita, University of Saskatchewan

Leegay Jagoe, University of Saskatchewan CoN

Nametha Srikanthan, University of Saskatchewan CoN

H6.2 Moms, the Trades, Loss and Lessons Learned

Lorna Thomas, Moms Stop The Harm

Traci Letts, Moms Stop The Harm

H6.3 Understanding Youth Experiences with Involuntary Substance Use Treatment

Daniel O'Brien, University of Calgary

Tanya Mudry, University of Calgary

ORAL H7: Caring through Connection: Peer Support and Compassionate Practice

H7.1 Peer Support as a Practice: Improving Health Care and Beyond

Lindsay Civiero, CCPSS, Independent Peer Support Specialist — Lived Experience Educator

H7.2 "HOPE: Hold on, Pain Ends": Peer Support in Substance Use Treatment Services in Newfoundland and Labrador

Megan O'Brien, Mental Health and Addictions Division, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

Niki Legge, Mental Health and Addictions Division, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

Suzanne Hawkins, Mental Health and Addictions Division, Department of Health and Community Services, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

Kate Lambert, Mental Health and Addictions Division, Department of Health and Community Services, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

Brad Glynnn Lifewise, Newfoundland and Labrador

Sarah White, Lifewise, Newfoundland and Labrador

Trina Tizzard, Humberwood Addictions Treatment Centre and Opioid Dependency Treatment, NL Health Services (Western Zone), Newfoundland Health Services

Steve Gill, Lifewise, Newfoundland and Labrador and Opioid Dependency Treatment,

H7.3 Compassionate Care: Staying Well While Helping Others

Shawn Fisk, Community Addictions Peer Support Association



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12:30–13:30	Lunch and Poster Viewing Session (1:00–1:30 p.m.)
13:30–14:30	Concurrent Session I

ORAL I1: The Resilience Scale in Action: From Awareness to Implementation

The Alberta Wellness Initiative, Palix Foundation

ORAL I2: A Focus on Women's Substance Use Health

I2.1 Women's Substance Use Treatment and Recovery: What Do We Know and What Are the Research and Evaluation Priorities for Canada?

Nancy Poole, Centre of Excellence for Women's Health

Carol Muñoz Nieves, Centre of Excellence for Women's Health

Lindsay Wolfson, Centre of Excellence for Women's Health

Ella Huber, Centre of Excellence for Women's Health

Andreea Brabete, Centre of Excellence for Women's Health

Lorraine Greaves, Centre of Excellence for Women's Health

I2.2 The Canadian Perinatal Opioid Project: Methods for a National Surveillance Program

Andi Camden, The Hospital for Sick Children

Hilary Brown, University of Toronto

Tara Gomes, Unity Health Toronto

Jennifer Hutcheon, University of British Columbia

Lauren Kelly, University of Manitoba

Ally Lucchese, The Hospital for Sick Children

Amy Metcalfe, University of Calgary

Nazeem Muhajarine, University of Saskatchewan

Nathan C. Nickel, Max Rady College of Medicine, Department of Community Health Sciences

Astrid Guttmann, The Hospital for Sick Children

I2.3 Centring the Healthcare Experiences of Women Who Use Drugs: Preliminary Findings from a Qualitative Case Study in an Ontario Emergency Department and Urgent Care Centre

Marjan Kekanovich, Queen's University

Danielle Macdonald, Queen's University

Susan A. Bartels, Queen's University

Jacqueline Galica, Queen's University

I2.4 Strong Women: Reducing the Impact of Intimate Partner Violence and Substance Use Concerns on Women's Health

Lorraine Greaves, Centre of Excellence for Women's Health

Nancy Poole, Centre of Excellence for Women's Health

Andreea Brabete, Centre of Excellence for Women's Health

Lindsay Wolfson, Centre of Excellence for Women's Health



Carol Muñoz Nieves, Centre of Excellence for Women's Health

ORAL I3: Opioid Use and Care across Contexts

I3.1 Understanding Opioid Use and Misuse Among Red River Métis in Manitoba: Epidemiological Insights, Community Perspectives and Policy Implications

Kyler Nault, Manitoba Métis Federation — Health & Wellness Department

Colton Poitras, Manitoba Métis Federation — Health & Wellness Department

Lisa Rodway, Manitoba Métis Federation — Health & Wellness Department

Julianne Sanguins, University of Manitoba

Uma Yakandawala, Manitoba Métis Federation — Health & Wellness Department

Nathan C. Nickel, Max Rady College of Medicine — Community Health Sciences

S. Michelle Driedger, Max Rady College of Medicine — Community Health Sciences

Alan Katz, Max Rady College of Medicine Family Medicine

A. Frances Chartrand, Manitoba Métis Federation — Health & Wellness Department

Olena Kloss, Manitoba Métis Federation — Health & Wellness Department

I3.2 Do Patients Who Die of Opioid Toxicity Receive Palliative Care? A Descriptive Cohort Study

Jenny Lau, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre — University Health Network

Rebecca Bagnarol, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre — University Health Network

Karl Everett, Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences

Tara Gomes, Unity Health Toronto

Sarina Isenberg, Bruyère Health Research Institute

I3.3 Reducing Stigma through Education: The Métis Opioid Education and Addictions Outreach Program

Ainsley Balkwill, Manitoba Métis Federation — Health & Wellness Department

Solaine Laroche, Manitoba Métis Federation — Health & Wellness Department

Garret Munch, Manitoba Métis Federation — Health & Wellness Department

A. Frances Chartrand, Manitoba Métis Federation — Health & Wellness Department

Olena Kloss, Manitoba Métis Federation — Health & Wellness Department

I3.4 Examining Client Experiences with the Fentanyl Patch for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder: A Qualitative Study

Alex Werier, British Columbia Centre for Excellence

Nandini Krishnan, British Columbia Centre for Excellence

Surita Parashar, British Columbia Centre for Excellence

Christopher Chase Fisher, British Columbia Centre for Excellence

Marianne Harris, British Columbia Centre for Excellence

David Moore, British Columbia Centre for Excellence

Silvia Guillemi, British Columbia Centre for Excellence

Pouya Azar, British Columbia Centre for Excellence

Julio Montaner, British Columbia Centre for Excellence

Kate Salters, British Columbia Centre for Excellence



ORAL I4: Supporting Wellness Across Generations

I4.1 Mieux soutenir les membres de l'entourage : un outil d'accompagnement pour l'intervention

Nadine Blanchette-Martin, Addiction Research Service, Capitale-Nationale Integrated University Health and Social Services Centre / Chaudière-Appalaches Integrated Health and Social Services Centre

Francine Ferland, Addiction Research Service, Capitale-Nationale Integrated University Health and Social Services Centre / Chaudière-Appalaches Integrated Health and Social Services Centre

Mélissa Côté, Laval University

Claude-Marie Côté-Dion, University of Québec at Trois-Rivières

Chantal Plourde, University of Québec at Trois-Rivières

Myriam Laventure, University of Sherbrooke

Joël Tremblay, University of Québec at Trois-Rivières

Magali Dufour, University of Québec in Montréal

Marianne Saint-Jacques, University of Sherbrooke

I4.2 Stronger Together — Family Support for Wellness

Antoinette Gravel-Ouellette, Moms Stop The Harm

I4.3 Avenues pour bonifier l'accompagnement des personnes âgées en perte d'autonomie, vivant des enjeux relatifs à leur usage de substances psychoactives et à l'instabilité résidentielle

Vincent Wagner, Addictions University Institute and University of Sherbrooke

David Guertin, Addictions University Institute

Camille Beaujoin, Addictions University Institute

Auriane Journet, Addictions University Institute

Miguel Bergeron-Longpré, Addictions University Institute

Valérie Aubut, University of Québec at Trois-Rivières

Nadine Blanchette-Martin, Addiction Research Service, Capitale-Nationale Integrated University Health and Social Services Centre / Chaudière-Appalaches Integrated Health and Social Services Centre

Francine Ferland, Addiction Research Service, Capitale-Nationale Integrated University Health and Social Services Centre / Chaudière-Appalaches Integrated Health and Social Services Centre

Jorge Flores-Aranda, University of Québec in Montréal

Christophe Huynh, Addictions University Institute

Nadia L'Espérance, Mauricie-et-du-Centre-du-Québec Integrated University Health and Social Services Centre



I4.4 Youth Wellness Hubs Ontario - Substance Use Care Coordinator Model

Marla Banning, The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

ORAL I5: Substance Use Health Applies to Everyone

I5.1 Hopes for the Future: Converging Perspectives Among Canadians Who Use Substances, Law Professionals and Health Professionals

Niki Kiepek, Dalhousie University

Andrea Murphy, Dalhousie University

Chelsea Cox, University of Ottawa

Jocelyne LeBlanc, Dalhousie University

Kelda-Anne Sholdice, Dalhousie University

I5.2 On the Other Side of the Glass: My Lived Experience as a Physician

Amanda Moore, Out of the Cold Halifax

I5.3 Walking the In-Between: Balancing Personal and Professional Experience in Substance Use Health

Lauren Morris, The Hospital for Sick Children

I5.4 Beyond the Individual: Systemic Influences in Recovery from the Perspectives of Treatment Providers

Gemma Reynolds, University of Calgary

Tanya Mudry, University of Calgary

ORAL I6: Tracking Toxicity: Patterns, Risk and Public Health Response

I6.1 Trends in Acute Drug Toxicity Deaths in Newfoundland and Labrador (2018–2023)

Syed Raza, Newfoundland and Labrador Health Services

Cindy Whitten, Newfoundland and Labrador Health Services / Memorial University of Newfoundland

Shane Randell, Public Health Agency of Canada

Brooklyn Sparkes, Newfoundland and Labrador Health Services

Allyson Summers, Newfoundland and Labrador Health Services

I6.2 The Spatial Epidemiology of Substance-Related Accidental Acute Toxicity (Overdose) Deaths in Canada from 2018 To 2022

Amanda VanSteelandt, Public Health Agency of Canada

Mohammad Howard-Azzeh, Public Health Agency of Canada

I6.3 Risk Factors for Substance-Related Acute Toxicity Deaths in Canada from 2016 to 2021: Findings From the 2016 Canadian Census Health and Environment Cohort (Canhec)

Ellen Stephenson, Statistics Canada

Gisèle Carrière, Health Analysis Division, Statistics Canada



Amanda VanSteelandt, Public Health Agency of Canada
Rochelle Garner, Statistics Canada

I6.4 Enhancing Nova Scotia's Drug Harms Alert System

Rebecca Penn, Nova Scotia Health
Andrew Thomas, PnP Project
Jenna Snow, Nova Scotia Health

ORAL I7: Substance Use Metrics and Messages

I7.1 Reintroducing the Canadian Substance Use Survey

Carolina Soto Fajardo, Health Canada
Shiona Glass-Kaastra, Health Canada

I7.2 The Canadian Drug Harms Ranking Study

Jean-François Crépault, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health
Jürgen Rehm, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

I7.3 The Hypocrisy of Substance Access

Tamara Klinkhamer, AIDS Committee

I7.4 Measuring the Impact of the Lower Risk Gambling Guidelines

Kyle Tuico, Greo Evidence Insights
Jess Voll, Greo Evidence Insights
Chisomo Mchaina, Greo Evidence Insights
Nolan Gooding, University of Calgary
Jenin Ahmad, University of Calgary
David Hodgins, University of Calgary
Rhys Stevens, University of Lethbridge
Matthew Young, Greo Evidence Insights

PANEL I8: Strengthening the Global Substance Use Workforce: The Role of ISSUP National Chapters and the Launch of ISSUP Canada

Kirsty Fitzpatrick, International Society of Substance Use Professionals

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2:30–3 p.m.	Networking Break and Poster Viewing
3–4:30 p.m.	Closing Keynote: Dr. Jeanette Betancourt, Ed. D. from Sesame Workshop — Nourishing Young Children's Well-Being Also featuring Asha Abdosh, Municipal Youth Poet Laureate, 2025.

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