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What went well in 2022?

Strong interest in improving the system

Important drug policy and practice ideas moved forward

This is my first meeting - so unfortunately, I don't have much to offer

More options for people to get help in community I live in for substance abuse.

Brought together many excellent experiences.

Many new voices were brought into the discussion of substance use

Expert panel (SURSAC special meeting) in September to provide input needed to support legal policy decision

I would describe 2022 as a learning experience in which we found our priorities and now need to learn how to incorporate them.

Brand new to the process, so I don't have any input as of yet.



What went well in 2022?

Frank discussions from a variety of people. The ability to meet people state- wide and share issues and potential responses to SUD.

Lived experience voice

Consistent membership

Focus on DEI

Challenged the status quo

The ability to introduce alternative options for individuals suffering from addiction or mental health issues. Being able to have some grace for those impacted by addiction and not allowing their choices to have such a long term impact on lives

Very robust participation from many perspectives

Group of individuals interested in making changes to improve the current system.

ALLOWING PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPRIENCE IN THE ROOM TO ADD ON TO POLICY CHANGE THAT IMPACT THEM



What went well in 2022?

I learned a lot about the legislative process and met some quality people.

Subcommittees and opportunity for public input and engagement

Solidarity built across the state to respond to the circumstances created by this work.

Commitment of much time



What recommendations are you most proud of / excited about in the SURS Plan?

Safe Supply

Hubs

safe supply planning committee

N/A

Safe supply

Drug Decriminalization

Health Hubs

The recommendation to decriminalize UPCS

No court fines for drug users

What recommendations are you most proud of / excited about in the SURS Plan?

Housing

MOUD in jail programs

More accessibility to life changing resources

Hubs

Comprehensive health hubs for people who use drugs

Health hubs for people who use drugs
Speeding up same day diagnosis
Beginning the conversation on safe supply

No criminal penalties for personal possession

MOUD and jail programs

Decriminalization is smart. Safe supply is important. Narcan in schools is a life saver



What recommendations are you most proud of / excited about in the SURS Plan?

Anything related to harm reduction, when the streets can get cleaner people can feel safer in general

More medical treatment options for all people with SUD. A holistic view for the need for housing, employment and treatment.

Be strategic, we wasted the first few months, and then didn't have time to address all recommendations

Education fighting stigma

MOUD in jails

Get the rules, boundaries and timelines clear from the outset. They changed continually which was unbelievably, mind numbingly, soul crushingly frustrating.

Not using the criminal justice system to address a public health issue

Help for the children and family members for people in recovery.

Center PWLE's voices. Going forward we could have monthly meetings where half of them are presentations from PWLE on crucial issues we need to work on

Where do you see room for improvement in 2023?

Centering voices of those with lived/living experience

DEI

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Hopefully we have MUCH more data and community involvement to work with.

Community buy in, advocating for more wide spread acceptance from our community partners including law enforcement

Real understanding of the plan to decriminalize and how we can jump in to help these clients.

These issues deserve far more time than we have been able to give them

Increased referrals into treatment services for all individuals suffering from substance use disorders

Continue to have lived experience at the table



Where do you see room for improvement in 2023?

Creating respectful and inclusive policy processes at HCA

More harm reduction policies being put in place, more policies centered on the point of view of lived experience folks, policies that really support safe supply in our state.

It feels like I'm here, but not heard.

bolstering the public health response while tamping down the legal response

Bring law enforcement to the table

A step by step plan to help people who are justice involved; drug courts? expunging records? DOSA clients from the prison system.

Drugs and drug use should remain a public health issue, not a criminal issue. Police should be given some power back regarding actually crime while they are trained to refer according to recovery navigator program

Telling more stories so that the law enforcement understands that these works are not new but from a place

Engagement with the LEAD model



Where do you see room for improvement in 2023?

Increased access to methadone state wide

More time to address/discuss these issues. At times it felt very rushed

Family engagement

How do we remove the stigma and record of a criminal charge for the disease of substance use disorder? We should have a statewide roadmap.

