

Session Name: Defining Public Safety Standards	
Date:	Tuesday November 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2018

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<u>Topic</u>	<u>Key themes or ideas shared, questions &amp; discussion</u>
<p><b>“Safer Gigs”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Defining Public Safety Standards</b></li><li>• <b>Strategies about Harm reduction (talking about people overdosing in public spaces)</b></li><li>• <b>What type of events do these services cover?</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Quick round table introductions + roles</b></li><li>• <b>What are people interested in learning about</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Curious about public events and interaction</b></li><li>○ <b>Bystander intervention</b></li><li>○ <b>Safety amongst physical objects</b></li><li>○ <b>Family focused events</b></li><li>○ <b>Special events specific</b></li><li>○ <b>Community events</b></li><li>○ <b>Inclusion + diversity</b></li><li>○ <b>Safe space within events for both artists and patrons</b></li></ul></li><li>• <b>Naloxone Kit (overdose kit – opioid blocker) – have in our office or spaces</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Harm reduction</b></li><li>○ <b>Can get at any pharmacy</b></li></ul></li><li>• <b>City of Hamilton, safe injection sites (overdose prevention sites)</b></li><li>• <b>Fentanyl is the main killer and becoming involved in other drugs (4 salt grains worth can put someone into an over dose)</b></li><li>• <b>Risk side – how is administered covered? Good Samaritan act – covered.</b></li><li>• <b>Don’t be afraid to call EMS</b></li><li>• <b>Having support with you is always good</b></li><li>• <b>Bystander intervention training ?</b></li><li>• <b>Is this Naloxone kit included in the regular first aid CPR training? Should it be ? – Answer around the table is no it is not currently included in First Aid Training – It should be.</b></li><li>• <b>Breaking down the stigma on needle uses</b></li><li>• <b>What type of events are they usually at?</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Musical festivals</b></li><li>○ <b>Art festivals</b></li><li>○ <b>Basically anywhere there are public gatherings</b></li></ul></li><li>• <b>What does their event set up look like?</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Usually a table or 10 x 10 space</b></li></ul></li></ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Questions / Discussion points</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Come prepared with kits to discuss sexual ed with condoms, etc.</b></li><li>○ <b>Set up things in bathrooms (snorting kits)</b></li><li>○ <b>Do you make the kits yourself?</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Supplied by the AIDS network of Hamilton</b></li><li>▪ <b>CATIE.com – popular website for information on the supplies for kits</b></li><li>▪ <b>Easy to make the kits yourself if you wanted to do that</b></li></ul></li><li>○ <b>Draw the line pamphlets – awareness on sexual violence</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>A list of Ontario Resources</b></li></ul></li><li>○ <b>ZENE Booklet - What does safety inclusiveness look like at events – call for submissions and put together a resource, education pamphlet</b></li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Do they offer services to come to an event to participate?</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Yes! On a volunteer basis</b></li><li>○ <b>Running workshops at events</b></li><li>○ <b>Want to get more exposure</b></li></ul></li><li>• <b>They put on own events</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>More apt to go to an event to which they know the space and mandate of what to expect at the event</b></li><li>○ <b>Safe space policy they follow at all times (Safe space strategy)</b></li><li>○ <b>Tools are meant to empower venues and festival to take and promote within their spaces</b></li></ul></li><li>• <b>Trying create a culture in which a safe public space is a standard and non</b></li></ul> <p><b>Questions / Discussion points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Had to kick an artist off a show due to some racism.</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Contractual obligations?</b></li><li>○ <b>How do you handle the back lash of the public when the artist throws a fit?</b></li><li>○ <b>How do you vet the artists?</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Research the artists</b></li><li>• <b>Contractual obligations</b></li><li>• <b>Guidelines and policies</b></li></ul></li></ul></li><li>• <b>This is not that type of discussion – this discussion is more geared towards harm reduction specifically drugs, sexual assault, violence</b></li></ul>
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	<p><b>etc. Physically safe in the space not so much about event content and artist performances</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Promoting the use of a “safe space” and what that means to the public</b></li> <li>• <b>This sessions is more about safe inclusion than public safety standards – 2 totally different things</b></li> </ul>
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What does safety and inclusivity mean at events? Places we are inviting people into.

What does Safer Gigs do to ensure this?

- Set up booths at events; provides resources; naloxone kits
- Reduce harm before it happens; create a culture of that
- By-stander intervention, and train this as well

What can we do to advocate to have naloxone kits?

- Provided for free at the pharmacy and will provide training; people can use at their own discretion
- Waterloo does not have kits
- Kitchener have arranged for training and own naloxone kits for events; community centres are not doing it
- North Vancouver large events have harm reduction tests; not all events in BC do.
- Catie.org is a resource

Safer Gigs Hamilton, A Guide to Safer Gigs

- Working to create safer spaces, inclusive of others’ lived experiences
- Safer Gigs is volunteer based, majority of materials distributed have been given to them for free. Want to help people help themselves. Focussed to Hamilton. Social bridge to harm reduction.

Look into the community for Aids groups, they will also be focused on harm reduction. They will be a resource for you, and you can connect them back to your space.

Make it part of the Event's Risk Assessment, making it part of the plan. Identify barriers and be proactive.

Creating programming that is diverse and accessible.

Focus on procedure, it doesn't have to just be policy.

In Australia they have drink orders advertised in women's washroom's that signify a need for help from the bartender.

Sexual harassment can happen anywhere; drug use can happen anywhere; have a mandate in place that outlines your expectations for the event for everyone to follow.

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<b>Defining Public Safety Standards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Event is any place where people gather</li><li>• Hope to give you all the skills and knowledge in order to react appropriately to risk</li><li>• Safer Gig – resource booth</li><li>• Naloxone kit – free at the pharmacy in Ontario – they will train you on how to use it, how to notice overdose and how not to overreact – needle form or nasal spray</li><li>• Fearfulness of using the kit – good samaritan law –</li><li>• You will not harm someone by administering</li><li>• Can help for 10-15 mins max – enough time to call an ambulance</li><li>• Don't keep it in your car</li><li>• It does have an expiry date</li><li>• Safe snorting kits – put on table or in bathroom of events they run – catie website where you can order things for free</li><li>• List of Ontario resources for violence, sexual harassment, fleeing violence – could be hired to train staff or create policy</li><li>• Safer gigs guide to safer gigs – information sharing</li><li>• What steps would you take to identify needs in your community?</li><li>• Surveyed community demographics, what makes you feel safe? Do you attend events that are diverse or people like you? Who is performing? Describe the space you are in. Do you feel pressure to indulge in drugs and alcohol at these events you attend?</li><li>• Is there any connection between the two or is it random?</li></ul>

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- Spread the message throughout communities
  - Safe space network based in Toronto
  - Safer space contract agreement – append to performer agreements to ensure policy is followed within the public space
  - As individuals being advocates for this is what will implement change