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AFPC Special Interest Group Terms of Reference Substance Use and Health

PURPOSE & GOAL (MISSION):

The Substance Use and Health SIG shall focus on, promote and address key issues in pharmacy education and practice related to substance use. The SIG will assist programs to address current and future requirements of their curriculum related to substance use, serve as a resource for educators and pharmacy faculties in Canada by contributing to expertise in substance use related pharmacy education, as well as collaborate and support one another.

OBJECTIVES:

- To explore and identify key areas of learning for pharmacy students in the field of substance use including:
 - Therapeutics
 - Social and structural determinants of health
 - Policy
 - Advocacy
 - Public health
- To promote effective educational practices that prepare pharmacy students for competent, person-centered care in the prevention and management of substance use.
- To track emerging policy issues that shape access, regulation, and service delivery related to substance use and health.
- To support coordinated advocacy that advances the pharmacist role in prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery.
- To enable and support idea sharing, research, and scholarly contributions amongst faculties/schools and pharmacy faculty specializing in related/relevant topics.

DELIVERABLES:

A list of deliverables should be provided and modified when needed in Appendix I. The goal is to make sure that the completed SIG objectives are visible and shared.

MEMBERSHIP:

All AFPC members (faculty or staff) who are interested in the SIG's objectives are eligible to join. Invited guests can be added when required (e.g., content matter experts, students). If the list is too long, it can be reduced to one member per Faculty. The appended membership list (appendix II) should be completed and forwarded to pmoreau.afpc@icloud.com initially and when modified.

TERM LENGTH:

Chair or Co-Chairs are nominated by and selected from SIG members and should serve a minimum of one year. The ideal term for an individual to hold each position is 2-3 years. When Co-Chairs are leading the SIG, every attempt should be made to stagger each Co-Chair's term. Members can serve as long as they are contributing actively to the SIG as assessed by the chair and co-chair.

MEETINGS:

The number of meetings is not fixed and depends on the objectives and their timeline. The annual meeting should be held in conjunction with the AFPC conference CEPRC when possible.

REPORTING:

The SIG Chair(s) report to the Education or the Research Committee depending on the objective of the SIG. The AFPC's executive director may ask for additional reports if needed by committees, councils or the Board of Directors. Reports could be published on AFPC's website.

REMUNERATION:

There is no remuneration for participating in a SIG. Contributions are expected to be "in kind". Special funds may be allocated for Board approved projects. However, such funds cannot support the contribution of AFPC members.

APPENDIX I

Expected Deliverables

Responsible (who)	Description (what)	Timeline (when)
Co-Chairs	Recruit SIG founding members	Jan 2026
Co-Chairs	Submit the SIG (founding members, ToR) for AFPC approval	Jan 2026
Co-Chairs	Recruit additional SIG members	Feb 2026
Co-Chairs	Plan a CPERC SIG “launch” meeting	Feb 2026
All Members	CPERC inaugural meeting	June 2026
	<i>TBD</i>	

APPENDIX II

SIG Membership

Role	University	Name	Year start
<i>*Founding member</i>			
Co-chair*	University of Alberta	Essi Salokangas	2026
Co-chair*	University of Waterloo	Dr. Michael Beazely	2026
Member*	Memorial University of Newfoundland	Dr. Lisa D. Bishop	2026
Member	Memorial University of Newfoundland	Catherine Balsom	2026
Member	Memorial University of Newfoundland	Jennifer Donnan	2026
Member*	Dalhousie	Meghan MacKenzie	2026
	Dalhousie	Andrea Murphy	2026
Member	Université Laval	<i>TBD</i>	
Member	Université de Montréal	<i>TBD</i>	
Member	University of Toronto	<i>TBD</i>	
Member	University of Ottawa	<i>TBD</i>	
Member*	University of Manitoba	Dr. Dana Turcotte	2026
Member*	University of Saskatchewan	Dr. Katelyn Halpape	2026
Member	University of Alberta	Dr. Candace Necyk	2026
Member*	University of British Columbia	Vaughn Chauvin	2026