
Consultation Sessions on a National Framework for Action on Substance Use and Abuse

Objectives of the Consultations

- 1- To explore the extent to which there is agreement and commitment for a long-term collaborative approach to the development and implementation of a national framework for action;
- 2- To reflect on, articulate and recommend:
 - a) purpose for an integrated approach to substance abuse in Canada;
 - b) key content areas which the framework should address;
- 3- To identify the key partners who need to be involved in the development and implementation of the framework;
- 4- To discuss the means by which the development of the collaborative process could be operationalized..

Agenda

Day 1: Morning session:

1) Opening

- Welcome and purpose (Beth Pieteron, Health Canada and Michel Perron, Canadian Centre for Substance Abuse)
- Agenda and process (facilitator)
- Participant introductions

Participants will be invited to introduce themselves very briefly (one minute) by speaking to the following points:

 - *name and organization they represent. . .*
 - *the perspective they bring to this consultation. . .*
 - *the most significant issue which from their perspective (or that of their organization) needs to be attended to with regard to substance abuse. . .*
 - *their hope/wish for this meeting. . .*

2) What do we mean by a National Framework for Action?

- Preliminary and exploratory ideas from Canada (Presentation by Beth Pieteron and Michel Perron)
- First reactions

Small group discussions followed by a plenary discussion on the potential advantages/benefits of a national framework and on the concerns related to developing such a national framework for action.

Afternoon session:

3) Giving ourselves a working assumption: the purpose of a National Framework.

4) Building the Framework

Day 2

5) Building the Framework Cont'd.

6) How a national Framework could be operationalized.

7) Closing session

- Final recommendations
- Next steps (Beth Pieteron and Michel Perron)

Note: There will be at least one break (often two) in each half-day block of time.

Day 1:

8:00 Coffee, muffins, etc.
8:30 Opening
12:00 Lunch
13:00 Afternoon session begins
16:30 End of day 1
16:30 Closure

Day 2:

8:00 Coffee, muffins, etc.
8:30 Opening
12:30 Closure