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To Brigitte Sobush,

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Re: Request to present on the Harm Reduction Home at the September and October committee meetings.

On behalf of the Canadian Mental Health Association Sudbury /Manitoulin Branch I would like to request an opportunity to present an update on the implementation of the Harm Reduction Home also known as the Managed Alcohol Program for the Sudbury/ Manitoulin Region. We are looking to further discuss how Council can support this valuable Housing First Initiative.

We are looking for a presentation spot on both the September and October committee meetings as there will be project activities which will be generating new information each month for the committee meetings. The program has been acknowledged and referenced in the Mayor's State of the City address and has received letters of support from a multitude of community leaders.

We feel that this is an opportunity for collaboration with the CMHA to put City of Sudbury's Housing First Initiative at the front and center of the province and save precious city funds in EMS and Police Services use as the home is operating with the goals of:

1. Reducing repeat ED visits, hospitalizations, police involvement, EMS use for homeless individuals with history chronic alcohol abuse
2. Improvements in health and well-being for program participants
3. Transitioning individuals to more stable supportive housing and reducing homelessness.

We look forward to presenting and hope you will consider our request. If you require more information please let us know.

Kind Regards,

Marion Quigley