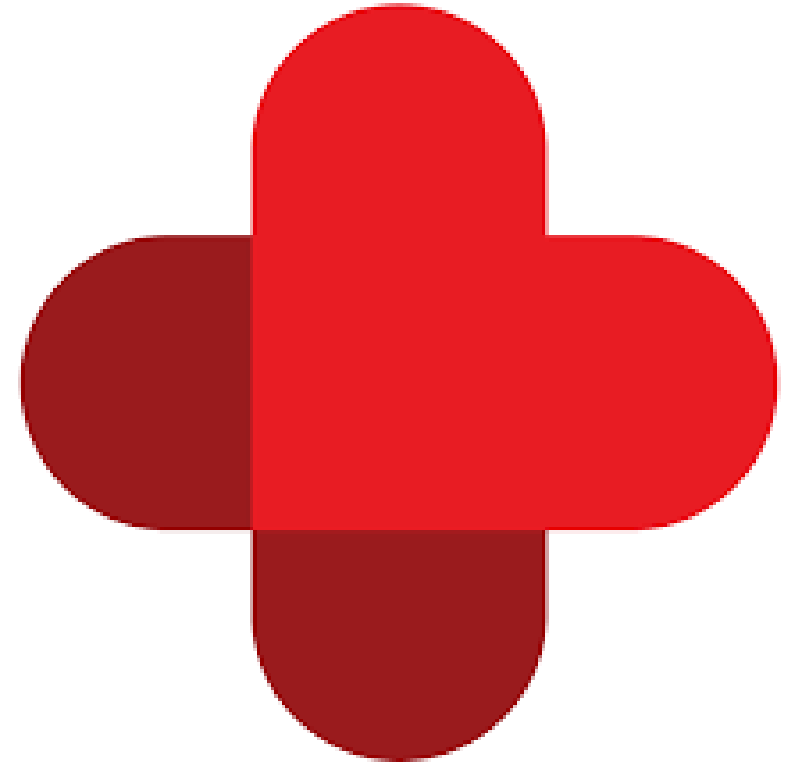


# YES TO SCS

Yes to Safe Consumption  
Spaces – Seattle/King  
County

## a presentation on local strategies for implementing SCS

**Seattle City Council  
Public Safety and Human Services Committee  
September 22, 2020**



Yes to SCS is a Project with Public Defender Association (PDA)

# **YES to SCS Presentation**

- **Coalition member introductions**
- **Yes to SCS timeline**
- **Local strategy for SCS implementation**
- **SCS legal landscape**
- **Health care perspective for local SCS strategy**
- **Service provider perspective for local SCS strategy**
- **Questions and comments**

# Coalition Member Introductions

**Lisa Daugaard** – Public Defender Association (PDA) Director

**Jesse Rawlins** – Public Defender Association (PDA) Public Policy Manager

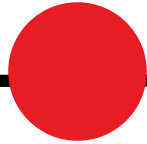
**Mark Cooke** – American Civil Liberties Union of Washington (ACLU-WA) Campaign for Smart Justice Policy Director

**Michael Ninburg** – Hepatitis Education Project (HEP) Executive Director

**Lisa Etter-Carlson** – Aurora Commons Co-Founder

# Yes to SCS Timeline

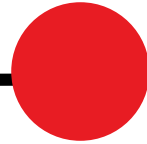
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**Heroin and  
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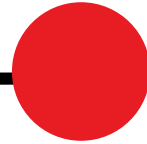
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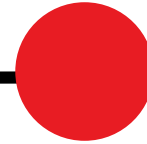


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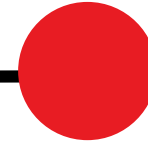
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**2020**



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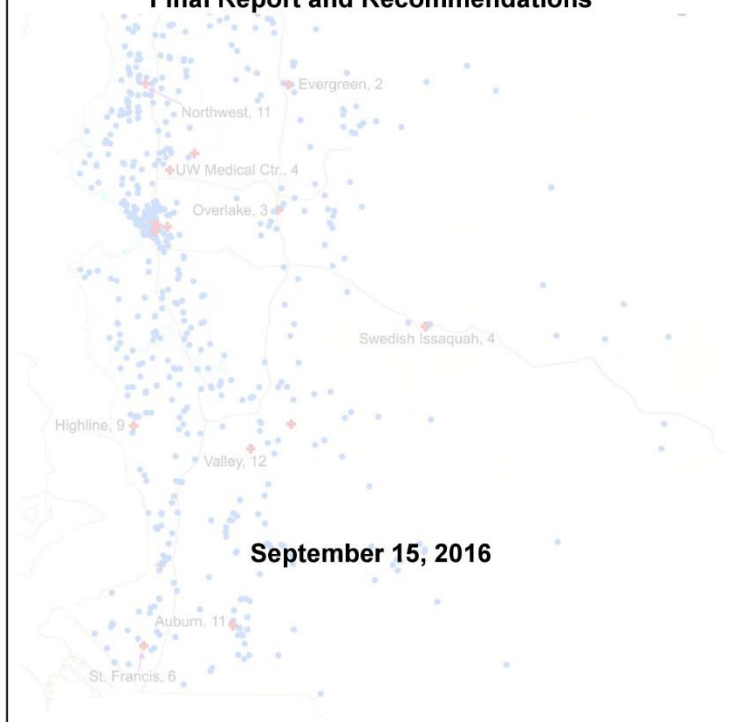
**Local SCS  
Strategy**

# Local Strategy for SCS Implementation

Supervised consumption services (SCS) implemented at existing low barrier social service locations is an evolution in strategy for local SCS operation and an acceptable alternative to a stand-alone site that is practiced internationally, is likely to serve more people, and is supported by data.

## Heroin and Prescription Opiate Addiction Task Force

### Final Report and Recommendations



IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, :  
Plaintiff, : CIVIL ACTION  
No. 19-0519  
v. :  
SAFEHOUSE, a Pennsylvania nonprofit :  
Corporation; JOSE BENITEZ, as President :  
and Treasurer of Safehouse, :  
Defendants. :

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SAFEHOUSE, a Pennsylvania nonprofit :  
Corporation, :  
Counterclaim Plaintiff, :  
v. :  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, :  
Counterclaim Defendant, :  
and :  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE; :  
WILLIAM P. BARR, in his official capacity :  
as Attorney General of the United States; :  
and WILLIAM M. McSWAIN, in his official :  
capacity as U.S. Attorney for the Eastern :  
District of Pennsylvania, :  
Third-Party Defendants. :

McHUGH, J.

FEBRUARY 25, 2020

MEMORANDUM

This case arises out of Defendant Safehouse's proposal to open a safe injection site in Philadelphia to mitigate the harms resulting from unlawful opioid abuse, and the Government's determination that opening such a site would be unlawful. Previously, I denied a motion for judgement on the pleadings filed by the United States. ECF 134. In doing so, I concluded that,

No. 20-1422

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, :  
*Appellant,*  
v. :  
SAFEHOUSE, a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation; JOSE BENITEZ, as President and :  
Treasurer of Safehouse, :  
*Appellees.*  
SAFEHOUSE, a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation, :  
*Appellee,*  
v. :  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE; WILLIAM P. BARR, in his official capacity as :  
Attorney General of the United States; AND WILLIAM M. McSWAIN, in his official :  
capacity as U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, :  
*Appellants.*

On Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of  
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# Health Care Perspective for Local SCS

## Implementation



- **Increase service effectiveness**
- **Continuum of care**
- **Mitigating unsafe consumption**

# **Service Provider Perspective for Local SCS Implementation**



**Currently across Seattle, unsafe or unsupervised drug consumption occurs in social service locations that provide services to vulnerable people who use drugs.**



**Final  
questions  
and  
comments**

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