

Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network

2nd Annual General Meeting
Resolutions 2000

1. Inuit Linguistic Access

Whereas: The Board of CAAN has accepted the Canadian Inuit HIV/AIDS network (CIHAN) as a full member; and

Inuktitut is both a living and the official language of Nunavut; and

The full and meaningful participation of Inuit requires both verbal and written linguistic access;

Be it resolved that: CAAN endeavor to provide Inuit linguistic access; and

CAAN and CIHAN join forces to persuade the federal government of Canada to provide funding for Inuit linguistic access from sources other than those currently set aside for HIV/AIDS prevention, education, care and support.

Motion Carried

2. HIV/AIDS Surveillance

Whereas: CAAN has developed an HIV/AIDS surveillance and teaching tool entitled “Understanding HIV/AIDS Epidemiology”; and

This tool will be nationally and internationally distributed, and utilized; and

The tool has been presented and discussed at the CAAN 2000 AGM;

Be it resolved that: The CAAN 2000 AGM endorses “Understanding HIV/AIDS Epidemiology”; and

“Understanding HIV/AIDS epidemiology” be dedicated to Aboriginal PHA’s and to those who have passed on to the spirit world.

Motion Carried

3. National Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Strategy

Whereas: Previous CAAN AGM’s have recommended the design and development of a National Aboriginal HIV/AIDS strategy; and

The CAAN National Office is focused on the policy, coordination and collaboration organized around 5 components identified in the Executive Director's Report:

- Prevention and Promotion;
- Research;
- Policy, Coordination and Collaboration;
- International Development; and
- Corrections

CAAN 2000 AGM wishes to provide additional support and direction to the CAAn Board and National Office;

Be it resolved that: CAAN establish a National Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Strategy Development Committee to prepare a draft strategy to be completed for February 27, 2001.

Motion Carried

4. Alternative Funding

Whereas: CAAN is federally funded and is entering its last year of committed operational funding; and

Members present examined several ways to develop and secure alternative funding during the AGM discussion of the 1999 and 2000 Auditors Report; and

The Auditor recommends that CAAN apply for a line of credit with its financial institute;

Be it resolved that: CAAN aggressively pursue a line of credit in the nature of an overdraft from its financial institution; and

CAAN be directed to establish a contingency fund.

Motion Carried

5. Aboriginal AIDS Awareness Day

Whereas: The previous CAAN AGM has recommended that December 1 be established as Aboriginal AIDS Awareness Day; and

The purpose of the Aboriginal AIDS Awareness Day is to provide a focuess opportunity to recognize and advocate for the increased awareness of the issues and concerns of Aboriginal people affect by HIV/AIDS;

Be it resolved that: The CAAN Board is hereby directed to take the initiative each year to establish a there for Aboriginal AIDS Awareness Day

Motion Carried

6. Constitution and Code of Ethics

Whereas: The attached draft organization constitution and code of ethics were presented and discussed by member at the duly constituted CAAN 2000 AGM; and

Several issues regarding the further clarification were identified in the discussion and will be reflected in the minutes;

Be it resolved that: The draft organizational constitution and code of ethics are hereby accepted; and

A report on the status of the constitution and code of ethics be presented at the next AGM.

Motion Carried

7. Rapid testing jurisdiction in Aboriginal Communities

Whereas: Rapid testing kits have no become accessible to health care practitioners; and

Rapid testing is not being provincially mandated;

Be it resolved that: CAAN explore the potential for partnership with ITC, MNC, AFN, NICHRO and all key stakeholder organizations and develop national guidelines for the implementation of Rapid Testing in all Aboriginal Communities including prison.

Motion Carried

8. Analysis and Policy Development for AASO's

Whereas: AASO's across Canada function at varying skill levels regarding organizational HIV/AIDS policy development and policy analysis; and

There is an increasing need for collaboration and information sharing on policy analysis and policy development among AASO's across Canada;

Be it resolved that: CAAN coordinate skills and capacity development regarding HIV/AIDS Policy, analysis and development in Aboriginal communities.

Motion Carried

9. Communications Development

Whereas: ASSO's across Canada function at varying levels of skill and capacity regarding communications with other organizations, communications and populations they serve; and

Sharing of information, tools and skills is limited from AASO's to AASO's from region to region;

Be it resolved that: CAAN coordinate skills and capacity in relationship to the development of the skills link project of AASO's.

Motion Carried

10. Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Research

Whereas: National Health Research Development Program (NHRDP) is currently the research funding agency for HIV/AIDS; and

Aboriginal research is to be owned, controlled and accessible to, and be conducted by and for Aboriginal people in Canada;

Be it resolved that: CAAN take the lead role in negotiating and prioritizing NHRDP Aboriginal HIV/AIDS research funding to Aboriginal communities;

CAAN negotiate and create partnerships to establish an Aboriginal specific ethical review process for Aboriginal research.

Motion Carried

11. National Aboriginal Information Project

Be it resolved that: CAAN coordinate culturally sensitive, relevant national Aboriginal HIV/AIDS information programs specifically for men, youth, children, families and women;
and

CAAN negotiate and assist a national APHA gathering in Canada.

Motion Carried

12. Life Insurance

Be it resolved that: CAAN do advocacy and negotiation in providing sustainable and adequate benefits for APHA's in Canada, or for those who wish to take the opportunity.

Motion Carried

13. Back to Work Training

Be it resolved that: CAAN negotiate and organize in providing bridge programs and back-to-work training for APHA's in Canada.

Motion Carried

14. National Committees and Sub-Committees

Be it resolved that: CAAN identify supplemented funding sources to establish national committees, sub-committees, and ad hoc committees to address Aboriginal HIV/AIDS issues such as:

- Financial Planning
- Youth
- Women
- Education / Prevention
- Legal / Ethical

Motion Carried

15. Native Physicians

Be it resolved that: CAAN identify supplemental funding sources to coordinate, partner and provide training for Aboriginal HIV/AIDS prevention, care, treatment and support issues with native physicians, NICHRO, Aboriginal Nurses Association and the Canadian Medical Association.

Motion Carried

16. International Communication

Be it resolved that: CAAN continue international communications and meetings to share information with international indigenous and non-indigenous people.

Motion Carried

17. For French Translation

Whereas: There is a need to have a greater distribution of information to members and groups which work for Aboriginal people and all APHA's across Canada; and

Among these there exists Francophone regions that do not have access to information that originate from other resources;

Be it resolved that: CAAN secure funding outside the Canadian AIDS Strategy for translation in order to have documents available in both official languages; and

CAAN continue international communications and meetings to share information with international indigenous people.

Motion Carried

18. Simultaneous Translation

Whereas: CAAN is a national organization that is accountable to its membership and the communities that it serves; and

It is stated in the proposed organizational constitution under article 1, item b that CAAN must provide a central body to facilitate communications between and the exchange of ideas among the constituent members in both official languages; and

Francophone APHA's are underrepresented among CAAN delegates;

There is no simultaneous translation during the AGM;

Be it resolved that: In order to have Francophone representation and participation during the CAAN AGM, CAAN insures that for every AGM there is a simultaneous translation and that every document be available in both official languages during the AGM (if necessary).

Motion Carried

19. Endorsement

Be it resolved that: Scholarship applicants endorsed by a sponsoring agency will be given preference.

Motion Carried

20. Saskatchewan Advocacy for Resources

Be it resolved that: CAAN lobby aggressively on behalf of for resources that will serve the needs of Aboriginal people affected and infected by HIV/AIDS

Motion Carried

21. Turtle Island

Be it resolved that: CAAN in collaboration with all key stakeholders undertake the development of educational tools and resources that restores and enhances the traditional rose of 2-spirited people on turtle island.

Motion Carried

22. Communications

Be it resolved that: CAAN improves printed communications to membership and Aboriginal agencies and communities.

Motion Carried

23. Hep C / HIV Kit

Be it resolved that: CAAN initiate an integrate Hep C and HIV education resource kit for community levels for Inuit, Métis, First Nation and Non-Treaty.

Motion Carried

24. Phase II Harm Reduction:

Be it resolved that: CAAN secure adequate resources for phase II of the Harm Reduction Model including concrete deliverables for immediate distribution.

Motion Carried

25. Membership Criteria

Be it resolved that: A person is of Aboriginal descent and is affected by a family member's diagnosis of HIV/AIDS and whose work is a direct service to Aboriginal people living with HIV/AIDS will be considered for full membership of CAAN; and

A non-Aboriginal AIDS service organization that has a demonstrated Aboriginal component that provides direct services to Aboriginal people infected with HIV/AIDS be considered for full membership.

Motion is defeated

26. Grievance Procedure

Whereas: CAAN does not have a grievance policy in place for its membership;

Be it resolved that: CAAN develop policy and procedure for dealing with grievances its members may put forward to the Board of Directors of CAAN.

A grievance committee be put in place have these policies and procedures develop by December 2000.

Motion was withdrawn

27. APHA Coordinator

Be it resolved that: CAAN hire an APHA coordinator to provide support in development a permanent APHA caucus to assist

Motion Carried

28. Senate

Be it resolved that: Upon acceptance of the CAAN constitution and the Senate implementation, 51% of Senator seats will be allocated for APHA's representative of all three aboriginal groups.

Motion Carried

29. APHA Board Seats

Be it resolved that: The two APHA board seats on the CAAN Board of Directors be determined regardless of gender by the APHA caucus, ensuring they are full voting CAAN members.

Motion Carried

30. APHA Proxy

Be it resolved that: In the event that the designated APHA director on the board of CAAN is unable to attend the CAAN board meeting, that a proxy from the region where the meeting is being held may be appointed by the APHA board director.

Motion Carried

31. Traditional Healing

Be it resolved that: The CAAN Board work into its budget new funding an allocation funding to provide for a CAAN APHA caucus gathering for traditional healing and information exchange.

Motion Carried

32. APHA Caucus

Be it resolved that: The APHA caucus be one (1) full day before the CAAN AGM.

Motion Carried

33. Manitoba Caucus Resolutions

Be it resolved that: The Manitoba Caucus resolutions be adopted in whole as part of CAAN's resolution process.

Motion Carried

End