

Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network

13th Annual General Meeting
Resolutions 2011

1. Support for CTN CAAN Research

Whereas: CAAN is the national voice of APHAs; and
The Clinical Trials Network (CTN) made presentation to the APHA Caucus; and
APHA Caucus unanimously supported the CTN Initiative; and
CTAC has an Aboriginal Working Group (AWG);

Be it resolved that: CAAN sign an MOU with CTAC; and

CAAN works with CTN (AWG) and the CTAC AWG to ensure a strain specific
AIDS vaccine specifically for Saskatchewan is researched and developed under
the OCAP principles.

Motion Carried

2. Extra APHA Day

Whereas: CAAN APHA Caucus which has representation from across Canada; and
Current schedule of APHA participation at CAAN limits the networking,
knowledge exchange and strategizing;

Be it resolved that: CAAN dedicates one of its Skills Building tracks to APHA's skill development
needs to be determined by APHAs; and

CAAN develop an APHA resolutions timeslot; and

The APHA Caucus be scheduled for the day after the CAAN AGM.

Motion Carried

3. Child and Family Services

Whereas: Discrimination and ignorance of HIV/AIDS threatens the ability of Aboriginal
Families to retain primary care of their children; and

Families are being torn apart by inappropriate child apprehension from Child and Family Services; and

That cultural sensitivity training is lacking within the Child and Family Services;

Be it resolved that: CAAN develop a tool kit for child and family workers about culturally appropriate interactions with Aboriginal families who are living with HIV and AIDS.

Motion Carried

4. APHA Comfort Seating

Whereas: Some APHAs have bone density and bone degenerative problems ie. Neuropathy due to medications and life events and have to have meetings for short periods missing vital input or sharing; and

APHAs and aging is an ongoing concern;

Be it resolved that: CAAN have on an ample supply of obusborme cushioning at all CAAN meetings/conferences available for APHAs with special needs.

Motion Carried

5. Price of APHA Knowledge is Support

Whereas: Proper and continual support for newly diagnosed and long term survivors is needed; and

In all cases of clinical trials, studies and care, access to support is losing focus; and

Support is the price for APHA knowledge;

Be it resolved that: CAAN develop a position statement to encourage researchers to negotiate with participants and provided appropriate support in each research undertaking.

Motion Carried

6. Social Networking Templates, Policy and Procedures

Whereas: Social Networking via Twitter, Facebook, etc. are becoming commonplace tools of communication; and

Confidentiality and potential liability issues associated with those forms of social networking are typically not provided for in existing organizational policy and procedure;

Be it resolved that: CAAN develop templates of policy and procedures for its membership.

Motion Carried

7. Scholarship Funding

Whereas: Many APHAs are on a fixed income and/or living below the poverty line; and

Ground transportation costs for APHAs to CAAN events can be prohibitively expensive;

Be it resolved that: CAAN provides minimum ground transportation funds to APHA participants in advance of CAAN events; and

There be continuity of instructions about location of meetings/conferences; and

All delegates sign and adhere to a CAAN travel policy.

Motion Carried

8. Men Who Have Sex with Women

Whereas: Heterosexual sex is the second highest method of HIV transmission for Aboriginal people; and

There is a lack of programming focused on Aboriginal men; and

Women have disproportionate rates of HIV and are in relationships with men through IDU activities, survival sex trade and intimate relationships;

Be it resolved that: CAAN undertakes a project with Aboriginal men who have sex with women; and

CAAN undertakes a needs assessment exploring the issue of MSW.

Motion Carried

9. Young Aboriginal Two-Spirit & Young MSM

Whereas: culturally relevant support to young Aboriginal Two-Spirit & young MSM in rural and remote communities is needed; and

There is a lack of funding and programs for young Aboriginal Two-Spirit & young MSM; and

There is a lack of networking and crisis intervention with options to introduce cultural teachings and possible mentorship with Elder peers;

Be it resolved that: CAAN undertake and prioritize creating resources and networks.

Motion Carried

10. Aboriginal Infants and Children

Whereas: The Aboriginal infants are over represented in incidence and prevalence of perinatal HIV in Canada; and

Aboriginal children are affected both directly and indirectly through HIV infections in Canada; and

Aboriginal infants and children are affected as a result of loss of their mothers/parents through HIV and AIDS and their needs must be addressed;

Be it resolved that: CAAN advocate for Aboriginal infants and children affected directly and indirectly through development of a national strategy on perinatal and pediatric HIV and AIDS.

Motion Carried

11. Aboriginal Women

Whereas: It has been resolved that CAAN strengthen partnerships with Aboriginal women's organizations to address women's issues and HIV; and

A national strategy has been developed on HIV and Aboriginal women; and

A strong political voice is needed for Positive Aboriginal Women (PAW);

Be it resolved that: A formal relationship be established between CAAN and the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) through an MOU for consideration by NWAC leadership to address concerns of Aboriginal women in grassroots communities.

Motion Carried

12. National Aboriginal Youth Council on HIV and AIDS (NAYCHA) Support, Sustainability and Funding

Whereas: In order to foster Aboriginal youth in full participation and leadership in the work of HIV and AIDS, there is a need for concrete support; and

The Young Eagles Challenge and NAYSHAC need specific funding support behind their creation, solidification and implementation of these necessary resource; and

NAYCHA requires ongoing support and guidance of Elders and traditional teachers;

Be it resolved that: CAAN will secure funding for ongoing initiatives for NAYCHA to have sustainable meetings, education, training, capacity building including ongoing Elder guidance and involvement to empower NAYCHA to carry out its work at the aforementioned points. This also includes provision of advanced, adequate time to meet and gather.

Motion Carried

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