

Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting

Resolutions 2001

1. APHA Board Representation

Whereas: The issues of Aboriginal people living with HIV/AIDS make up a large component of the work of the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network; and

The CAAN Board of directors has only two APHA designated seats;

Be it resolved that: The number of APHA designated seats on the CAAN board be increased from 2 to 4; and

All four of the APHA designated seats be chosen by the CAAN APHA caucus, increasing the number of seats on the CAAN board from 12 to 14.

Motion Carried

2. CAAN Métis Membership Funding

Whereas: Métis people in Canada have a difficult time accessing funding from all levels of government for Métis specific HIV/AIDS work; and

The Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network is concerned with the issues of all Aboriginal people equally; and

CAAN respects Métis cultural specific issues;

Be it resolved that: The Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network advocate for directed and specific funding to benefit the CAAN Métis membership, looking at such issues as access to treatment/medical coverage and Métis culturally specific programs and services.

Motion Carried with 5 abstentions

3. APHA Housing and Income Assistance

Whereas: Issues of adequate housing and adequate income are primary concerns for many Aboriginal people living with HIV; and

The Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network has a mandate to provide advocacy for all Aboriginal people living with HIV, regardless of where they reside;

Be it resolved that: The Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network organize and create an advocacy campaign that would address the issues of adequate housing and income assistance for Aboriginal people living with HIV across all regions of Canada.

Motion Carried with 4 opposed

#### 4. HIV Surveillance / Reporting

Whereas: HIV is not at present a reportable disease in all Canadian provinces; and  
Ethical standards for gathering and reporting HIV/AIDS information for Aboriginal people varies from region to region;

Be it resolved that: The Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network advocate to address issues of HIV reportability and ethical standards within Aboriginal communities across Canada, and that all such information fall under the principles of OCAP – Aboriginal ownership, control, access and possession.

Motion Carried with 5 opposed and 6 abstentions

#### 5. APHA Coordination Program Steering Committee

Whereas: The Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network has been funded to undertake a National Aboriginal Persons Living with AIDS Coordination Program; and  
The Activities and outcomes of this APHA coordination program directly impacts Aboriginal people living with HIV/AIDS in Canada;

Be it resolved that: The Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network create a steering committee to advise on the activities/outcomes of this program; and

This steering committee be drawn from the CAAN APHA caucus; and

Until this committee is struck that the APHA caucus be involved in the national APHA coordination program whenever possible, including its evaluation.

Motion Carried with 2 abstentions

6. CAAN Scholarship Participants Evaluation

Be it resolved that: Scholarship recipients submit an evaluation of participation and learning experience back to CAAN and that CAAN design the evaluation tool to ensure that participants learn to the best of their capabilities.

Motion Carried

7. National Aboriginal Youth Organizations

Be it resolved that: CAAN build partnership with all National Aboriginal Youth Organizations.

Motion Carried

8. National Aboriginal Elders Gathering

Be it resolved that: CAAN consult with Elders in advocating, seeking resources and building partnerships to organize a National Elders gathering for information exchange and teaching on HIV/AIDS.

Motion Carried with 3 abstentions

9. Acknowledging APHA's Contribution

Whereas: The AGM of the CAAN has adopted resolution #03MB entitled "Acknowledging APHA Contributions"; and

APHAs are not recognized often enough for their contribution to the struggle;

Be it resolved that: The general assembly requests the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network to provide an eagle feather to those APHAs who have made a contribution.

Motion Withdrawn

10. Membership Orientation Package

Whereas: The Manitoba Regional Caucus has adopted resolution #02MB titled membership orientation package; and

The Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network does not have an orientation manual for its membership;

Be it resolved that: The general assembly requests the creation of an orientation manual for its new members.

Motion Carried

#### 11. Funding Increase

Whereas: The Manitoba Regional Caucus has adopted resolution #01MB titled Funding Increase; and

All aboriginal communities are grossly under-funded to address issues of Aboriginal persons becoming infected with HIV;

Be it resolved that: The general assembly requests that CAAN develop an action plan to secure greater amounts of funding to address the spread of HIV in Aboriginal communities.

Motion Carried

#### 12. Hepatitis C, B and HIV

Whereas: Hepatitis C and co-infection of Hepatitis C, Hepatitis B, and HIV appear to be high in Aboriginal communities; and

There does not appear to be good data on Hepatitis C and Aboriginal communities; and

There are not many Aboriginal Hepatitis C programs;

Be it resolved that: The Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network look for research dollars to look at issues around Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, co-infection and Aboriginal people to provide direction to the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network and other Aboriginal AIDS Service Agencies in taking on Hepatitis C work.

Motion Carried

#### 13. HIV / HCV Co-Infection funding

Be it resolved that: CAAN secure funding for individuals co-infected with HIV/HCV and individuals with HCV for education, care and support.

Motion Withdrawn

#### 14. Grief, Loss and Trauma

Whereas: Workers, volunteers, staff at AASOs experience grief, loss, trauma issues that impact them at a personal and professional level;

Be it resolved that: CAAN take a leadership role assisting in the design of culturally sensitive grief, loss, trauma training for staff and volunteers and front line worker in AASOs.

Motion Carried

#### 15. Material Distribution

Whereas: CAAN members produce culturally, appropriate Hep and HIV materials; and

These materials are often expensive to print and these material are important to share; and

Distribution nationally may be outside of each member organization's mandate;

Be it resolved that: CAAN support and help its members in distributing materials nationally within a appropriate budget.

Motion Carried with 5 abstentions

#### 16. HIV Discrimination Policy

Whereas: Many Aboriginal communities and organization do not have policies regard HIV/AIDS; and

Many APHAs experience discrimination due to HIV; and

CAAN has adopted the declaration of Rights of Aboriginal People Living with HIV/AIDS;

Be it resolved that: That CAAN work with the APHA Caucus, the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network in developing a sample HIV policy for Aboriginal Communities and Organizations.

Motion Carried with 1 abstention

#### 17. Aboriginal Families and HIV

Whereas: CAAN is the national organization representing Aboriginal people affected and infected with HIV, including Aboriginal families; and

Aboriginal families are currently in position of silence and uncertainty and personal persecution regarding of HIV/AIDS within the family unit and in the communities;

Be it resolved that: CAAN integrate a family component into the work plan for 2002-2003 with ongoing, sustainable funding in mind, that would indentify issues surrounding family barriers and gaps to services; and

CAAN seek and secure adequate financial resources to do this work; and

Workshops and activities for children, youth and families be included in all events hosted by CAAN.

Motion Carried with 5 abstentions

#### 18. Orphan Issues

Whereas: There are no specific resources information for Aboriginal children or orphans;

Be it resolved that: The CAAN initiate the development of a program for Aboriginal children who become orphans.

Motion Carried

#### 19. Youth HIV / AIDS Issues

Whereas: There are increasing incidence of HIV and Hepatitis C in Aboriginal youth populations;

Be it resolved that: Programs that address youth issues at the national level are addressed by CAAN, including the scholarship program for the 2001/2002 AGM available to infected and affected youth.

Motion Carried with 1 opposed

20. French Translation of the Native Social Work Journal: HIV/AIDS Issues within Aboriginal Populations

Whereas: The Native Social Work Journal has been published, widely distributed, and much appreciated across Canada; and

The French-speaking population (Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal) of Canada has expressed a need to receive a French version of the Journal;

Be it resolved that: CAAN coordinate discussion with government agencies and the owners of the journal to translate, publish and distribute the French version of the Native Social Work Journal: HIV/AIDS Issues within the Aboriginal populations.

Motion Carried

21. Communications

Be it resolved that: The communications strategy, currently in development by CAAN be carried out, in consultation with member organizations to ensure regional differences are accommodated and existing protocols/needs are respected.

Motion Carried

22. Dialectic Differences

Be it resolved that: Building on last year's resolutions linguistic access to information should include dialectic differences for regions now represented in CAAN.

Motion Carried with 1 abstention

23. Data Sources

Be it resolved that: Any public information that CAAN intended to represent Aboriginal population must clearly identify data sources of reflected Aboriginal populations.

Motion Carried

24. AGM Information

Be it resolved that: Information provided at the AGM should be approved by members, should be complete including previous year's minutes, agenda, caucus report and discussion papers if available.

Motion Withdrawn

#### 25. Oak Tree Clinic

Whereas: The Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network is the national voices of APHAs in Canada; and

The Oak Tree clinic works with the HIV positive women and children; and

The Clinic requires increased Aboriginal participation;

Be it resolved that: CAAN explores and initiates a supportive partnership with Oak Tree Clinic on common HIV positive women and children's issues.

Motion Withdrawn and given to board to discuss

#### 26. National APHA Caucus Gather for Traditional Healing

Whereas: Resolution #31 regarding CAAN allocating funding for a national APHA Caucus gather for Traditional Healing and information exchange was passed at the 2000 AGM; and

APHAs have voiced their desire for such a gathering in the year 2002; and

We are aware that HIV impacts on both those who are infected and affect by this disease; and

CAAN has established itself as the leading organizational voice for APHAs on a national level;

Be it resolved that: CAAN support a national APHA gather in Afton, Nova Scotia in the year 2002-2003 fiscal year; and

The 2002 gathering include traditional activities for both infected and affected persons; and

CAAN find within its budget or by means of fundraising activities, the money required to provide for this event.



Motion Carried with 6 abstentions

27. APHA Drums

Whereas: Métis, Innu and First Nations cultures use the drum for traditional ceremonies of healing, of honoring those that have gone before us, and those that are yet to come; and

The APHA Caucus has voiced their desire that an APHA drum be made for each region and that these drums come together at the CAAN 2002 AGM; and

Work on these drums has already been undertaken in Nova Scotia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan by APHAs within those regions;

Be it resolved that: CAAN fully endorse this endeavor

Time be set aside at the 2002 AGM for a drum ceremony to honor those who have gone on to the spirit world.

Motion Withdrawn

28. Regional Forums

Whereas: All regional members are not able to attend AGM; and

The annual caucus meeting is insufficient with regards to time allocation; and

We recognize the value of ongoing dialogue among regional members;

Be it resolved that: CAAN develop, support and commit resources for a regional forum for all CAAN regional members, in addition to the annual general meeting.

Motion Defeated

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