

Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network

11<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
Resolutions 2009

1. CAAN Office

Whereas: The Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network, Board of Directors passed unanimously the relocation of the CAAN office to Vancouver, British Columbia at the November meeting;

Be it resolved that: The membership accept this decision for ratification.

Motion Carried

2. Order of Canada

Whereas: HIV/AIDS Aboriginal champions have long gone unrecognized as mainstream Canadian Society; and

These champions raise awareness of within the Aboriginal AIDS movement;

Be it resolved that: CAAN nominates a champion for induction to the Order of Canada.

Motion Carried

3. Aboriginal Legal Advisory Committee

Whereas: HIV/AIDS Aboriginal cases are rising among Aboriginal individuals, groups, and Nations are affected;

CAAN can examine legal aspects that affects the Aboriginal communities and is able to provide direction in this legal realm; and

CAAN and its membership face issues specific to Aboriginal law (restorative/alternative justice, court workers, Aboriginal liaisons, family law, confidentiality, legal dilemmas, etc.);

Be it resolved that: CAAN work in partnership with Canadian Legal Network and create a legal and paralegal advisory committee.

Motion Carried

#### 4. Solvent Abuse Issues

Whereas: There is a need to create information & education on solvent abuse; and  
CAAN is able to address the major issues of discrimination facing solvent users;  
and  
CAAN needs to address the issues of people living with HIV/AIDS who are active solvent users;

Be it resolved that: be it resolved that CAAN develop and distribute this information on national scale for education purposes.

Motion Carried

#### 5. Substance Use Issues

Whereas: There is a need for mentorship on healthy living for practicing addicts; and  
There is a need for support for addicts to access appointments, medications and testing during pregnancy, etc.; and  
There is a need to investigate how to support parents and living with HIV/AIDS and substance use issues;

Be it resolved that: CAAN creates resources, such as position papers, etc. that will enhance support services for parents and children living with and affected by HIV/AIDS who are involved with substance use.

Motion Carried

#### 6. Aboriginal Poz Prisoners

Whereas: Aboriginal POZ Prisoners lack support ie:  
1) Grieving when diagnosed  
2) Suicide Intervention  
POZ Prisoners are being targeted being of doing HIV+ and face stigma and discrimination;

Corrections superiors/staff need in-services training & information on HIV/AIDS, Hep C, STIs, cross cultural training and harm reduction (ie. Communal Hygiene tools); and

Families, young offenders and inmates need lifelines of support, pre/post incarceration and POZ inmates' advocacy;

Be it resolved that: CAAN create an Aboriginal ex-inmate/front line support council to CAAN to address needs/trends on national level to be all inclusive.

Motion Carried

#### 7. Broadening CAAN

Whereas: Engagement, communication, evaluation, and accountability is lacking due to community experts not being engaged, utilized or included in evaluations and serve inventories across Canada;

Be it resolved that: CAAN develop guiding principles, codes of conduct, evaluation templates for use by AASOs, regional service inventories and issue report cards as a result.

Motion Carried

#### 8. Two-Spirit Training

Whereas: 2-Spirited People of the First Nations produced & implemented training on 2-Spirit/Trans people;

Be it resolved that: CAAN finds funds to deliver training using this manual and model throughout Canada.

Motion Carried

#### 9. Straight Men & Serodiscordant Couples Needs

Whereas: Barriers such as stigma, discrimination and homophobia exists; and

The results of these barriers lead to job loss, loss of opportunity, loss of family and social support networks; and

CAAN conducts surveys, focus groups and other regional consultations to identify the needs (wants) of heterosexual Aboriginal men living with HIV/AIDS;

Be it resolved that: CAAN search to secure funding for said programs.

Motion Carried

#### 10. Aboriginal Research Training Centre

Whereas: Aboriginal Peoples living with HIV/AIDS, Aboriginal community base HIC/AIDS organizations, Aboriginal and allied researchers have advocated for Aboriginal research dollars; and

The Government of Canada has identified and reports a specific budget for Aboriginal research; and

CIHR has recently adopted the guidelines for health research involving Aboriginal Peoples; and

No Aboriginal applicants were successful in the competition for a centre for population health and health services research development in HIV/AIDS;

Be it resolved that: (by the APHA Caucus of CAAN)

CIHR ensure funds designated for Aboriginal research are used for research relevant to Aboriginal peoples specifically that is guided by Aboriginal Peoples, for Aboriginal People; and

Funds designated for Aboriginal research are not transferred to non-Aboriginal research.

Motion Carried

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