

Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network

15th Annual General Meeting
Resolutions 2014

1. APHA Portal

Whereas: There is no central depository for APHA resources and communication on a national level; and

The APHA Caucus expresses a need for an online knowledge exchange depository; and

The CAAN APHA research catalyst grant project “Lay of the Land – Developing A Leadership Intervention Initiative” identified the need for the creation of the APHA Portal;

Be it resolved that: CAAN seek funding to create the APHA Portal

Motion Carried

2. Honoring Icons of Yesteryear

Whereas: The lifetime of APHAs/PAWS and others that are affected by HIV are not infinite and time is limited, we need to honor and support those achievement s that Aboriginal brothers and sisters who have journeyed to the spirit world. These achievements continue to assist and benefit people living with HIV long after their inception (ie. Medicine wheel); and

The icons of yesteryear may be called upon and into the rooms to give us guidance and insight. Documentation and memorial written, photos of the past, present and future to capture this eternally (ie. Trailblazer, lifetime achievement);

Be it resolved that: CAAN will develop, implement and operationalize a document recognizing achievements from the historical beginning of CAAN and its APHA members and its guiding us forward;

Previous resolutions surrounding this concept have not come to fruition, therefore any further delay will only complicate this endeavor. Time is of the essence.

Motion Carried

3. Filling the Aboriginal Leadership Void

Whereas: The APHA Caucus has identified there is a perceived lack of Aboriginal Leadership on HIV & AIDS (ie. Chief/Council/Mayor/Senators) in our communities; and

There is a need for continued mentorship and information to flow to communities on the growing reality of the impacts of HIV and other related health issues in Aboriginal communities; and

The APHA Caucus recommends improving visibility and future growth of engagement of leaders;

Be it resolved that: CAAN create and support an engagement strategy to promote Aboriginal leadership involvement on HIV and AIDS issues

Motion Carried

4. Stable Homes, Strong Families

Whereas: APHAs continue to experience needs throughout the housing spectrum; and
Stable homes make for strong families; and

CAAN supports APHAs who are homeless, street-involved, under-housed, or unable to secure housing or access housing programs; and

CAAN is positioned to identify municipal, provincial and national jurisdictional issues;

Be it resolved that: CAAN and member AASO's identify housing programs from wet/damp shelters to assisted living facilities which include those that operate for same-sex partners.

Motion Carried

5. Policy Development

Whereas: CAAN strengthens, develops, delivers position papers, and consensus statements;

Be it resolved that: CAAN seeks funding for policy development.

Motion Carried

6. NAYCHA Involvement in Smooth Transition into Holistic Approach which Includes Mental Health

Whereas: CAAN is moving to a holistic approach which includes mental health; and

There is the First Nations, Inuit and Métis section of the mental health commission of Canada's Mental Health Strategy; and

The Mental Health Strategy would ease the holistic transition, particularly in regards to mental health;

Be it resolved that: CAAN consult with the MHCC's Mental Health Strategy and ensure that youth representation is present throughout the process.

Motion Carried

7. NAYCHA/CAAN Supporting Aboriginal Youth / Family Incarceration

Whereas: Aboriginal youth and/or family who are incarcerated, first time offense or repeat offense, one volunteer and in need of emotional support; and

The Department of Justice and Correctional Service of Canada have a harmful "No Physical Contact" policy due to hear of substance/forbidden materials being smuggled in;

Be it resolved that: CAAN, with youth/elder advice, form a committee to improve existing partnership/increase new partnership with the Department of Justice.

Motion Carried

8. Audio Visual Capacity at CAAN Events

Whereas: CAAN member AASOs, partners allies and members produce innovative and quality videos, PSAs, etc.; and

CAAN workshops, presentations, etc. have potential international relevance;

Be it resolved that: CAAN pursue an audio/video continuous display station at all CAAN's national events; and

CAAN pursue webinar and similar modes of knowledge transfer to expand our ability to share amongst the world.

Motion Tabled

9. Indigenous Lens of Treatment as Prevention (TasP)

Whereas: TasP is being promoted as a strategy effective for reducing the transmission of HIV; and

Indigenous people have unique life circumstances that may challenge the effectiveness and appropriateness of TasP; and

The long-term implications of TasP have not been critiqued through an Indigenous lens;

Be it resolved that: CAAN prepare a discussion and/or position paper on TasP and ensure meaningful participation of CAAN members.

Motion Carried

10. Heterosexual Working Group

Whereas: CAAN strives to include all demographics in HIV/AIDS services and working groups; and

HIV/AIDS affects all demographics including aging, gay/lesbian, women and others; and

CAAN continues to break down barriers when it comes to stigma and discrimination;

Be it resolved that: CAAN develop a working group for heterosexual men.

Motion Carried

11. Improved Access to Affordable HAART

Whereas: Nine Circles Community Health Centre is currently in discussion with pharmaceutical companies about affordable HAART treatment;

Be it resolved that: CAAN partner with Nine Circles to ensure the perspective of APHA s regards to universal access to HAART treatment is voices.

Motion Carried

12. National Aboriginal Youth Forum on HIV & HCV

Whereas: Aboriginal youth are increasingly at risk of HIV & HCV;

Be it resolved that: CAAN & NAYCHA coordinate a National Aboriginal Youth conference on HIV and HCV.

Motion Carried

End