

General Assembly October 17, 2007

Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

Facilitator: Ali Grant & Louise Hara

Minutes: Jeff

Call to Order at .9:30

- 1) Welcome by Cheryl Dowden
- 2) Introduction by facilitators
 - a. What are the goals of the conference?
 - i. To bring us together and to have conversations that matter.
 - ii. To contribute to meaningful action
 - iii. Share our hopes
- 3) Acknowledgement of Territory, by Mary Charles, Musqueam Elder
- 4) Group exercise
 - a. Tables elect team leader for duration of today's proceedings
 - b. Visualization exercise: what will make this a worthwhile experience?

- 5) Adoption of agenda

Motion to adopt Agenda

Moved BCCPD; Seconded McLaren Housing: Carried unanimously.

- 6) Adoption of previous General Assembly Minutes

Motion to adopt minutes of General Assembly, March 8-9, 2007.

Moved VIPWA; Seconded Purpose Society: Carried (1 abstention)

- 7) Review of meeting guidelines

- 8) Moment of Silence led by Gary

- 9) Forum Report

- 10) Open space discussion of three issues arising from Forum: housing, harm reduction and treatment.

Actions: Miriam will compile the notes from these discussions and will work with volunteers to draft a letter to government addressing these three issues. For future conference, include in delegate packages documentation explaining what action items that have been put forward from previous PAN conferences have been completed

- 11) Presentation by Ruthann Tucker and Sean Rourke introducing Positive Spaces, Healthy Places
 - a. Question and answer session
 - b. Regional caucus discussion

- 12) Board reports by Cheryl Dowden

- 13) Presentation by Miriam Martin of Strategic Plan and Regional Meeting Proposal
 - a. Question and answer session. Several concerns raised and clarification required, in particular regarding the Regional Meeting proposal.
 - i. We need to make sure support systems are in place to bring people together in these regional meetings
 - ii. A single by-law (3.3) would have to be amended next AGM for the regional meetings to continue after the pilot.
 - iii. In Northern communities logistical barriers would need to be addressed. Is there money and resources to get people from all over the province together?
 - iv. The burden of funding is on PAN and not member agencies
 - v. De-centralization of the work process, solutions may be implemented on a region by region basis and provides the opportunity for regions to take initiatives.
 - vi. Keeping momentum going once the plan has been established is important.

- 14) Presentation by Monique Doolittle-Romas introducing CAS and Day of Action
 - a. Question and Answer session

- 15) Closing
 - a. Game: Something the other delegates might not know about you?

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- 1) Welcome and Overview
 - a. Review of previous days events.
 - b. Application for membership to PAN, Northern HIV & Health Education Society, Sponsored by PWN

Motion to accept the Northern HIV & Health Education Society's application for membership.

Moved Prince George Needle Exchange; Seconded Healing our Spirit: Carried Unanimously

- 2) Regional caucuses
 - a. What would a regional meeting have to look like in our region? What? When? Who? How? etc. What kind of support would be needed?
- 3) Report back from the regional caucuses & consensus building
 - a. Interior Health Region
 - i. Regional meetings are a good thing
 - ii. Move to blood borne pathogens model has increased the number of private contractors involved. The meetings held by these groups could bring interior PAN members together in conjunction with other funding initiatives
 - iii. Using ubc Okanogan conference centers
 - iv. Agenda, treatment updates, work with BCCFE and CATIE
 - v. Bring in front line workers sharing challenges and successes
 - vi. Small meetings provide networking
 - b. Island Health Region
 - i. Not consensus on regional meetings
 - ii. Getting PWAs involved
 - iii. The island has a dispersed PWA population, more positive persons invited and all ASOs
 - iv. To use the resources of the three ASOs on the island to contact persons up north

- v. Planning on an out reach trip, contacting people we personally know instead of just getting on the phone
- vi. Out reach work already done, regional meetings would enhance this process and bring more people in
- vii. Not as complicated as it sounds and there is some ground work already done
- c. Coastal Vancouver Health Region
 - i. Vancouver gets together enough already, these regional meeting may appear different, there are different divisions in the Coastal area
 - ii. Combined meeting with coastal and Fraser with provincial organizations,
 - iii. General support for the proposal, some decension,
 - iv. what could coastal do to support under supported areas
- d. Northern Health Region
 - i. Hold regional meetings in PG, in the spring in order to accommodate climate
 - ii. 50% health care professionals , 50% PHA
 - iii. This would be done through the HIV referral process and urban ASOs
 - iv. Aboriginal theme
 - v. Travel, northern health connector buses
 - vi. Lobby the northern health authority to help financially
 - vii. Confidentiality process, breaking down barriers between organizations
 - viii. Look at the social determinates of health and the accessibility of services
 - ix. Support group meetings
 - x. Day two: general meeting
 - xi. We would like to get as many Band members and leaders out as possible to gain understanding
 - xii. Large numbers, in the hundreds
- e. Fraser Health Region
 - i. By allowing PAN to affect our bylaws
 - ii. Invite health care professionals to become members in our struggle
 - iii. Where are these Fraser health people
 - iv. Incorporate other shared ideas above
 - v. More unity from a larger group
- f. Provincial Health Region
 - i. Overwhelming support of plan
 - ii. Because of accessibility we could be in other areas as well as our own

- iii. Who would be some of those partners? Perhaps have a voice from the north, use other links with other organizations for recruitment
- iv. Cost would go to other respective regions

Motion to adopt Regional Meeting proposal.

Moved BCCPD, seconded LPRC: Carried 22/1

Motion to adopt Strategic Plan.

Moved LPRC; Seconded PLN: carried 25/0 (1 abstention)

4) Closing Remarks and lead into AGM