

CBR in BC Meeting
Monday, June 13th, 2011
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm – BCCDC Offices, Tom Cox Boardroom
Draft Notes

1. Introductions & Welcome

Folks at the meeting introduced themselves. The **attendees** were: Ben Stevenson- BC PRA Coordinator HIV/Food Security Study Housed at AV/BC-CfE; Heidi Standeven-Pacific AIDS Network (PAN), Positive Living Positive Homes Coordinator; Terry Howard- CIHR Community-Based Research Facilitator Housed at Positive Living BC Society; Dr. Bob Hogg- BC Centre for Excellence (BC-CfE); Andrea Langlois- AIDS Vancouver Island (by phone); Susan Richter- Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA); Brian Chittock- AIDS Vancouver; Stacy LeBlanc- PAN; Dr. Sean Rourke- CIHR Centre for REACH; Darren Lauscher- PAN; Surita Parashar- BC-CfE; Elisabeth Marks- CIHR Centre for REACH; Virginia Russell- Northern PRA Assistant HIV/Food Security Study (by phone); Kate Salters- BCCfE; Allison Carter- CHIWOS Study; Rosa Jamal- Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation; Patrick McDougall-Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation; Aranka Anema- BC-CfE (by phone); Emma Wolchok- VCH, MAT Program; Jennifer Evin Jones- PAN

Evin noted that **regrets** had come in from: Ross Harvey- Positive Living BC Society; Paul Kerston-Positive Living BC Society; Marcie Summers-PWN; Ali Palmer-BCCfE; Shanthi Besso – Literacy Lives Project; Deb Schmitz-Pacific Hepatitis C Network; Ruthann Tucker- R Tucker & Associates

Evin quick reminder to group about goal / intention of the quarterly meetings: increased collaboration, cooperation and communication across community groups, PHAs, researchers, BC-CfE, policy and decision makers as regards CBR in BC!

2. Food Security Study Update: Ben Stevenson & Aranka Anema (10 minutes)

- Kate: transitioning into Ali's position at BCCfE as coordinator for LISA and Food Security Study
- Re-consenting 100 participants, study pause to enhance recruitment, build partnerships
- Target: 800 participants
- Added food security module to the LISA questionnaire
- Ben: 10 PRA's around BC, hosted by ASO's or MAT programs and clinics, started February 23.
- Study is going well, training by Terry and Ben was very well received
- Challenges of communicating across PAN – AV – BCCfE, also a national study with Centre for REACH, etc.
- OHTN staff (James, Sara) coming out to work with Ben, etc. next week
- Thanks to participating ASOs, i.e. AVI, etc.
- Abstract – Ethics conference
- Recruitment – physicians who dispense ARVs
- Sean Rourke: challenges with a national project: growing pains. Ontario (1000 – 1200 participants) and Quebec (600 participants) involved. Language challenge. Things in Quebec going slower but will be rolling out in the fall.

3. CHIWOS Study Update: Angela Kaida & Allison Carter (10 minutes)

- Logo for study! Still at informative stages

- Grateful to Ben, Kate for forging paths that we can follow
- Steering Committee actively meeting, putting together terms of reference
- Received ethics for our study, can start with research activities. First activity will be an environmental scan.
- Focus groups with women to develop a good operational definition of women's specific services will be taking place in the next couple of months. In the process of hiring PRA's, and will be engaging in some PRA training
- Developing vision and mission for CHIWOS
- Considered applying for an MPD Grant, decided not to in the end because of no conversation with community partners. Would like input down the line on that

4. Positive Living, Positive Homes (PLPH) Update: Heidi Standeven (5 minutes)

- Heidi: Core team has met twice
- Heidi is coordinating the housing study for PAN
- Developing Terms of Reference for Core team
- Phase I – research plan and develop operational grant
- Not pushing for operation grant in Fall 2011 because want to do the capacity building piece first
- Sean: North American Housing Summit in New Orleans in September will include a Learning Institute participant with housing and health folks in the fall

5. Update on Hiring of PAN CBR Manager for BC Position (in partnership with CIHR Centre for REACH) & PAN's Fall 2011 Conference: Evin Jones (5 minutes)

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6. HIV/HCV Outcomes for BC Working Group Update: Heidi Standeven & Susann Richter (10 minutes)

- Heidi: adapting process evaluation
- Develop an outcomes evaluation tool with support from PHAC
- Get a sense of what is already out there – STOP Social Determinants sub-committee
- Capture some of the more “subjective” indicators for CBO's etc
- Susann: process too – big section on governance
- Process reporting port
- Outcome toolkit - # of different modules
- Once we devise the tool – where to house it?
- Looking at SMART Fund Platform, come up with a good list of options. SMART is simple, affordable, can process aggregated reports, etc
- Aranka: Social Determinants of Health questionnaire – Harmonize with STOP Working Group, CHIWOS, food security
- Data linkages with the social determinants of health survey
- Grant funding for IT specific projects – alternate venue for funding for IT initiatives
- Social Determinants Working Group meeting – work with Outcomes Working Group project

7. Update on CIHR Funded Community-Based Research Facilitator (CBRF) Program: Terry Howard (10 minutes)

- CIHR notified 7 host organizations that the CBRF program as we know it will not continue – March 2012. New funding call in Fall 2011
- Entire amount of CBRF funding tool will be offered as one lump sum. Whatever relevant agencies/groups would be eligible must cover an expanded mandate
- Current CBRF's – Terry in process of developing a letter of intention to encourage existing host agencies to carry on with program and create a consortium of ASO's, academics, PHA's, incorporating a secretariat to be a governing body with representation from different regions.
- Still need to be an agency of record.
- Terry will start with host agencies and build out from there
- Aim to work collaboratively across Canada. Avoid competition, i.e., have all strong players
- Networks have indicated an interest in discussing this
- Create a consortium by mid-July
- Terry has been asked to co-Chair UBC's Committee on CBR
- SHRAC continue to build on the momentum that is happening now
- Sean: envelope is \$700,000, with 200-250,000 in Aboriginal Stream. Launch for the call in August, deadline may be December 1st. \$300-400,000 in total.
Programmatic decision
- RFA in summer

8. Harmonization: Overlapping areas of interest across different studies (25 minutes)

- CHIWOS: PRA compensation issue – cost of childcare, transportation, etc. Don't want PRA's to "jump ship" to more lucrative studies
- Exact payment method: T4 slips? PRA's struggling financially, vulnerable, etc. honoraria
- Terry: CRA – work and you are paid. Anything over \$500 has to be issued a T4
- Can protect confidentiality – not include SIN, issue as though it is a participant in the study
- Agency – check and balance system, invoice in, money out
- Off books at work done (contract, salaried, etc.), payment 4 work – SIN, T4 slip
- If you don't talk about that – ethical issue of protecting people's confidentiality – so says ethics review boards at SFU and UBC
- In Ontario, Sean is not sure
- CHIWOS, Food Security – want to do it consistently
- Spend underage on other things
- Childcare separate, and travel expenses
- Terry: This won't work if we are creating an industry, i.e. 50 PRA's
- 90-95% this no problem declaring the funds, etc.
- Sean: At Centre for REACH, consulting with lawyers in this regard. PRA's hiring people who will work 5-10 hours a week versus more hours, more gainfully employed
- OPRATTI – goal is to get more people gainfully employed. Creative solutions, not so easy to articulate in a big group
- Susann: Set of principles, models. It is all about risk and determining the risk threshold
- Sean: Happy to share in wake of meeting with employment lawyers
- Heidi: VNH – in downtown eastside, Doreen Littlejohn pay is \$15/hr, have extensive peer project

- Darren: Any conversation re: Ministry?
- Emma: BC Benefits just keep declaring, be transparent. Could stop receiving financial benefits but keep medical benefits
- Sean: Microfinance, work re-entry. Mobilize the private sector. Continue to be on REACH's radar
- Other questions: pressure on ED's, pressure on participating ASO's, compensation for CBO's, academic institutions, hospitals, get 20-3% overhead
- Andrea: Huge pressure for program staff, enormous pressure on community organizations, bigger for national studies
- Sean: overhead – money going to the university, Bob – would that stop the money to the academic institution?
- CIHR can determine how the money gets spent. Can get money on a CBR grant to pay a CBO staff, i.e. to backfill a position. Why not add in overhead? 10% is not enough – 20% would be great.
- Ben: ASO hosts – AVI, 20-30% to an ASO who hosts the funds.
- Susann: will provide contract at VCH, did a study and a literature review.
- Heidi: Will touch base with Doreen
- Aranka: National initiative for PRA supports, etc
- Harmonizing payments, etc. \$25,000 REACH grant? Submission to CIHR for a national team grant
- Kate: Developing a resource tool kit to be a resource to PRA's
- Mechanism to share lessons learned
- How to financially compensate ASO's, the CBO agency holding the funds
- Sean: Contextually, CBR has been around a long time. PSHP team met very often
- Return to work is a big issue/discussion in Ontario
- Heidi: CBR concern re: standardization, institutional model to bring into the mainstream
- Sean: Consistency is not a bad thing. Start from what CBR is and it could evolve from there
- Kate: Safety of PRA's, ethical, sustainable, capacity-building type of way
- Balance between fluid and making things available as a resource to groups
- Terry: Community process – to be responsive to what is happening in the field. Community approach
- Sean: Of the obvious things, in my experience, collection of CBO's needs to problem-solve this

Break – 10 minutes

9. Mapping and Update exercise (45 minutes): What is happening in the province with other CBRF studies?

10. "What's coming down the pipeline regarding future funding opportunities?" (30 minutes)

- FYI: AIDS Vancouver's CIHR MPD Grant
- Update: PAN's CIHR MPD Grant for Fall 2011
- Other funding opportunities?

11. Other Items (15 minutes): Photovoice Project, POC Testing

- Aranka: We will be moving forward with this regardless. PRA supports – bringing money into the CBR system, funds for food security. Food security PRA's support this
- Resubmitted for April 1st, KT funds from LISA, moving that forward
- Looking at take-aways for participants
- Abstract for Housing Summit.
- Paul Kersten, Surita presented a position paper at CAHR
- Art Gallery opening, youth and homeless photovoice project, meet with them
- 10 participants, 1 PRA. In future have back up PRA's, still on track

- Andrea: POC testing: Crack kits – knowledge translation, HIV and community acceptance of harm reduction programs
- Stigma, community-fixed site for needle exchange
- Cool AID point of care testing

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