



## PAN 2015 PHA Forum Minutes

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, September 22, 1:00 to 3:00pm

**Location:** Vancouver Airport Marriott Hotel, 7571 Westminster Highway, Richmond, BC

### The Forum is for persons living with HIV/AIDS

1. Welcome & Call to Order, PHA Forum (Darren)
2. Moment of Remembrance (Monique)
3. Introductions: Chair (Darren) & Time-keeper (Monique)
4. Housekeeping Items (Darren)

Discussion regarding non-PHA delegates in the room (if applicable)

- The room votes that Mona Lee, the note-taker, to be in the room.
  - The room approves Sheena Campbell, a non-PHA, to come into the room later to collect questions for STOP Q&A session tomorrow (Wednesday Sept 23)
5. Roundtable introduction of Delegates (name, region, PAN organization)
    - Darren, McLaren Housing Society, Vancouver Coastal
    - Andrew, AIDS Vancouver Island, Island
    - John, Consumers' Board, Vancouver Coastal
    - Sovila, Consumers' Board, Vancouver Coastal
    - Valerie, Positive Living BC, Provincial
    - Sandy, AHA Centre/Red Road, Provincial
    - Tammy, Positive Living North, North
    - Keith, Lookout Emergency Aid Society, Vancouver Coastal
    - Belinda, Blood Ties Four Directions Centre, North
    - Steve, Lookout Emergency Aid Society, Vancouver Coastal
    - Karen, Lookout Emergency Aid Society, Vancouver Coastal
    - Dale, ASK Wellness Society, Interior
    - Brenlee, Positive Living Fraser Valley, Fraser
    - Sharyle, Friends For Life, Vancouver Coastal
    - Thomas, Positive Living BC, Vancouver Coastal

- Mathew, Health Initiative for Men, Vancouver
- Charlene, AIDS Vancouver Island, Island
- Flo, Positive Women's Network, Provincial
- Donna, Lookout Emergency Aid Society, Vancouver Coastal
- Michael, Lookout Emergency Aid Society, Vancouver Coastal
- Jaydee, PAN
- Al, Heart of Richmond, Vancouver Coastal
- Jesse, YouthCO, Vancouver Coastal
- Chris, YouthCO, Vancouver Coastal
- Wazeem, YouthCO, Vancouver Coastal
- Bob, Positive Living BC, Provincial
- Monique, Positive Women's Network, Provincial
- Allan, Positive Living North, North
- Dakota, PLDI, Vancouver
- Hesham, Lookout Emergency Aid Society, Vancouver Coastal
- Dale, Carnegie Community Centre – AIDS Support Group, Vancouver Coastal
- Antonio, Vancouver Island Persons Living with AIDS Society, Island
- Ronda, AIDS Vancouver Island, Island
- Patience, Afro-Canadian Positive Network of BC, Fraser
- Michele, ANKORS, Interior
- Kimmie, Society of Living Illicit Drug Users, Island

6. Review and Adoption of PHA Forum Agenda 2015 (Motion)

- Moved by Sandy, seconded by Al; motion carried

7. Review and Adoption of Draft Minutes from Fall 2014 Forum (Motion)

- Moved by Valerie, seconded by Michele; motion carried

8. Brief Highlights of PAN's progress in addressing priority issues previously identified at past PHA Forums

- HIV and Aging (and associated complexities with health care) (Andrew)

HIV and Aging was identified as the top priority during the last PAN PHA Forum in October 2014. Since then, PAN has worked with various partners in different projects to advocate for and address issues affecting the older adults living with HIV. These include: being an active member of the National Coordinating Committee on HIV and Aging (chaired by the Canadian Working Group on HIV and Rehabilitation), supporting a small a HIV and Aging study, led by Dr. Sergio Rueda, which has selected Victoria was selected as the research site in British Columbia. PAN is also working with the BC Centre for Disease Control to include older age categories in the population size estimates project that is under way and provided a workshop on HIV and aging during the Frontline Support Worker Training in February 2015.

- Positive Leadership Development Institute (Jaydee)

Facilitated by PHAs for PHAs, PLDI exists with the purpose of supporting HIV positive people realize their leadership potential and increase their capacity to participate meaningfully in community life. To date the PLDI program has been a transformational and empowering experience for the 132 grads who have successfully completed the program. PLDI reached two major milestones in 2014-2015; first PAN has developed an exciting new partnership with the Interior Health Authority to offer the first PLDI training outside of the lower mainland. From October 2 – 5 PHAs from around the Interior region will gather in Vernon for a Core Leadership. The second PLDI milestone in 2014-2015 was the hiring of a dedicated PLDI Manager. Jaydee Cossar, a PLDI graduate, was welcomed to the PAN team in the newly created role of PLDI and Stigma Index Project Manager. Jaydee brings both passion and enthusiasm to this role and will be instrumental in guiding PLDI to the next level.

- Positive Living, Positive Homes study update (Darren)

Positive Living, Positive Homes, also called PLPH, is a provincial study that aims to capture personal stories of the challenges and successes around housing experienced by people living with HIV. In July this year, all three research sites (Greater Vancouver, Kamloops and Prince George) successfully entered the data collection phase after numerous collaborative team meetings and community advisory group consultations.

- People Living With HIV Stigma Index in BC and nationally & video launch (Jaydee)

Stigma Index Project is an action-oriented research project led by and for people living with HIV. BC is proud to be the first province to launch this national project to gather the experiences of stigma and discrimination of people living with HIV. It is part of the international People Living with HIV Stigma Index, which has been conducted in over 50 other countries. Of particular note, in May of this year, Jaydee Cossar the project manager was hired for this study, in PAN's first ever peer-designated staff position.

9. New priority for PAN from Forum, a question to the PHA Forum Floor, what should be the priority for PAN in the coming year? (Darren / Jaydee)

- Purpose of the Forum

- Small group work: Each table generates a list of possible priorities for PAN to work on; then identify one priority (PAN BOD members facilitating a discussion with each small group)
  - Whole group work: All the small groups come together and come up with a single priority that they agree on from the Forum
- Priorities from the small group discussions: Priority (number of votes)
    - More education for doctors and health care providers in rural and remote areas (6)
    - Public awareness and education within school systems on prevention, stigma, disclosure, and sex positivity related to HIV (12)
    - Peer-led and peer-executed research. PAN should do a study on the differences in data quality of research done by PHA vs. non-PHA (3)
    - Collective advocacy to increase access to mental health care for people living with HIV (3)
    - Reach out to broader ethno-cultural and rural communities (2)
    - More access to HIV-specific specialized doctors (1)
    - Affordable Housing in HIV and Aging (portable subsidies; residential and retirement homes) (5)
    - Sustainable retirement income (e.g. federally registered disability savings program) (3)
    - PAN, on behalf of people living with HIV, write a thank you letter to BC Centre for Excellence, and Downtown Eastside nurses and doctors for all the years of service to keep PHA alive (4)
      - Many feel that this letter should be written and sent regardless of this being voted as priority
      - Some concerns regarding differences in treatment folks have received from BC Centre for Excellence (i.e. everyone had different experiences and some might not have been good)
- The priority with most votes:
    - Public awareness and education within school systems on prevention, stigma, disclosure and sex positivity related to HIV
      - Comment: No provincial curriculum on provincial sexual health education. What direction is the government moving towards for something similar to the one implemented in Ontario
      - Comment: In the northern region, PHAs are invited to schools to talk about 'HIV 101'
- Other issues of concern:
    - Stigma and fear of losing a job upon disclosure of HIV status. How do we educate community as a whole
    - Opportunities for cross-agency collaboration and community initiatives

- Idea: Develop or sponsor a program that joins forces of all agencies on an issue (e.g. the priority that was voted)

10. Motion by the Forum, to bring forward the priority to the floor of the 2015 AGM remove last names

- Motion to bring forward the voted Priority and Thank you Letter
  - Moved by Valerie, seconded by Al
  - One opposed, one abstained
  - Motion carried

11. Brief conversation about possible questions for Health Region Panel with Sheena Campbell (Darren)

- Sheena has worked in HIV and AIDS since 1984. She is invited to facilitate the discussion at the STOP panel tomorrow. Ministry produced From Home to Health, a guiding document for STOP Program, which focuses on increasing early testing. It's a whole system of care that encourages prevention as treatment.
- At the panel tomorrow, each health authority is presenting on what they have done in their respective region under this STOP Program. Each panelist will talk about one success, one challenge and one lesson learnt.
- Question for the Forum: How has it been for you to work with health authorities? How well are the goals met?
  - Heads up: Question already decided to be asked tomorrow is How are the GIPA and MIPA principles met in the STOP Program?
  - Need answers from First Nations Health Authority
    - Website is not community-friendly (seems like it's for academics only)
    - Have they decided who the 6 PHA-designated seats are for the First Nations Health Authority Board?
  - Island Health Authority's incorporation of GIPA and MIPA concerning
  - STOP should be focused on prevention of HIV, not AIDS
    - STOP is a medical model. Disconnect between medical world and community-based prevention work.

12. Election of Designated PHA Seats to the PAN Board (Darren)

*Regions up for re-election are as follows: PHSA, VCH, Northern Health, Fraser, Interior*

- a) Appointment of scrutinizers (if required)
  - Valerie as scrutinizer for Fraser
- b) Candidates must have paperwork filled out and endorsement to run by agency affiliation
  - Reminder for Belinda (North) to fill out the paper work
- c) Ballots are cast within each region (if required)
- d) Only those delegates holding voting cards, cast ballots all other delegates are observers. Voting delegates to caucus by health region.

- e) Ballots counted and results announced for each region (if required)
- f) Brief remarks from each person elected to the seats to the Forum as a whole

VCH: Jesse, YouthCO

Fraser: Patience, Afro-Canadian Positive Network of BC

Interior: Dale, ASK Wellness

North: Belinda, Blood Ties Four Directions Centre

PHSA: Monique, Positive Women's Network

13. Motion to bring forward candidates elected at the Forum to the floor of the AGM (Darren)

- Moved by AI, seconded by Allan; motion carries

14. Close the Meeting (Motion) (Darren)

- Moved by Sharyle

\*addendum: additional priority "burnout by PHA frontline workers including peer researchers" was identified by a PHA post-PHA Forum