



Pacific AIDS Network (PAN) PLHIV Forum *Draft* Minutes

Tuesday, Oct 30th 2018 - 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

The Forum is for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV)

Location: Shuswap Room, 1st floor, Grand Okanagan Hotel, 1310 Water Street, Kelowna

Chair: Jesse Brown, PAN Board Co-Chair (Vancouver Coastal Health region rep)

Minutes: Paul Kerber, Evaluation Coordinator (PAN Staff)

Timekeeper: Antonio Marante, PAN Board Treasurer (Vancouver Island Health region rep)

Time	Item
1:30 – 1:35pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Welcome & Call to Order happened at 1:37pm. The First Nation territories upon which this meeting was taking place were acknowledged.2. There was a Moment of Remembrance for those who have passed.3. The Chair, Minute-taker & Time-keeper were introduced.4. A request was made to invite a non-PLHIV person to be present during the forum and agreement was unanimous.5. There was a roundtable introduction of Delegates (name, region, PAN organization) - a total of 21 plus 1 guest.
1:35 – 1:40pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none">6. Review and Adoption of PLHIV Forum Agenda 2018 Motioned: Tom M Seconded: Neil S All in favour. No abstentions7. Review and Adoption of PLHIV Draft Minutes 2017

Motioned: Darren L
Seconded: Neil S
Abstentions: Tom M, Denise W

Motion was carried, and a request was made about what will happen with the results of today's Forum. The chair's response was that a report will be made at the AGM later today concerning what took place.

1:40 – 1:55pm

8. Report back from *Shaping our Vision - An HIV+ Women's Empowerment Forum*: ViVA Representative, Shannon Olson

- A grass roots, visioning, information sharing and peer support, 4-day event took place October 22- 25, 2018. This forum brought together women from across the province to generate ideas and identify needs to inform future programming as well as guide community-based women's services.
- Highlights/concerns:
 - How poor the situation for women living with HIV is (even those who are well educated);
 - What happens when women are incarcerated;
 - How do we ensure treatment interruptions don't happen;
 - Access to services in rural community still need action;
 - PLDI women graduates have the opportunity to have occasional training. It was mentioned that onsite child care is an impediment and funding for childcare would be beneficial. How do we write a grant would be useful for a next level PLDI training? Need to be more innovative to connect to persons living with HIV in rural areas. Ideas for connection: a single resource to get connected to each other and hear each other's stories, YouTube, virtual support groups, podcasts, pre-loaded tablets. How do we push info to health care providers?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There are a few HIV aging pieces being worked on by different organizations, and this is happening across Canada.
<p>1:55 – 2:00pm</p>	<p>9. Brief Highlights of PAN’s progress in addressing the priority issue identified at previous PLHIV Forum(s): PLDI Manager, Jaydee Cossar – which was “PAN to support PLDI graduates by working with member agencies to foster opportunities for continued professional development and personal support, volunteer placements, and paid positions.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLDI trainers and managers have been developing the curriculum in terms of member organizations at local and national levels. Once developed all three provincial organizations (PAN, OAN in Ontario and COCQ-SIDA in Quebec) will work to incorporate this. • Helping PLDI grads with resumes, translating PLDI experience to language for the resume. Helping with support writing and getting reference letters. • Asking member organizations what they want PLDI graduates to contribute and how they can contribute in communications with them would be useful. • Potential idea for PLDI grads to participate in Co-ops or internships with ASO’s. Refining the kind of skills are they looking for.
<p>2:00 – 2:30pm</p>	<p>10. New priority for PAN: a question to the PLHIV Forum Floor, what should be a priority for PAN in the coming year to work on?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the pre-conference survey data • At 2:25 the group split into 5 tables to begin the process of deciding on top three priorities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HIV aging and what that might mean socio-economically. PAN could gather needs assessment data on what PLHIV want when they age. 2. Lack of engagement of the Positive community with community based organizations. There are two types of service users, the contributors who are getting old and tired, and the users of services that are not

	<p>able to contribute. We are existing in an archaic model, and need a fresh look at how agencies are run. PLHIV lost the Positive Gathering this year (Positive Living BC was not able to finance this). PAN could advocate to PHAC to fund this.</p> <p>3. Education and health care – we would be interested to invite the Ministry of Education to these events. PAN could reinforce the advocacy that youth is doing around sexual wellbeing and drug use. How could PAN ensure that stigma free health care is offered?</p> <p>4. Some ideas: Women’s PLDI; Women’s housing and advocacy for more spaces to safe housing; PLDI grad help with job placement; access to self-employment program in Persons with Disabilities (PWD) program. The table could not decide on Safe housing over the employment idea.</p> <p>5. There is still a need for education to students, doctors, and developing education curriculum for living in care with HIV. PAN can advocate for funding the peers in the field doing the work above. Be an advocate to PHAC and other for funding. Peers need to be paid.</p> <p>11. There were no objections to not presenting a report back with priorities to the AGM today. Instead information will be summarized and sent out to decide on priorities. It was agreed that last year’s online method was OK to use.</p>
<p>2:30 – 2:50pm</p>	<p>12. Election of one Designated Seat to the PAN Board: Island – Antonio Marante was elected unanimously and spoke briefly in response.</p> <p>13. Motion to bring forward Antonio’s election to the floor of the 2018 AGM</p> <p>Motioned: Neil S Seconded: Chad D All in favour.</p>
<p>2:50-3:00pm</p>	<p>14. Meeting closed.</p> <p>Motioned: Chad D All in favour.</p>