



## Educators' Roundtable – March 23, 24, 25, 2020

### Schedule of Events\*

#### Day 1 – Tuesday March 23

9:00am	<b>Welcome, opening and territory acknowledgement with Aaron Nelson Moody</b>  <b>Overview of the next three days</b>
10:00am	Small group introductions
10:30am	Comfort Break
11:00am	<b>Awakening Connections</b>  <b>Presenter:</b> Melanie Rivers, Indigenous mixed media artist, instructor, and Expressive Arts Therapist from the Squamish First Nation  Many of us think we aren't creative. We don't need to be skillful at art to access its medicines. Art is an incredibly powerful vehicle to express what can't be said in words, a way to synthesize and capture an experience, transform stories, and find moments of peace and stillness. In this session, we will explore the 'medicines' art and creativity have to offer as a way to ground and process. No art experience is needed!! I'll share my story with art, my experience working in HIV/AIDS education and policy (yes, as far back as 1998!), as well as teachings from my culture around how a creative experience can be medicine for us. For the session, bring a few items that you have around your house or land around you that resonate for you or have special meaning--- plants, stones, feather, candle, red ribbon, book, special piece of jewelry..... First, we will create a collective 'installation' with items on my desk and then I'll walk you through creating your own individual installations. We will be guided by the themes of awakening, connection and the land itself. I look forward to meeting you virtually and spending a bit of creative time together. This will be a nourishing activity and an opportunity to integrate and process experiences from this past year.
12:30pm	Large group check in, wrap up

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## **Day 2 – Wednesday March 24**

<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
<b>9:30-10:30am</b>	<p><b>Practical tools and tips for providing workshops in an online format</b></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Rachel MacLean, Canadian Public Health Association and Becky van Tassel, Centre for Sexuality</p> <p>During this interactive session, we will be discussing some practical tips and strategies to utilize your existing training and education focused on sexual health, harm reduction and stigma reduction to create safe and engaging online learning for health and social service professionals. We will also be sharing some resources developed by the Canadian Public Health Association and the Centre for Sexuality that you can integrate into your online learning or use to initiate online learning with professionals in your community.</p>
<b>10:30-11:00am</b>	<b>Comfort Break</b>
<b>11:00-11:30am</b>	<b>Small group discussions</b>
<b>11:30-12:30pm</b>	<p><b>Health Promotion that Connects – a panel discussion</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Andrea Medley, Vancouver Coastal Health</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b> Heather Paddison, Positive Living North; Jessy Dame, CBRC; Milo Offerein-Alder, ANKORS.</p> <p>How do we deliver health promotion that really connects and supports people? This panel features speakers from across BC who will share practical tools and ideas to shape your harm reduction work, from one on one to groups.</p>
<b>12:30-1:00pm</b>	<b>Large group check in, wrap up</b>



### **Day 3 – Thursday March 25**

<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
<b>9:30-11:00am</b>	<p><b>Healing Inner Voices</b></p> <p>Film Screening followed by a Talking Circle with the films creator, <b>Martin Morberg</b>, and some of the film participants, <b>Flo Ranville, Aaron Jackson &amp; Val Nicholson</b></p> <p>Healing Inner Voices is a peer-led project to reduce stigma, build community and create cultural safety: Through the lived experiences and voices of eight Indigenous people living with HIV, this poetic short documentary combines storytelling and the healing power of Indigenous culture to reflect on the realities of stigma and discrimination for Indigenous people.</p> <p>Offering inspiration and empathy, the film offers up hope that understanding and compassion will decrease experiences of HIV stigma and discrimination. Most importantly, it will be a way to connect those who made it and those who will watch it, to community, and to culture.</p> <p><b>To learn more about the film and to watch a trailer please visit this link:</b>  <a href="https://drawingwisdom.ca/project/healing-inner-voices/">https://drawingwisdom.ca/project/healing-inner-voices/</a></p>
<b>11:00-11:30am</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>11:30-12:00pm</b>	<b>Small group networking</b>
<b>12:00-12:45pm</b>	<p><b>Closing Keynote</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Marnie Scow, Indigenous Overdose Response Consultant</p>
<b>12:45-1:00pm</b>	<b>Closing</b>

\*Schedule is subject to change.



## Presenter Biographies

**Melanie Rivers/Tiyaltwelwet**, is an Indigenous mixed media artist, instructor, and Expressive Arts Therapist from the Squamish First Nation. She facilitates art and creativity sessions that include painting, collage, movement, poetry and writing for individuals, teams, and communities. For the past 22 years, Melanie has worked in the Indigenous health education and policy in areas such as HIV/AIDS, overdose crises, harm reduction, and cultural safety and humility. She has extensive experience with instruction, workshop design, evaluation, cross-cultural facilitation, and culturally relevant resource development. In the workshops she teaches, Melanie draws from her traditional ancestry and on her vast experience in the health and healing field. She creates safe space and offers art and creativity activities that all can engage with.

**Becky Van Tassel** has been employed in the non-profit sector since 2001. She holds a Bachelor of Social Work and a Master of Education specializing in Adult, Community and Higher Education. From her years of academic and professional experience, Becky is adept at creating enjoyable, meaningful, and practical educational sessions for adult learners. As a facilitator, Becky is skilled at facilitating difficult topics, discussions, and is able to bring a sense of humor to serious issues. Becky is the Training Centre and Community Engagement Manager at the Centre for Sexuality.

**Rachel MacLean** (she/her) is a Senior Project Officer with the Canadian Public Health Association where she manages various training and education initiatives related to sexual health, harm reduction, healthy relationships and stigma reduction. Rachel holds a Master of Public Health with a concentration in Health Promotion from the University of Toronto and has been working in the field of sexual health for several years in various capacities, including education, policy and community engagement. She is passionate and dedicated to working with others to advance healthy sexuality and sexual rights for all in Canada.

**Andrea Medley (Jaad ahl' K\_iigangaa)**, is from the Dadens Yahgu 'laanas Raven Clan, Haida Nation, and she is the Indigenous Health Lead, Emergency Overdose Response and Regional Addictions Program at Vancouver Coastal Health. With a background in public health, Andrea brings more than 8 years' experience in Indigenous Health and Public Health programming, policy and education. Andrea is passionate about harm reduction, Indigenous cultural supports, sexual wellbeing and reproductive justice.

**Jessy Dame** is a very proud Two-Spirit, gay, Métis, of Métis Nation of BC, Certified Registered Nurse. He currently works casually within a queer sexual health clinic in downtown Vancouver. Jessy is also the Two-Spirit Program Manager at the Community Based Research Centre. Within this position, Jessy is able to work with and for the Two-Spirit community to create resources and advocate for services. One of the initiatives Jessy is developing is an at home HIV and STI testing program for Two-Spirit and queer and Trans Indigenous folks who live in rural and remote areas of the province.

**Heather Paddison** is a community health educator who wears many hats while supporting the North East BC Region. She is involved with HIV HCV education, harm reduction education and outreach, overdose prevention and is an advocate and ally for Two-Spirit, queer and trans folx as well as those engaged in sex work. She also provides recovery navigation for folx with problem gambling.

**Milo Offerein-Alder** is a transgender support worker working through ANKORS in the East and West Kootenay regions. Their work focuses on creating social connection for rural LGBTQ+ youth and adults, healthcare access, and providing empowering community education.



**Martin Morberg** is a 2 Spirit Northern Tutchone/Tlingit man. It is his goal to empower the voices of 2 Spirit and Indigenous people and those affected by HIV/AIDS.

**Flo Ranville** is Sioux Lakota/French and Woodlands Cree/Scottish, a mother of seven and four grandchildren. Flo is in her 21st year living with HIV. She has worked in HIV/AIDS Research for 15 years and her passion is to help advocate and voice against Stigma, violence, discrimination for all those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

**Aaron Jackson** is from the Tsleil-Waututh First Nation in North Vancouver. Aaron is passionate about peer-led initiatives and working with Indigenous people affected by HIV/AIDS and addictions.

**Val Nicholson** is Mi'kmaq, Haida, Gypsy and UK Islander descent. Val is a mother of four boys, and a grandmother to one granddaughter and four grandsons.

**Marnie Scow** is from the traditional territories of the Kwakiutl and Namgis First Nations that are a part of the Kwakwaka'wakw Peoples on Vancouver Island. She currently resides on the unceded territories of the Katzie First Nations. Marnie has a Post Secondary Education in Criminology/Restorative Justice. She is returning to University to pursue a Masters in Public Health Science. Marnie identifies as a person with lived experience with substance use and the Criminal Justice system. She has worked in Public & Indigenous Health in a variety of capacities including being the first Peer hire with the Indigenous Wellness Team (IWT) at First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) and the first Indigenous woman to work with the grassroots organization Culture Saves Lives bringing personal connections, stories, with low barrier access to culture for both residents of Vancouver's downtown east side and BC First Nations Communities. While working with FNHA's Indigenous Wellness Team Marnie facilitated many dialogues about Indigenous Harm Reduction & Decolonizing Addiction throughout First Nations Communities in British Columbia. Marnie has a passion and often specializes in Indigenizing harm reduction, Housing First, alcohol harm reduction, advocacy for changes in the health care system for Indigenous People & low barrier access to safe supply. Marnie has a love for sports and tacos! One of her true passions is slow pitch and when Marnie isn't working you can often find her playing baseball or golfing with her boyfriend & spending time with their rescue dog Amelia.

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For updates to the schedule please visit the website – <https://pacificaidnetwork.org/educators-roundtable-2021/>

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