



**HIV/HCV Outcomes for BC  
Small Working Group Meeting  
Monday, March 12, 2011  
Draft Notes**

**Participants on the Call**

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Lorraine Grieves, VCH  
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**Notes**

**1) Welcome & Round-table Introductions**

**PAN & PHSa Shared Leadership** – *Evin* noted that PAN and the PHSa are sharing leadership for moving the work of the Outcomes WG forward. PAN brings in the relationships with the community-based response and Susann has been actively networking with colleagues at the other health authorities and at the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC).

*Evin* let the group know that **Heidi Standeven** will be joining PAN on April 5<sup>th</sup> on a one-year contract as PAN's Program Coordinator. She will be the lead on the coordination and strategic planning for the Outcomes WG/efforts

**2) Key developments/Background since Outcomes WG met as a whole**

**Update on online process evaluation / output indicators tool pilot project:** *Stacy* provided an update regarding the online process evaluation/output indicators tool pilot project. This tool was piloted by the Outcomes WG last summer and in September of 2010 there was a face-to-face meeting of groups that participated in the pilot to provide more feedback on the tool. That

feedback has been collected and presently is being wrapped up so that changes can be made to the tool in the event there is the will from the community-groups and the HA's to move forward with it. At this same meeting, there was also a presentation by Irene Day from the BC Centre for Excellence, on the work-to-date that has been done with regards to developing an evaluation for the STOP pilot projects. This presentation was very informative and fuelled the desire to ensure that the work of the Outcomes WG aligns with STOP.

*Susann* added to that in terms of the pieces from speaking with the HA's about the process evaluation tool. Overall it is recognized that STOP HIV is taking up a lot of resources presently. There was a general concern expressed about how much time and resources it would take for each of the individual ASO's to do this additional level of reporting. At the same time it was felt that the process evaluation tool is quite valuable. Governance piece could be a stand-alone.

Another issue that has been raised is the willingness of people/HA's/community to aggregate data to be used for planning purposes. Not a lot of + response about aggregated data.

### **Connecting with the various HA's, PHAC, community-based ASO's**

#### **Issue identification:**

- **Clarification of desire to align with STOP pilot projects**
- **Connecting with STOP Social Determinants Working Group**

*Susann* noted based on her conversations, that there was a general consensus was that if there was some way to assist ASO's to report wrt STOP deliverables, that the HA's thought that would make good sense.

What is presently going on under STOP HIV? There is an Indicators Working Group and report that has already come out. There is also a Social Determinants Working Group that is working on identifying social indicators/outcome indicators that should be developed for STOP.

ASO's and the Community-based response– it would be of great benefit if community participated in this work/collaborated on this. It is really at the level of the community organizations where people are going to be supported in terms of testing and treatment. Important for ASO's to be engaged in this and this could be an important role for the Outcomes WG. Also recognizing that STOP may become a province-wide effort? It would be good if ASO's were already harmonized and able to contribute to the STOP picture.

*Evin* noted that there is a desire expressed / articulated by PAN member organizations to support this process and to ensure that program and service delivery including in parts of BC outside of the pilot regions are relevant and consistent with STOP goals and objectives.

- **Connecting with Danielle Papineau, VCH STOP evaluator**

*Susann* let the group know that she met with Danielle Papineau who has been hired by VCH. To run by her the 2 tools that have been produced by the Outcomes Working Group – one is the process evaluation tool; the other is an outcomes reporting tool-kit that has indicators that would be helpful to use in reporting on the social determinants of health.

Historically, lots of efforts went into these 2 tools by the Outcomes WG -particularly the tool-kit. Can the outcomes reporting tool already been developed, be further modified to bring the WG into alignment with the things that STOP is doing. That tool box helps with painting a picture of the characteristics of clients, demographics, health status, HAART use, etc. Health care

utilization, hospital use, barriers to care, etc. Other links to housing and employment and education and so on. Paints a complete picture of how a client is accessing health care.

*Gina* clarified – the set of indicators that have been developed by sub-group. There was an intention for 4 or 5 social indicators to be developed. Is this something that this Outcomes WG will be involved with supporting?

*Susann* – yes – and the Social Determinants Indicators Sub-Committee wants to be more open to community groups. It will be good to align. *Susann* and *Stacy* and *Heidi* will be attending the Social Indicators Sub-Committee meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup> at the BCCfE.

- **STOP funding proposal for consultant**
- **Funding**

*Susann* – trying to find some resources to hire a consultant to really help pull together some of these pieces – and look at what kind of reporting is going on in the 2 pilot regions; what is necessary; and then fashion a tool that could be used. *Susann* has had a preliminary discussion at PHSA and also with the BCCfE. Unfortunately, the PHSA STOP budget is quite small and most of it is going to point-of-care testing, particularly with Aboriginal organizations in the North. And have not heard back from BCCfE as yet. Budget of roughly \$40,000 for a consultant.

*Lorraine* asked *Susann* to send her the draft budget and related documentation. *Lorraine* has the other HIV portfolio – there may be funds available from VCH that could support this initiative.

*Lorraine* also noted the existence of an online reporting tool/platform that is quite user-friendly @ VCH. Could this be used? *Susann* did note that she will be chatting with *Leslie Wagman* at VCH regarding the SMART fund online reporting tool. *Lorraine* will double check that this is the same platform that she was thinking of, that could be used to house the outcomes tool.

### **3) Proposed vision**

- **Creation of online outcomes evaluation tool aligned with STOP goals and objectives/indicators**
- **Utilizing existing outcomes toolbox previously commissioned by Outcomes WG members and PHSA, PHAC – modify that tool**
- **Locate an affordable platform to house the tool**
- **Consensus amongst health authorities to ask their funded agencies/organizations to use it / pilot it**
- **HA engagement beyond the pilot project regions**

### **4) Discussion – consensus on the vision?**

There was *consensus by those on the call*, that there is a desire to move forward with the creation of an online outcomes evaluation tool, aligned with STOP – that this makes sense on many levels.

*Lorraine* – STOP folks at VCH have expressed interest in participating on this. *Lorraine* will further connect with folks at VCH. *Lorraine* would be very interested in looking at this, STOP projects, etc. Will certainly connect with people here. *Susann* noted that she did speak with *Chris Buchner* and he too had indicated he was open to looking at some sort of collaboration.

*Susann* will be meeting again with *Danielle P. Danielle* had indicated that she felt like part of the outcomes tool box would work for her process. Barriers/process – if you need to put anything into PARIS it is another whole ball of wax. The platform is one of the big issues.

*Miranda* clarified was involved with the Outcomes WG at the time that *Aranka Anema* was doing her work on this (funded by a PHAC contract). Hoping to develop one common tool? Yes. *Miranda* brought up the STOP HIV Learning Collaborative. Might there be a parallel process for contracted services - not necessarily clinical services - ? Suggestion that there be a conversation with the folks at IMPACT BC. The Learning Collaborative has come up with their own set of clinical indicators that they are reporting on. But for community/social indicators – there could be a similar process.

*Terry Howard* noted the collaborative method won't capture everything we want to capture in the social determinants part. We can harmonize though. Different indicators. *Terry* also brought up the notion of consulting with the community groups and asking them, how can we report back the work that we do? And demonstrate success.

## 5) Next steps

*Susann* – in terms of creating a new outcomes tool, we do have a piece of work that would have to be coordinated by a person in terms of pulling together the different resources that are in development and being worked on now. So we need to work on seeking some funding for that.

Also, explore the potential of a platform. Look at the SMART Fund platform.

*Miranda* – as for the IMPACT BC conversation – suggest that someone give Christina Clark a call (STOP Learning Collaborative) just to get some advice, direction, and her thoughts. This will be done by someone from PAN.

*Evin* – will follow up with PHAC regarding the funding piece. Can we secure O&M funding (less than \$10,000) to help support securing a consultant?

*Lorraine* – will go back to colleagues at VCH to make sure we are all on the same page. Will also explore if the online platform is the same as the SMART fund. Will explore regarding resources.

*Terry* – ? - do we have a copy of what the indicators are already that have been created for the STOP pilot projects. *Gina* noted that there are two indicator reports that have gone out already. *Terry* noted that if some person is contracted to look at this stuff, the approach would be to look at these pieces...to look at the indicators that have already been developed. And compare that to the tool kit that Aranka created back in the day. *Terry* noted that some of the indicators in the tool-kit weren't great indicators– they were just ones people used. Need to pull out the best ones – and then figure out what STOP is now asking people to report on?

*Terry* – also as part of this process – can we ask for input from the community agencies to allow them to report back on the types of indicators that we would like to include in our reporting? We need some resources to help that process.

*Gina* –agreed to send *Evin*, the indicators reports that have already been published/circulated, and that are available on the BCCfE STOP HIV/AIDS website. *Evin* noted that there is only one of these posted to the PAN website...PAN will post the other one if Gina forwards it.