



Fall 2011

Draft Minutes - PHA Forum

Date & Time: Tuesday, September 13th from 9:00 am to 10:30 am

Location: Vancouver Airport Marriott Hotel, 7571 Westminister Highway, Richmond, BC

1. Welcome & Call to Order: Darren

2. Introductions of Chairs (Darren, Chris), Time-keeper (Chuck), Minute-Taker (TBA): Darren

3. Housekeeping Items: Darren

Darren – Hello, I'm Darren, the Vice-Chair of the Pacific AIDS Network (PAN), representing the Vancouver Coastal Health Region. I would like to welcome you all to this years PAN Conference and CATIE co-educational days.

At this point I would like the Board Regional Representatives to stand as I call them out.

Andrew – VIHA, Chuck – Fraser Valley, Gay-Lene – Northern Health, Ken – PHSA, Chris – Interior Health

At this point I would like to welcome Chris as my Co-Chair of this meeting and to thank Chuck as our timekeeper, to keep us on time.

4. Discussion regarding non-PHA delegates in the room (if applicable): Darren

Moving on, according to our Bylaws, the Forum Membership decides if any nonpositive person/s can be in the room.

At this point there are two in the room that I am aware of, anyone else? No, then I so Motion that we allow them to stay.

Ben is in the room, he is our minute taker, however we do need to capture the minutes. If you kick him out you become the minute-take. (laughter) Anybody totally opposed? Vote please: All in favour, Abstain, Against – Carried

Violet is an Elder who has been invited to the room to give a blessing and to acknowledge the territorial lands we meet upon as well as provide emotional support to those who wish it.

Vote please: All in favour, Abstain, Against – Carried

I'll now hand the floor over to you Violet.

Violet: I would just like to thank the Committee for the invite to this gathering. I am from the North and open with acknowledgment of the Coast Salish people and the Masqueam People who's tradional land we are upon and now a prayer.

Lord I thank you for giving us this day, I thank you for all the work we have to do (regrets the rest wasn't captured).

Darren – All rise, At this point a moment of silence to honour all of those who have gone before us.

Thank you.

A little bit of housekeeping, for those of you who have never been to PAN. For those who are smokers – the hotel is nonsmoking, there are designated smoking areas, your balconies are also designated nonsmoking. Please go for a wee bit of a walk for medicinal smoking.

In your packages and or online you would have received a copy of the agenda as well it was posted onto the PAN website. Please refer to it as we move forward with the morning.

5. Roundtable intro of Delegates (name, region, PAN organization): Darren

At this point I suggest we start with a broader round of introductions from around the room. Please start with “Hi, my name is, my agency I am from is.”

Chuck – South Fraser Community Services
Hesham – South Fraser Community Services – Positive Haven
Andrew – AIDS Vancouver Island
Michelle – ANKORS
Gay-lene – **Positive Living North**
Violet – Prince George
Genny – Prince George Needle Exchange
Charlotte – ASK Wellness Centre
Ben – Minute Taker
Penny – Vancouver Island Persons with HIV/AIDS Society
Claudette – Red Road HIV/AIDS
Arlene – ANKORS, East Kootenays
Crystal – Prince George New Hope Society
Michael – Vancouver Friends For Life Society
Valerie – MAT Program
Ed – Victoria AIDS Resource & Community Services Society
Craig – Vancouver Island Positive Living with HIV/AIDS Society
Mark – Positive Living Fraser Valley
Ken – Positive Living BC
Chris – Living Positive Resources
Darren – McLaren Housing BC

Darren – Thank you all for your introductions. As we move through the morning, when you get up to speak, could you please introduce yourself so that Ben can capture who is speaking for the record.

6. Review and Adoption of Agenda (Motion): Chris

Chris – As Darren pointed out you all have an Agenda. We need to have a review and adoption of the Agenda; I will read it out. Any additions? None.

Claudette – **Motion** to accept the Agenda.

Darren – Any questions? None, All in Favour, Abstain, Against, Carried

7. Review and Adoption of Minutes from Fall 2010 Forum (Motion): Chris

Chris – Just a point of order the Forum voting goes by consensus. On your tables there is a copy of the minutes from 2010's Forum. If you were here last year you can vote, if not you will be abstaining. So did everybody have a chance to look at the minutes? Yes, Good.

Andrew – Motion to accept the Minutes of 2010. Ken, Seconds the motion.

Chris – All in Favour, Abstain, Against, Carried
Super, Thank you.

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

>To continue and to enhance PAN's involvement with the STOP HIV/AIDS initiative: Darren

>To focus on Skills Building (for all staff and volunteers of PAN Member organizations including ED's, front line workers, etc.) and specifically to bring the other levels of the leadership training to BC / Report on the Positive Leadership Development Institute (PLDI): Ken Buchanan, PAN BOD Member and PLDI Steering Committee Member

>Housing and people living with HIV/AIDS: Darren

>Looking at issues relating to criminalization and/or disclosure and/or compulsory testing: Darren & Jesse Brown, PAN BOD Member

Darren – Now Ken will be giving an update, Ken take it away.

Ken – The Positive Leadership Development Institute (PLDI) had a great year. Last fall we had our third level 1, earlier in the summer we ran our first Bored Get on Board Training and we now have selected our participants for the course taking place in October. All sessions have had lots of applicants; obviously we can only take a certain number each time. There will always be people on the wait list, you must reapply each time the course level is offered. It's unfortunate but great, we have the demand. It's a really hard choice for the Selection Committee on who goes. Everybody qualifies, everyone should be going. We are having another Core Leadership Training Course in February 2012. Those of you who have not gone yet, you have to take that one first to move onto the next level which is Communication Skills Training. Everyone needs to make the opportunity to take these courses.

We also recently took on a trainer, "A trainer in training" Kath and Mark our facilitators of the PLDI will be training him up over the next coming months. He will be taking the Communications Skills Training Course this October and then doing some of the training this Spring, when we do the next level 1 course.

This will allow Kath and Mark a little free time. They've been really stretched thin. PLDI is short of trainers in Ontario right now, it is being addressed. However the partnership with Ontario is working well, back and forth as need be.

Ed – Will there be an OHTN rep here? Will the Communications Skills be taking place here or back in Ontario? The application process starts when?

Ken – The Communication Skills training will be here and those persons have been chosen. The next session will be in the spring 2012 and that info will come out later in the fall. We are trying to run all three courses here in BC, as well as in Ontario with their trainers facilitating those ones. However we will move trainers around when need be.

Darren – Welcome Monique. Could you please introduce yourself and your agency?

Monique – Sorry, I got lost in Richmond. I am with the Positive Women's Network or PWN for short

Ken – If you haven't gone to a PLDI course yet – sign up!

Chris – More questions, talk to Ken during the breaks at lunch or at the end of the day.

Darren – Moving on in the Agenda. STOP HIV/AIDS project being undertaken by the Centre of Excellence out of ST. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver, a bit of background history. When it was first announced, Community had not been invited to participate. It was felt by Community for the is project to succeed Community had to be at the table. So along with other from the Community contacting their Provincial Partners we were able to secure Community at the table. PAN did this via a meeting setup with the Minister of Healthy Living and Sport. This meeting took place in February 2010. The outcomes of this was the realization that Community had to be at the table. Moving forward todate, community sits at a number of tables. PAN being at quite a few and I as their representative am sitting at two of them. They are the Community Engagement Working Group, which is made up of community partners. The other is at the STOP Collaborative table, which is a group of different teams from around the province. These teams are tasked with developing pilot projects to improve access to HIV testing and care and to improve data collection tat goes with this. A large number of Community is involved with this. For my role I have been sitting with the Northern Health Team as the Patient Voice. It has been an amazing experience so far. It has been an eye opening for some on how AIDS has effected peoples lives. They are doing some pretty cool things behind the scenes. For an example Smithers has just piloted video conference link ups for pharmacy. No more hours of driving to get to a pharmacy appointment when you don't live in Prince George. That is a really cool thing to have happened. So in the big picture STOP is happening and it is moving along. BC is the gold standard for the world in HIV/AIDS care. We are leading the world in research. As much as it's a pain, it's a pretty amazing health care system we have.

HIV and Housing. PAN is currently engaged in a community-based research (CBR) project called Positive Living Positive Home Study. This process has been ongoing for the last two years. We had applied for and finally received a catalyst grant from the Canadian Institute for Health Research [(CIHR) a branch of the federal government that hands out research grant dollars]. This means that with this small grant you get to assemble people who might have interest in working with you on this project and support the idea of a larger research project and then you apply for a larger grant. All which takes a fairly lengthy period of time and effort.

PAN in its role for all of the membership has struggled with this over the years as a network we don't do individual service. Yet we recognise how social determinates such as housing play a critical role in the well being of a person living with HIV/AIDS. What PAN can do and or facilitate, is research, which will benefit all of our membership agencies and hopefully the individuals who make up those agencies.

At this point in time we are working through the process of assembling and writing the next part of a larger grant application. Evin our Executive Director will speak more to this at the AGM following this meeting.

Christal – What is the goal for that research?

Darren – It is two fold, one to get the next larger grant and secondly to show through research that housing plays a critical role in the well being of those living with HIV/AIDS. This hopefully will provide further correlation that the government needs to see the cost effectiveness of social housing versus the increase of health care dollars when it is not in place. Since housing is part of social determinates it plays a huge role as well in other areas, such as in the greater economical well being of the province and the country at large.

Monique – Are any of the Community Partners there and do you have any support there?

Darren – Yes, many of the Housing Partners are in support and are at our table.

Monique – They seem receptive?

Darren – Yes, they are receptive to this research being undertaken and have signed on with letters of support, as everyone recognizes the value it will play later on.

No more questions for me?

Chris – Ok, moving along, on the agenda is an item to be presented by Jessie. He will now be presenting it at the AGM, so we will table it till then.

9. New priority for PAN from Forum: a ? to the Floor: Chris

- **Small group work: Each table generates a list of possible priorities for PAN to work on; then identify one priority: PAN BOD members facilitating**
- **Whole group work: Then all the small groups come together and come up with a single priority that they agree on from the Forum**
- **Motion by the Forum to bring forward the priority to the floor of the 2011 AGM: Chris**

So what we are going to do for roughly the next 45 minutes is gather in round table groups with a report back following this time. So for the dinosaurs in the room, five to ten years ago we used to come together and talk about issues in community and all the rest. Where we have now gone is to looking at priorities for PHA's within PAN's scope of mandate.

You will find on your tables, copies of the Vision, Mission and Mandate of PAN.

What we would like you all to do is break up into small groups and talk about what you feel the current priorities PAN should work on. Letting the Values, Mission and Mandate of PAN guide you in what PAN does. Remembering that PAN is an Provincial Network of Agencies. We have to look at the whole province and what think priorities should be for the upcoming year from the PHA perspective. Clear?

Darren – There are pads of paper and pens on the tables. Please jot down your ideas. Create a shopping cart list and then prioritise that list. What are the two most important items on the list? Then each group will report back to the room. "These are the two items". Then we'll look at these issues, and the room will decide as PHA's what is the

“number one priority” that we feel PAN should be looking at which we will then take to the floor of the AGM to present from the Forum as our identified priority moving forward.

Chris- From the looks of our sheet we have 21 people – three groups of 7. Please move out of your regions i.e. friends and mingle to outer tables to meet one another as we generate ideas. It's 9:25 a.m. we will give it 15 – 20 minutes of discussion and then we will bring it back to the group.

Round Table discussion ensued at the tables.

Chris – Ok, shall we bring it back to the room, folks?

Ok so which table would like to go first?

Gay-lene – So we were thinking because of new cases of Aboriginal becoming HIV Positive somehow we can better service the Aboriginal population. Included in that the overall ethnic population. The second was mental health addictions. For instance the Vancouver Police Department recently complained publically about wasting money on this. Maybe also alleviate the distance and get closer medical advice through Skyping.

Chris – Teleconferencing?

Gay-lene – Video consultations and conferencing.

Chris – Back corner table.

Monique – Hi everybody. I am here representing POZ Women's Network. Since before it was PAN. I'm a baby Dinosaur. Anyhow I am also the POZ representative for the Canadian AIDS Society (CAS – a coalition of national ASO's from across the country). I thought it was very important I came. I'm glad to be here.

I'm very glad I found myself at this table with people who do not live in Vancouver. We identified 5 areas and focused on 1. Housing, education & awareness, travel to medical care/access and then on-site testing and awareness – fighting stigma and fear rife in those communities.

So we focused on on-site testing. We started talking about travel. Remotely, one woman travels 17 hours to get medical care. It morphed into on-site testing to alleviate travel. Mobile clinics? Travelling specialists, set out on a schedule. At this time in March etc. Then another idea was thrown out there – video conferencing, web-castings. Could have blood drawn in their community but talk on the web for follow-up.

Chris – What was the mode of transportation?

Arlene – It was on Greyhound, 17 hours each way.

Chris – Last table.

Valerie – MAT program, we echoed everything up there. Our two healthcare practitioners with patient. A doctor – patient workshop would be amazing.

Darren – Stigma?

Valerie – Also Social Service cut backs.

Darren - Now that we have the list. Let's see what PAN can really do. Is there anything there PAN is already doing?

Everyone – Housing!

Darren – Scratch Housing as it is a priority but we are already dealing with it.

Chris – We are trying to run Cultural Sensitivity courses, we have had an entire conference on First Nations Peoples. We have also done some work around youth and still more needs to be done to bring them out to PAN. This is still another big issue because of how many cultures there are out there. People have no idea how to reach their own people.

Darren – Cultural Sensitivity is on our radar and will continue to be on our radar. It is also on STOP's radar. It is on a lot of radars, it is being talked about. However we can put that back into our report back to the AGM floor that we want PAN to continue to be pro-active.

Chris – The other big one that pops up and unfortunately there is this universal umbrella. We are talking Stigma! We're talking at a doctor patient level, general population, mental health the list goes on. An example of this is recently the Vancouver Police said they were wasting money on mental health, suicide, drugs. It would be lovely to read this report. Apparently they're looking at parts of this at the STOP tables.

Andrew – Sorry, I don't think they said they were wasting money but spending a disproportionate amount of money in relationship to the perceived problem.

Charlotte – You just opened a big bag of worms. I am HIV Poz and also have a mental health issue, so hearing this I'm ready to pass out!

Chris – We do have a lot of people with mental health issues it is something we're constantly working on.

Monique - I wonder if with some of these issues we could also have confidence in our community partners to take some of these on. Such as aging, PWN have an over 40's network. I wonder if we're highlighting what already exists with partner agencies?

Chris – We do not want to duplicate services. We have aboriginal services, provincial services. We are looking out for their best interests. We have PWN that is now it for the nation.

Ed – My sister has been working on seniors issues for the past 10 years. It is fractured. It's more than provincial, it's federal. Medical coverage, it is not being handled well now! The prospect in the future is not good, people are getting older. Our population is getting older. It's our community, we can't put this on the backburner. People are suffering.

Monique – I am ageing too. I don't want to make you feel I'm putting this on the backburner.

Ed – There are HIV Poz people who are in their 50's and 60's who are becoming infected and it is a big issue.

Arlene – I just want to say that around some of these issues, my housing is paid for by Social Assistance. It goes directly to my landlord. I access disability and food banks. In

the East Kootenays we have addiction councillors, I have to seek out that support. On a positive I'm slowly learning and the health care. I have been orphaned by my doctor – they just up and left. I now have to come to Vancouver. I get on the bus and I enjoy the trip down here. I bring my iPod and teddy come to Vancouver. I've been able to help others to come down. Show them where to eat, how to get to St. Paul's Hospital. I've been learning it's a positive.

Andrew – I think the issue that Monique underlined is the strength of PAN. We are a conglomeration of service providers. Perhaps what we're wanting to decide is which issues to shine the spotlight on. It's not like we don't have the focus, we just need to decide where we're going to focus today.

Our doctors are also aging. Two very senior specialists are also retiring in Victoria, "all of a sudden people are told I'm retiring, you need to find a new doctor". We are training new doctors, just getting them where we need them is the challenge.

Hesham – One of the issues before stigma, fighting that and fighting mental health issues, housing, finding doctors. Specific issues to HIV, I think that is an issue that PAN can take on.

Darren – We don't have one single priority. We realize the agencies making up PAN are working on these issues. They are always on everyone's radar. These issues are always being worked on, it is not new stuff.

Arlene – Would it be that our work, "what I'll be doing is, saying that we're working on all of these and don't stress out over it and by getting educated I can take home that it's ok".

Darren – I will never be perfect, however we are working on this stuff.

Monique – From attending forums what would be helpful, is that we're obviously concerned. I think it'd be helpful to receive a report, a document saying "this issue – Mental Health - this agency is doing this, etc.". I think this would be a very valuable document. Maybe a living document on PAN's website. I often think that this is great for my esteem, participating in these discussions but I want something tangible.

Darren - Not only this but taking this idea further it would help the agencies in the greater community as well.

Ed – My heart goes out to you to have lost your physician. For three years I attended UVic. They have fallen behind in training doctors in BC. Out of 35 people, 25 women and 10 men but they have fallen behind. There is a lack of funding, training in the last 10 -12 years.

Darren – Ken you have a comment on this.

Ken – We are engaged closely with UBC in training Doctors. Doc's and dentists as well as hygienists. We have dentist and hygienists coming in to help our members at Poz Living BC and our members come into access. We go to UBC and give talks that help with the doctors training. It is happening but it's a very slow process.

Claudette – I have a question, the Navigators, why is it always in Vancouver.

Ken – STOP is currently being piloted only in Vancouver and Prince George.

Darren – Research only happens in very specific spots identified to each piece of research. Later in the conference Glen Bradford will be presenting on the Peer Navigators.

Any further thoughts, questions? Being mindful of our timekeeper and the time, let us move on.

This is the fun part, Election Time. On your tables you will see on the agenda that we have open POZ seats for the Board of Directors in, Fraser Valley in Vancouver Coastal as well the PHSA seat. So now if you could please break out into your PAN regions at separate tables. Those regions that have seats up for elections you will hold the vote amongst yourselves and report back to the room whom you have elected to the seat. For those who are not involved in that process you will be scrutineers.

OOP's! We missed a minor step. We need to return to our previous discussion for just a moment. We need a Motion, to accept the resolution put forward by Monique regarding the website idea.

Motion to accept the idea put forth.

Claudette – Second

Darren – All in favour, Abstain, Against, Carried

10. Election of designated PHA seats to the PAN Board: 1 seat in the Fraser, 1 seat from PHSA, 1 seat from Vancouver Coastal: Chris

- a) **Recommendations from PAN Board Selection Committee regarding Vancouver Coastal, PHSA and Fraser seats – (BOD is recommending Darren Lauscher (VCH) & Ken Buchanan (PHSA) as incumbents): Chris**
- b) **Nominations for each seat within each region – including Confirmation that each nominee is supported by their PAN member organization in running for the Board: Chris**
- c) **Appointment of scrutineers (if required): Chris**
- d) **Ballots are cast within each region (if required): Chris**
- e) **Ballots counted and results announced for each region (if required): Chris**
- f) **Brief remarks from each person elected to the seats to the Forum as a whole**
- g) **Motion to bring forward candidates elected at the Forum to the floor of the AGM: Chris**

Now back to the elections, Regions voting, please begin.

- Table discussions ensue.

Chris – Ok folks, we need to wrap this up. Are the voting regions ready to present their vote decision to the room? So Vancouver Coastal?

Michael – We have elected Darren to this seat.

Chris – So PHSA ?

Monique – Well we have decided, unanimously, Ken.

Chris – Fraser Valley?

Chuck – Fisticuffs, a hotly contested seat. We have decided upon Hesham.

Chris – The thing to remember with the voting structure of PAN, if there is an Open Seat up for election, anyone can run for it. With the POZ seat, only the PHA Forum can elect to that seat.

Chuck – Also the Fraser Valley seats are both held by a PHA. If there is a seat in your region, you are also entitled to run if it is an open seat, which is decided by the Floor at the AGM. So I believe.

Chris – I motion to take forward these elections results to the Floor of the AGM which will be following this meeting.

Claudette – Second

Darren – All in Favour, Abstain, Against, Carried

11. Close of Meeting (motion): Darren

Chris – Motion to Adjourn

Darren – Second

All in Favour, Abstain, Against, Carried

I would like to thank Violet for her opening remarks and pray and to Ben for taking our minutes.

- *Applause* –

Hesham – I want to give thanks to Darren and Chris.

- *Applause* –

Darren – Just a reminder we need to be back in the room next door at 10:45 am. So please be prompt as the AGM has a very full Agenda. Thank you!