

2015-2016

ANNUAL

REPORT

ALBERTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON HIV



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VISION

Our collective action will improve systems pertaining to HIV and related issues and enhance the lives of Albertans.

MISSION

The Alberta Community Council on HIV provides provincial leadership through its collective voice to bring about social change with respect to the human and social impacts of HIV and related issues.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Over the past year the Alberta Community Council on HIV (ACCH) continued its transition work from an operational board to a policy board. This included strategic planning in February and March. We discussed priorities and plans to strengthen the systems and operations of ACCH, so that it can increase its capacity as a provincial voice, provide benefits to its members, and increase the profile of our collective work.

ACCH continued to work with our government partners and membership to respond to the need for additional funding for Harm Reduction supplies and were successful in securing additional funds for this program. ACCH also continued conversations with our government partners around the provincial funding needs of our membership organizations to address HIV and other related issues.

With the introduction of a provincial Community-Based Take Home Naloxone program, ACCH received a grant from Alberta Health to support seven of its membership organizations in the delivery of a Take Home Naloxone program. Collectively, these organizations dispensed over 2,000 naloxone kits during the first year.

In addition, ACCH was pleased to receive project funds to support the development of the Aboriginal Strategy and the work of the Positive Voices Caucus. This reflects the direction we received from the membership to increase community engagement and develop appropriate strategies and caucuses that bring in disproportionately impacted communities.

We are excited about these important pieces to strengthen our collective voice.

On behalf of the ACCH Board of Directors, we would like to thank our funders who are partners in supporting in the services of our organization in meeting the needs of our membership, which include Alberta Health and the Public Health Agency of Canada.

We are very fortunate to have a team of people who are dedicated to the mission, vision and values of ACCH. I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their ongoing commitment and guidance they have provided to ensure we are a sound and accountable organization.

On behalf of the Board of Directors we send a special thank you to the staff who demonstrate daily their workmanship and commitment to their work and the organization.

We also send a special thank you to the membership of ACCH for your continual support.

Stacey Bourque
Chair

Special Thanks

- Alberta Community Council on HIV Member Agencies and their representatives
- Alberta Community HIV Policy and Funding Consortium
- Alberta Health
- Public Health Agency of Canada
- Our Partners
- Our Staff
- Our Contractors

**This report is
dedicated to the
people who work
every day to prevent
the spread of HIV
and to support the
people, families,
and communities
living with it.**

ACCH TEAM



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2015-2016 ACCH MEMBERS

- Alberta Addicts Who Educate and Advocate Responsibly (AAWEAR)
- Alpha House Society
- Calgary Sexual Health Centre
- Turning Point
- HIV Community Link
- Pride Centre of Edmonton
- HIV Edmonton
- HIV North Society
- ARCHES
- Safeworks Harm Reduction Program
- HIV West Yellowhead
- The SHARP Foundation
- Institute for Sexual Minority Studies and Services (ISMSS)
- Shining Mountain Living Community Services
- Kairos Program
- Streetworks

2015-2016 ACCH PARTNERS

- Alberta Community HIV Policy and Funding Consortium
- Alberta Health
- Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network (CAAN)
- Canadian AIDS Society (CAS)
- Canadian Drug Policy Coalition
- Calgary STI Clinic
- CATIE
- Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network
- Canadian Mental Health Association
- Northern Alberta HIV Clinic
- Ontario AIDS Network (OAN)
- Pacific AIDS Network (PAN)
- Edmonton STI Clinic
- Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (GNP+)
- Public Health Agency of Canada
- Kimamow Atoskanow
- First Nations and Inuit Health Branch
- Southern Alberta HIV Clinic
- Universities Without Walls
- Interagency Coalition on AIDS and Development (ICAD)
- Canadian Treatment Action Council (CTAC)
- Canadian Institute of Health

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COMMUNICATIONS

94 

Facebook Likes

795 

Twitter Followers

39 

LinkedIn Followers

www.acch.ca

www.4men.ca

www.asafercircle.com

ACCH MEETINGS

Annual General Meeting – October 2015

ACCH hosted the AGM with the membership on October 27, 2015. As part of the meeting the board reviewed the 2014-2015 annual report and the 2014-2015 auditors report. The Donnelly and Co. was appointed for ACCH new auditors. The board is a policy board.

Positive Voices Conference – March 2015

The Positive Voices Conference is an annual event that brings together people living with HIV for support, information, networking and fun. The last Positive Voices Conference was held in March of 2015. The Positive Voices Caucus is busy planning for February 2017 Jasper conference.

Hepatitis C in Alberta Conference – March 7-9, 2016

In partnership with CATIE, ACCH hosted the conference in Calgary, AB. Over 100 delegates enjoyed skills building workshops and presentations on a wide variety of subjects. Dr. Gisela Macphail from Calgary CUPS was the keynote speaker. Topics discussed: Hepatitis C blended Learning modules, Treatment Access, Integration and Co-infection, *Epidemiology Report & Panel Presentation*, HCV & Harm Reduction: Providing Care in “Chaos”, hep c basic, MSM Community Based Research in Alberta, Treatment for Hepatitis C: Developments, Access and Advocacy, Creating Integration and a Continuum of Care: Lessons from STOP AIDS for Alberta and No More Silos: HIV and Hepatitis C Funding and Service Integration.

ACCH CAUCUS

Positive Voices Caucus

The Positive Voices Caucus has experienced many changes over the past year. These changes have presented both challenges and opportunities. In May, our first Chair, Todd Chaster, left to pursue other opportunities. We would like to extend to him our best wishes and our gratitude for his commitment to the caucus in its earliest days. In his place, Mark Randall has stepped in as Interim Chair. Already a member of the caucus, with years under his belt as a PHA leader, we look forward to the skills and experiences that Mark will bring to this role.

Also this year, the caucus has received funding to support its further development and to hire a Provincial PHA Coordinator to help facilitate this process. This is in addition to the continued funding the caucus has received for its biennial Positive Voices Conference, which will occur in Jasper, Alberta in February of 2017. These funds will be used to support our efforts

in developing key foundational elements such as drafting mission and vision statements, developing a strategic plan, conducting an environmental scan, and building a website to support PHAs across the province of Alberta.

In addition to this, the caucus has begun to see success in regards to its advocacy. Just recently, the caucus was invited by Alberta Health Services to provide several individuals to participate as stakeholders in the development of Alberta's 2017-2020 STI Strategy. This, in combination with other efforts, such as joining provincial and national advocacy initiatives around PrEP, will help the caucus meet its goal of providing a representative voice for PHAs across the province.

We look forward to what this new year has to offer. We thank the ACCH's staff and board, in addition to the staff and boards of its member organizations, for supporting the caucus and look forward to further collaboration in the future.

Positive Voices Caucus



A SAFER CIRCLE

Aboriginal HIV Strategy Implementation Committee

Strategy Recommendations

1. Development and Implementation of Indigenous Holistic Services - Emotional, Mental, Physical and Spiritual.
2. ACCH develop positive working relationships and partnerships of equality between all involved from the Individual to the Government.
3. Implementation of other Nations to sit on the Board of Directors for ACCH.
4. Collaboration – ACCH to facilitate a multi-disciplinary team approach of projects between service providers so that referrals can easily be done between stakeholders.
5. Capacity Building within the Aboriginal communities to be able to provide culturally appropriate community-based HIV Education and Training.
6. Increase public awareness of HIV programs and services and complete an assessment of ASO's to include gaps in services and to evaluate programs and services delivered.
7. Develop better early screening programs and initiatives for testing, specifically for HIV and HCV.
8. Development of relationship with Government Funders for increased

funding for program and service delivery of HIV and the Social Determinants of Health.

9. ASO's require a basic level of cultural safety and knowledge.
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Action Plan Goals

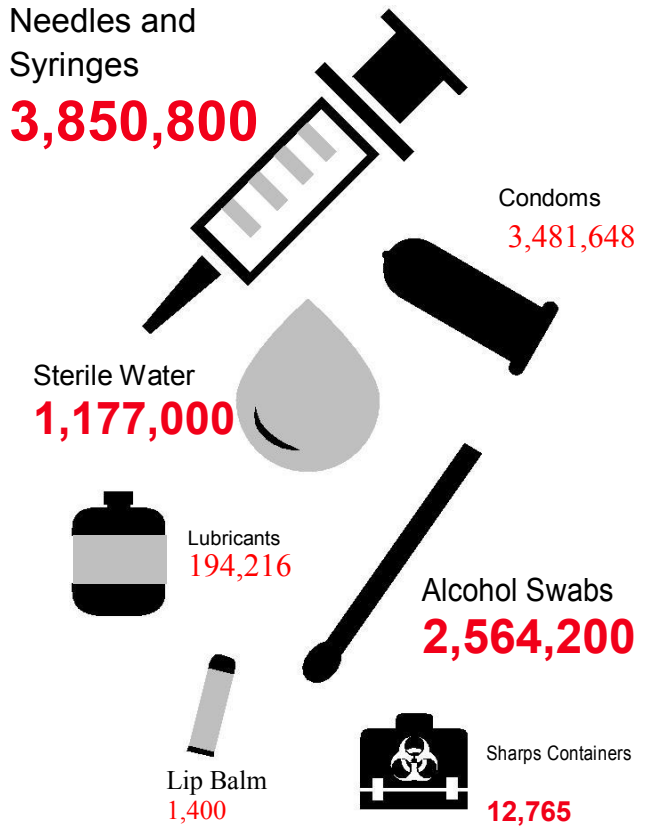
1. Aboriginal people in Alberta have access to culturally appropriate and safe HIV testing and treatment.
2. Aboriginal people participate in decision making related to HIV policies and programs and take the lead in developing and delivering prevention and support services for HIV and related issues for Aboriginal people.
3. HIV services in Alberta are culturally competent and culturally safe.
4. Aboriginal people living with or affected by HIV experience caring, supportive culturally informed environments.

This Action Plan is a living and growing directive that will be reviewed annually to measure progress, assess the effectiveness of strategies, and include new ideas and strategies as they evolve. Only through commitment, collaboration, creating safe and trusting environments, and the strategic use of resources can we be successful. We are grateful for those who have joined us on the journey so far. Thank you for contributing your good thoughts, works, and prayers to leave the legacy of health for the next 7 generations.

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ALBERTA BULK HARM REDUCTION SUPPLIES PURCHASING AND DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Starting in April 2012, ACCH began a Bulk Harm Reduction Supplies Purchasing and Distribution Program. The purpose of the program was to ensure all areas of the province had access to the Harm Reduction supplies needed to prevent the spread of HIV and other bloodborne pathogens for people who use injection drugs. The program has resulted in increased access to supplies in rural communities and a wider variety of supplies in urban centres. This program is provided free of charge to Harm Reduction programs in Alberta. We supply injection supplies to approved Harm Reduction programs, and safer sex supplies to all of our member groups. Detailed information on the type of supplies, quantities distribution, and comparison of fiscal years.



Products	Fiscal 2015	Fiscal 2016
Needles and Syringes	2,913,800	3,850,800
Sharps Containers	6,538	12,765
Sterile Water	754,000	1,177,000
Cookers	244,000	439,000
Alcohol Swabs	1,294,800	2,564,200
Filters	697,500	732,500
Lip Balm	500	1,400
Condoms	555,348	3,481,648
Lubricants	64,704	194,216
Tourniquets	34,250	77,000
Gloves	90	300
Citric Acid Sheets	17,000	25,000
Ascorbic Acid Sachets	9,000	95,000

NALOXONE



June 1, 2015- May 31, 2016

Staff trained	161
Community members trained	3,148
Candidates trained	2,351
Hours of training	1,729.57
Kits dispensed	2,105
Kits used	230
Reversals	224
Kits lost	194
Kits expired	2

ALBERTA COMMUNITY HIV FUND STEWARD REPORT

ACCH administers the Alberta Community HIV Fund (ACHF). The overall role of the ACHF Steward is to maintain the integrity of the fund, support funded organizations, and to ensure the delivery of competent HIV programming and services. The Steward also ensures that funding is distributed in accordance with the Alberta HIV, HCV and STBBI Advisory Consortium's allocation decisions, and that spending by funded groups is in keeping with approved budgets and work plans by monitoring financial and narrative reporting. The Steward also acts as liaison between funded groups, Public Health Agency of Canada, Alberta Health and ACCH.



Alberta Health Contribution

\$4,192,500



Canada Contribution

\$1,194,253

ACHF 2015-2016 Funding

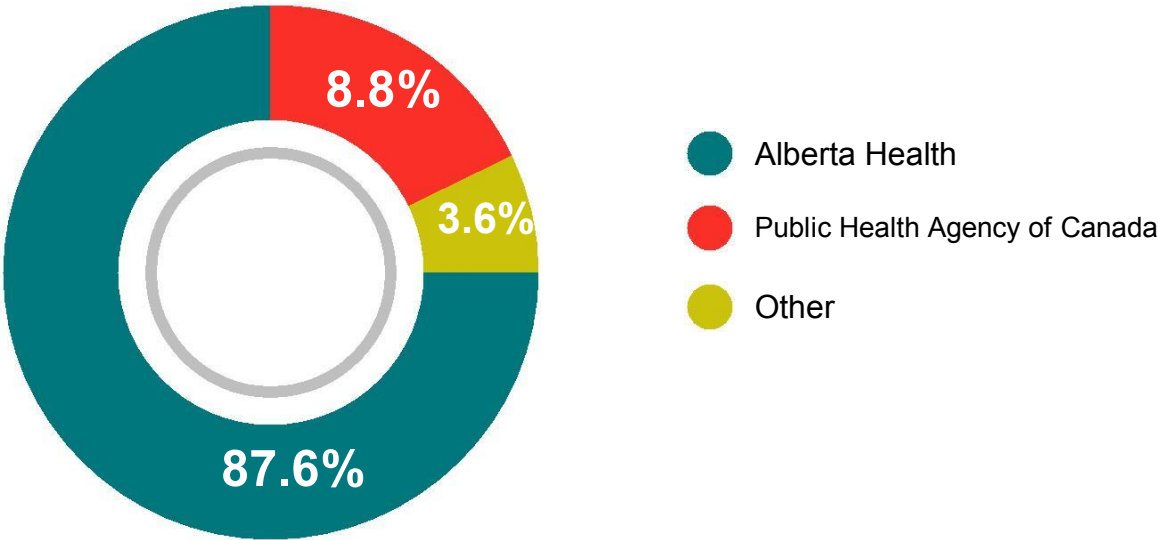
Alberta Addicts Who Educate and Advocate Responsibly (AAWEAR)	\$ 85,000
Alberta Community Council on HIV (includes \$850,500 AH Funding for Bulk Purchasing of Harm Reduction Supplies)	\$ 1,173,080
Calgary Sexual Health Centre	\$ 74,800
Turning Point	\$ 308,000
HIV Community Link	\$ 970,000
HIV Edmonton	\$ 723,054
HIV North Society	\$ 486,980
HIV West Yellowhead	\$ 200,000
Institute For Sexual Minority Studies and Services	\$ 131,876
Kairos Program	\$ 40,818
ARCHES	\$ 216,120
Safeworks	\$268,069
SHARP Foundation	\$145,000
Shining Mountains Living Community Services	\$100,000
Streetworks	\$463,456

TOTAL

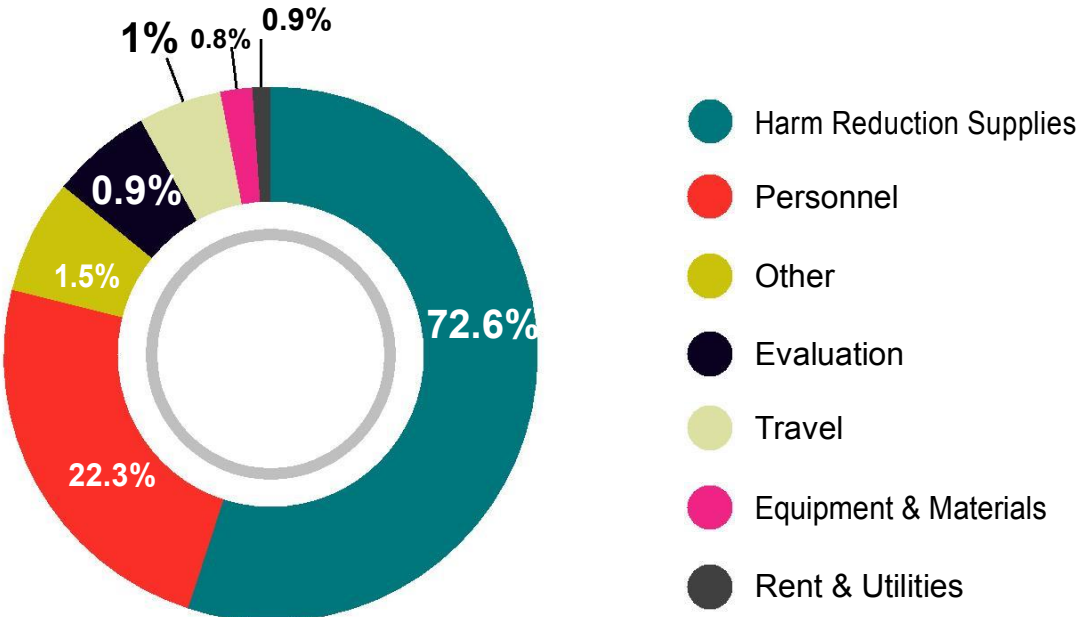
\$5,386,753

FINANCIAL REPORT

ACCH REVENUE 2015-2016



ACCH EXPENDITURES 2015-2016





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