

1. Alberta Aboriginal Environmental Scan 2010

Background

In 2005 The Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network organized and implemented a national Aboriginal Environmental scan, which included Alberta. The results of this scan were published in that year.

Also in 2005, Kimamow Atoskanow Foundation (KAF) in collaboration with ACCH, organized and implemented an Aboriginal environmental scan in Alberta.

An environmental scan has not been conducted in Alberta since 2005. With the federal initiative on HIV/AIDS ending in 2010, it is imperative that an updated scan be completed.

The purpose of the Round Table Consultations was to obtain feedback and guidance from community

The purpose of this scan is two-fold:

- 1) to measure gaps in Aboriginal HIV/AIDS service delivery in Alberta; and
- 2) to pin-point policy gaps in coordination and collaboration efforts on the provincial and community levels in Alberta;

Shining Mountains Living Community services and the Red Deer College Rural Research Department (Voices from the Fire: Vision in Truth Collaborative), in developing an environmental scan survey and sending it out to Aboriginal organizations across the country, was furthering the Federal Initiative on HIV/AIDS in Canada, and the Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Strategy in Canada (ASHAC II) in identifying service and policy gaps, but also wishes to gain direction on Shining Mountains Living Community Services' perceived own role in fulfilling these gaps at a capacity building level over the short and long term.

The Environmental Scan Survey will developed in collaboration with The Red Deer College Rural Research Department (Voices From the Fire: Vision in Truth Collaborative), regional and provincial Aboriginal AIDS activists, and members of Métis and off reserve communities in Alberta.

Target groups for the survey are grassroots and political organizations in Alberta that deal with the issues of off-reserve Aboriginal people and HIV/AIDS (including Métis people). Along with the regional and community Aboriginal AIDS based organizations; other organizations targeted are national and political Aboriginal political groups, community organizations with a general health mandate (that included HIV/AIDS) and non-Aboriginal AIDS organizations that provide services to Aboriginal people.

The survey was sent to organizations throughout the province. It is expected that there will be representation from all regions (North, Central, and South) in the development and implementation of the survey.

2. Organizational Structure

1. Organization Information

Name Of Organization:

Address:

Ph:

Fax:

Individual respondent
contact number

and position:

Name:

Position:

Contact Information:

2. How many staff do you have? (Please use numerical digits, which can range from 0.0-100.0)

3. How many volunteers? (Please use numerical digits, which can range from 0.0-100.0)

4. Please describe your organization using the list below. (Check Only One)

- A Mainstream AIDS Organization with an Aboriginal component
- A Mainstream Organization with an Aboriginal component
- An Aboriginal Organization with a general health mandate (that includes AIDS)
- An Aboriginal Organization with a political mandate (that includes AIDS)
- An Aboriginal Organization with an AIDS focused mandate

Other (please specify)

5. Please quote your organizations mandate in relation to Aboriginal People:

6. Please quote your organization's mandate in relation to HIV/AIDS and Aboriginal People (if applicable):

7. What Aboriginal people to do you presently serve (Check All That Apply):

- Métis
- Inuit
- First Nations Status
- First Nations Non-Status

8. Please check using the list below work that your agency does regarding Aboriginal people and AIDS:

Direct service to Aboriginal people living with HIV/AIDS:

- Lifestyle counselling
- Clothing exchange
- Treatment information/counselling
- Monetary funds
- Drop-in centre
- Employment counselling

Other (please specify)

9. Please check using the list below work that your agency does regarding Aboriginal people and AIDS:

Direct service to high risk Aboriginal groups at risk:

- Needle exchange
- Drug counselling
- Condom distribution
- Community HIV/AIDS prevention and education
- AIDS workshops
- Leadership awareness training
- AIDS bingo
- HIV/AIDS talking circles
- Political lobbying and service coordination on behalf of Aboriginal communities at risk and those living with HIV/AIDS.
- Cross-cultural training to non-aboriginal groups
- Government lobbying to address Aboriginal HIV/AIDS

Other (please specify)

10. Please check using the list below work that your agency does regarding Aboriginal people and AIDS ommunications:

- Newsletters
- Webpages
- AIDS hotline
- Pamphlet
- Resource Library
- Public Service Announcements (PSA's)
- Training Kits and Reports

Other (please specify)

11. Please choose based on the general list above, the activity(ies) you see as the strongest and most effective performed by your agency.

- Community outreach/prevention
- Environment and outreach services that are culturally appropriate for Aboriginal Persons Living With HIV/AIDS(APHA)
- Strong staff
- HIV/AIDS Research
- APHA Inclusive Support
- Community Collaboration

12. Please check the areas where your organization is having the most trouble.

- Lack of funding and shortage of human and material resources
- Lack of Aboriginal Staff
- Lack of community buy-in as a barrier to effective Aboriginal HIV/AIDS programming
- Aboriginal Community in denial and lack of support from leadership

13. What would you need to strengthen these areas within your agency? (Check as many as apply)

- Human Resources
- Additional Funding
- Additional Community Participation

Other (please specify)

14. What additional expertise do you require to make your work more effective:

- Legal
- Fund-raising
- Medical
- Psychological
- Traditional (Elders, Ceremonies, etc.)
- Political

Other (please specify)

15. What gaps in services and or programs exists in your area for Aboriginal people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. Please list.

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

16. In what ways could you suggest these gaps be met?

3. Partnerships

1. Please list, in the areas below, partnerships you have built to address the issues of Aboriginal People and HIV/AIDS.

Aboriginal Political Leadership(National)

1.

2.

3.

Aboriginal Political Leadership(Provincial)

1.

2.

3.

Aboriginal Political Leadership(Community)

1.

2.

3.

Aboriginal health Services (National)

1.

2.

3.

Aboriginal health Services (Regional)

1.

2.

3.

Aboriginal Health Services (Community)

1.

2.

3.

Aboriginal AIDS service/advocacy agencies (National)

1.

2.

3.

Aboriginal AIDS service/advocacy agencies (provincial)

1.

2.

3.

Aboriginal AIDS service agencies(Community)

1.

2.

3.

Non-Aboriginal Health/political and AIDS advocacy services

1.

2.

3.

2. Where do you presently get the majority of your funding for Aboriginal programming? Please provide percentages of total beside each.

Government programs %

Community %

Fund-raising %

Other %

3. Are there other places you see as being possible funding sources but have not been able to access?

Yes

No

If yes, why have you not been able to access these sources?

4. Have you received any funding from the Aboriginal component under the National Federal Initiative on HIV/AIDS to enhance HIV/AIDS services and programming for Aboriginal People?

Yes

No

5. If Yes, in what ways has your agency been able to expand its services in your area directly due to this money:

6. If No, do you know why you didn't receive money:

Missed deadline

Project wasn't accepted

Didn't apply

Other (please specify)

4. Shining Mountains Living Community Services (SMLCS)

1. What do you see as the role of SMLCS as a provincial Aboriginal AIDS organization playing in your region?

2. What could SMLCS do for you in the future?

3. What should SMLCS priorities be over the next year?

4. Over the next five years?

5. If you are not presently a member of SMLCS, what role do you think your organization should be playing in the organization? (Check As Many As Apply)

Board seat

Associate membership

Official partner

Other (please specify)

6. What partnerships should an organization such as SMLCS be focusing on at a provincial level?

7. Can you give, in layman's terms, SMLCS mandate as it now stands?

8. Are you satisfied with this mandate?

Yes

No

9. Could you suggest another mandate that may suit your organization and the provincial Aboriginal AIDS movement as a whole?

Comments:

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5. Cultural Background

1. Out of the three Aboriginal groups, which do you currently have specific services to:

- First Nations
- Métis
- Inuit
- Aboriginal (broad category)

2. Do you have services specifically directed towards Aboriginal youth, and their health and sexuality?

- Yes
- No

3. Do you have services specifically directed towards Aboriginal women and HIV/AIDS?

- Yes
- No

4. Do you do HIV/AIDS education, awareness, prevention, or support with Aboriginal Elders?

- Yes
- No

5. Do any of your staff have specific training around the residential school system, intergenerational abuse, and HIV/AIDS?

- Yes
- No