

Saturday August 12, 2006 continued

1:00 p.m. **Traditional Healing Perspectives: Indigenous Peoples Living with HIV/AIDS**

While Indigenous peoples do access western medical treatment including anti-retrovirals, this panel of five Indigenous people living with HIV/AIDS will describe how they manage their HIV/AIDS from a traditional Indigenous healing perspective including the use of traditional medicines, accessing healers and ceremonies and/or a combination of both.

2:30 p.m. **Nutrition Break**

3:00 p.m. **CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS:**

Gender Equity Issues:

Since colonization the traditional roles of men and women have been out of balance. Spousal violence, disrespect for women and the adoption of non-Indigenous values have disrupted relationships between men and women and have created many issues related to gender. This group of panelists will discuss some of these issues and address how the lack of gender equity results in higher risk of HIV transmission in Indigenous communities.

Indigenous Research:

While Indigenous peoples have been researched continuously, there has been little actual benefit to the peoples being researched. This group of panelists will discuss what ethical research of Indigenous peoples in relation to HIV/AIDS actually entails and the principles of Ownership, Control, Access and Possession whereby Indigenous peoples control the research agenda from the beginning to the implementation of research recommendations.

Women and Families:

This workshop will explore in greater detail the issues raised in the Panel on Women and Families and HIV from the perspective of a Maori family living with HIV.

Roundtable on STIs and HIV Risk:

This workshop will explore quantitative statistics of STIs as a predictor of HIV risk and examine ways of using STI data as opportunities for prevention interventions in Indigenous communities.

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Stigma and Discrimination:

After twenty-five years of the pandemic, stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV/AIDS continues to be widespread in mainstream and Indigenous communities. This workshop will discuss the tragic results of unabated stigma and discrimination and examine the ways of starting to address this issue in Indigenous communities.

Homophobia:

Homophobia continues to be a huge factor in the denial of HIV risk in Indigenous communities and a contributing factor in the increase in HIV infections in men who have sex with men. This workshop will explore ways of addressing homophobia, including lesbophobia and transphobia in Indigenous communities from the perspective of each of the five countries represented.

Indigenous Strategies for Prevention, Treatment, Care and Support:

Given the lack of access generally to good health care and the absence of culturally appropriate health care in most Indigenous communities, this workshop will discuss what Indigenous peoples have said about their health care and explore means of increasing access to appropriate and quality health care for Indigenous peoples living with HIV/AIDS.

Colonization and Its Impact on HIV Risk:

Colonization and the resultant loss of lands, culture, language and parenting skills through generations of residential schools, scooping of children from families into child welfare agencies has had an enormous impact on HIV risk for Indigenous peoples. This workshop will look at these issues from each country's perspective and discuss what work has been done and what needs to be done to reduce the negative impact on Indigenous communities of colonization issues.

Creating an Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Strategy from the Ground Up!

In Canada, there are three distinct Aboriginal groups: Inuit, Métis and First Nations. Each community needs its own approach that reflects the current realities that they are experiencing. This workshop will offer the processes used in

the creation of ground up strategies that put into action the community voice. The Inuit Action Plan, the First Nations Action Plan and the national Aboriginal Strategy on HIV/AIDS in Canada are the three documents that will be highlighted. Approaches used, lessons learned, and common issues will all be shared in an open discussion to support participants and lead to a greater understanding of what these documents address and how they can be applied.

Youth and Human Rights

This workshop will outline effort behind a project which partnered with UNESCO, Canadian AIDS Society, Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network and YouthCo. It will present findings of a national needs assessment of youth and youth workers related to human rights within the scope of HIV/AIDS. It will also share progress for a workbook and training outline aimed at informing youth about their rights and empowering them to be their own advocates.

4:30 p.m.

Closing

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Closing Prayer