

**Women and HIV in Canada: The Past, the Present, and the Future**  
**Implications for Research, Policy and Practice**

18<sup>th</sup> Annual Canadian Conference on HIV/AIDS Research  
 April 23, 2009  
 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
 Westin Bayshore Hotel  
 Vancouver, British Columbia

**GOAL:** The purpose of this knowledge translation and exchange session is to share lessons learned on HIV among Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal women in Canada as a means of determining potential gaps in our work and as a way forward in addressing these gaps in research, programming and policy.

**OBJECTIVES:** The objectives of this session are to:

1. *Discuss the current state of women and HIV in Canada in research, policy and practice;*
2. *Discuss the challenges of measuring and capturing the complexity of women and HIV in Canada in research, policy and practice; and*
3. *Identify gaps and potential implications for future research, policy and practice on women and HIV in Canada.*

**AGENDA**

8:00-8:30	Continental Breakfast	
Time	Topic	Desired Outcome
8:30-9:00	Welcome and Objectives of Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening Remarks (Dr. Jacqueline Gahagan, Dalhousie University)</li> <li>• Overview of session agenda and process (Zena Sharman, Assistant Director, Institute of Gender and Health, Canadian Institutes of Health Research)</li> </ul>	Welcome, overview of the session and introductions
<b>Part 1: Discuss the current state of women and HIV in Canada in research, policy and practice</b>		
9:00-9:25 (15 minutes + 10 min Q&A)	<b>Dr. Chris Archibald</b> , Public Health Agency of Canada  <i>Topic:</i> Overview of HIV/AIDS epidemiology in Canada	To provide an overview of the current HIV/AIDS statistics for women in Canada
9:25-9:50	<b>Marc-André Gaudreau &amp; Clare Jackson</b> , Public Health Agency of Canada  <i>Topic:</i> HIV testing in Canada and implications for women	To provide an overview of the Population-Specific HIV/AIDS Status Reports that PHAC is currently developing and identify some key findings to date for women in Canada.

<b>Part 2: Discuss the challenges of measuring and capturing women and HIV in Canada in research, policy and practice</b>		
9:50-10:15	<b>Ruthann Tucker</b> , Ontario HIV Treatment Network & <b>Saara Greene</b> , McMaster University  <i>Topic: Positive Places, Healthy Spaces</i>	To provide key findings about women from the Positive Spaces, Healthy Places study which explores the intersections of HIV, housing and health outcomes.
10:15-10:30	Health Break	
10:30-10:55	<b>Jacqueline Gahagan</b> , Dalhousie University & <b>Tracey Prentice</b> , University of Ottawa  <i>Topic: HIV Prevention in Canada: A Meta-Ethnographic Synthesis of Current Knowledge</i>	To provide the key findings from a study on women and HIV prevention research (1996-2008).
10:55-11:20	<b>Mark Tyndall</b> , Canadian Association of HIV Research and University of British Columbia  <i>Topic: IDU, sex work and women</i>	To provide a review on the challenges of providing HIV care and treatment to marginalized women.
11:20-11:30	Review from morning and what will happen after lunch ( <b>Zena Sharman</b> and <b>Jacqueline Gahagan</b> )	
11:30-12:30	Lunch	
12:30-12:55	<b>Kevin Barlow</b> , Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network  <i>Topic: Aboriginal women and HIV in Canada</i>	To provide increased awareness of HIV impacts on Aboriginal women.
12:55-1:20	<b>Dionne A. Falconer</b> , Consultant  <i>Topic: Taking Action on HIV/AIDS in Black Communities in Canada</i>	To provide an overview of strategies to enable better planning and delivery of HIV/AIDS programs and services to Black women in Canada.
1:20-1:45	<b>Greta Bauer</b> , University of Western Ontario  <i>Topic: TRANS Pulse Project</i>	To provide preliminary findings on trans (transgender, transsexual or transitioned) women and HIV.
1:45-2:00	Health Break	
<b>Part 3: Identify gaps and potential implications for future research, policy and practice on women and HIV in Canada</b>		
2:00-2:25	<b>Louise Binder</b> , Canadian Treatment Action Council  <i>Topic: Implications of the Blueprint for Action on Women and HIV/AIDS</i>	To provide an opportunity to gain consensus about the proposed priorities based on a discussion of the Blueprint agenda and to discuss strategies to implement.
2:25-2:50	<b>Shari Margoese</b> , Voices of Positive Women & <b>Dr. Mona Loufty</b> , University of Toronto	To provide an overview and update of the development of National HIV Pregnancy

	<i>Topic:</i> HIV pregnancy planning guidelines	Planning and Fertility Guidelines.
2:50-3:15	<b>Anne Marie DiCenso, PASAN</b> <i>Topic:</i> Prisoners' HIV/AIDS Support Action Network	To provide information on the issues HIV positive women face in prison.
3:15-4:15	Panel Discussion – Women and HIV: Implications for Research, Policy and Practice in Canada  <i>Speakers:</i> Marcie Summers, Louise Binder, Doris Peltier, Wangari Tharao, and Evin Jones	
4:15-4:45	Implications for research, policy and practice. The ways forward. ( <b>Zena Sharman and Jacqueline Gahagan</b> )	
4:45-5:00	Wrap up and appreciations ( <b>Jacqueline Gahagan</b> )	



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