

**HIV Network of Edmonton Society
2006/07 Annual Report
June, 2007**

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Board of Directors and Staff

HIV Network of Edmonton Society Board of Directors 2006/07

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Lynn Sutankayo



Letter from Executive Director and Chair of the Board

Our Vision

HIV Edmonton works with the whole community, in a global context, ensuring:

- There are no new HIV infections.
- People living with HIV live longer, healthier lives, free of stigma.
- Everyone affected by HIV gets the services they need without barriers or discrimination.

Our Mission

HIV Edmonton works with those infected with, affected by and at risk of HIV. We work collaboratively to provide education, support and advocacy.

The past year has been one of strengthening and renewal for the HIV Network of Edmonton Society (HIV Edmonton). Together, the board and staff have ensured a clear common vision, welcomed and celebrated our partnerships, and provided distinctive, relevant services to Edmonton and the Capital Health area communities.

Having involved our stakeholders and communities in an evaluation of our organizational effectiveness, we developed a strategic plan to guide HIV Edmonton's actions over the next 3 years. Our renewed vision and mission express our ongoing commitment to help those infected with, affected by or at risk of HIV, and our conviction that the problems of HIV and AIDS are community problems that will take the collaborative efforts of many partners to alleviate. We recognize that the challenges faced by people living with HIV/AIDS result as much from stigma as from illness. This too is a challenge for our whole community, and HIV Edmonton is committed to remaining on the "cutting edge" through research and continuous monitoring of our successes and failures.

We are proud to work with many partners in addressing the challenges of HIV/AIDS. The needs of each community are different, and we are a small agency. As we continue to work in ways that meet the specific needs of specific groups, we will focus on collaboration with other agencies to extend our reach and to integrate HIV services across many aspects of health care and social care.

We are also very proud of HIV Edmonton's outstanding staff of dedicated experts, who devote their lives to the cause of HIV/AIDS prevention and care. Our Counseling team continued to provide support and a safe space to a diverse group of individuals, including those newly diagnosed, living with and at risk of HIV. Our Community Development team continued our strong push for education of youth by expanding our training to include **Triple Threat: Slick, Sexy & Smart**, a youth-to-youth program funded by the Wild Rose Foundation.

Our Peer Program trained seven people from diverse backgrounds to provide peer support to others, and assisted in the planning of the **Alberta Positive Voices Conference (APVC)** held in March. We are delighted that funds from the conference will help develop a provincial Positive Peer Net-

work throughout Alberta, through the Alberta Community Council on HIV.

Our fundraising and awareness events have matured and expanded. This is the third year of **Spring for Life**, through which we sold 1,200 bunches of gerbera's at a variety of venues. This year demonstrated that Spring for Life is destined to become a signature event each year. Our long-established **Walk for Life** continues to provide the community and our partners with an opportunity to come together in support of our work, and that of other community agencies, against HIV/AIDS. This time-honored fall event joins us in solidarity with those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, here and around the world, and signals to the greater community that we will work together until the pandemic ends.

We would especially like to thank HIV Edmonton's committed and energetic Board of Directors, every one of whom has given freely of time, expertise, wisdom and insight this year. Through this commitment, HIV Edmonton has revitalized the agency's operations, strengthened its purpose, and assured good governance. We look forward to our continued work throughout the community of Edmonton.

Deborah Jakubec,
Executive Director, &
Sarah Hayward,
Acting Chair Board of Directors



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Financial Statements

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

HIV NETWORK OF EDMONTON SOCIETY

March 31

2007 2006

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash	\$357,417	\$224,087
Accounts receivable	31,082	50,399
Prepaid Expenses	17,732	21,604

	406,231	296,090
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INVESTMENTS

	23,444	21,904
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EQUIPMENT

	12,751	6,400
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	\$442,426	\$324,431
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 91,591	\$ 19,305
Deferred Contributions	68,906	55,534
	160,497	74,839

NET ASSETS

Invested in equipment	12,751	6,400
Restricted for Ross Armstrong Memorial Fund	7,954	9,601
Internally restricted	36,859	36,088
Unrestricted	224,365	197,503

	281,929	249,592
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	\$442,426	\$324,431
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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

HIV NETWORK OF EDMONTON SOCIETY

Year Ending March 31
2007 2006

REVENUE

Grants:

Alberta Community HIV Fund	\$561,556	\$476,792
Alberta Positive Voices Conference	25,200	0
Employment grants	18,940	11,789
Wild Rose Foundation Youth grant	18,100	0
City of Edmonton	15,000	15,000
Human Rights, Multiculturalism and Education	3,950	24,450
Edmonton Community Adult Learning Association	3,000	6,410
Miscellaneous	945	3,772
Alberta Community Council on HIV Executive	0	15,475
Alberta Lotteries	0	8,809

	645,691	562,497
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Other:

Donations and fundraising	86,162	121,320
Casino	57,254	30,578
Investment	14,387	5,225
Memberships	1,865	840

	159,678	157,963
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	805,369	720,460
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EXPENSES

Salaries and benefits	453,499	459,115
Rent	86,440	84,099
Project Evaluation	28,435	6,815
Educational Resources	25,255	25,923
Alberta Positive Voices Conference	24,200	0
Contract services	23,491	15,457
Professional fees	20,632	5,488
Office, printing and postage	17,497	12,455
Insurance	17,269	17,326
Equipment rental	16,306	12,069
Fundraising and special events	13,338	10,950
Project costs	12,068	6,556
Memberships and registrations	11,702	8,504
Telephone and utilities	8,667	10,915
Travel	7,080	7,485
Amortization	3,064	1,886
Professional Development	2,146	4,776
Interest and bank charges	1,775	1,021
Repairs and maintenance	168	269

	773,032	720,460
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REVENUE OVER EXPENSES

	\$ 32,337	\$ 29,461
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Community Development: Youth, LGBT, Addictions

Community Education

HIV Edmonton's team delivered the "Blood Borne Pathogens" workshop to community health and service organizations throughout Edmonton, as well as Cold Lake First Nations Health Centre and Paul Band Reserve. The team hosted two sessions of "The Dynamics of HIV," a 12 hour information session on Blood Borne Pathogens, health determinants, harm reduction, international issues, Aboriginal awareness, and PLWA perspectives by speakers from HIV Edmonton's Peer Program. We also hosted "An Introduction to Gender-Based Analysis," a seminar sponsored by the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation, and hosted the Interagency Coalition on AIDS and Development workshop, "Behind the Pandemic."

Youth Program - Triple Threat HIV/AIDS Peer Educators

Ten youth volunteers between the ages of 14 and 24 have been recruited and trained as "Triple Threat" HIV/AIDS Peer Educators. The volunteers completed over 20 hours of train-the-trainer training and delivered 13

presentations to group homes, conferences and youth groups, including a peer-training weekend for 18 youth from Assumption, Alberta. Four youth attended and facilitated a presentation at an Alberta-wide youth leadership conference in Nordeg, Alberta. HIV Edmonton has displayed its resource board at youth conferences and delivered talks with several youth organizations and schools, including three Edmonton high schools, the I-Human Youth Forum, CJSR's Youth Menace, Out is In and Change for Children Association. The Triple Threat program was made possible by the Wild Rose Foundation of Alberta.

Community Outreach

Community Development and Volunteer Coordination have worked together closely this year to engage volunteers in community education opportunities. The "Youth Zine Project" combined the talents of Triple Threat HIV/AIDS Peer Educators with HIV Edmonton volunteers to develop a series of five art-based workshops on HIV/AIDS prevention, LGBT role models in the HIV/AIDS movement and zine-making. HIV Edmonton worked in partnership with Youth Understanding Youth to create a by-youth-for-youth project,

where youth created zines about HIV/AIDS prevention to share with their peers. The project has engaged over 60 youth and created more than 30 pages of resource materials. In addition, all of the Youth Zine Project facilitators received scholarships to attend the Outrights Human Rights Conference in Calgary to present their workshop as a model of HIV/AIDS by and for LGBT youth

Community Education has also provided engagement opportunities for the general public, including Film nights at HIV Edmonton, Metro Cinema and the Edmonton Public Library, an Aboriginal Awareness session for volunteers, public speaking engagements at churches, and AIDS Awareness Week.

SIHA and Students

HIV Edmonton continues to partner with the Students International Health Association (SIHA). In 2006, our SIHA Summer student gave 46 presentations to 12 schools over the course of the summer. This year's SIHA student is coordinating and delivering school presentations, as well as traveling to Guyana as a volunteer with Youth Challenge International. HIV Edmonton participated as a Community Partner in the Community Service Learning (CSL) program at the University of Alberta, training and providing work projects for two CSL students.

Non-Prescription Needle Use Consortium

The Public Awareness Task Group is in the process of wrapping up its revision of the Harm Reduction Toolkit for Professionals. The new product will be available in late summer, 2007. HIV Edmonton presented the "Harm Reduction Saves Lives" workshop on behalf of the Public Awareness Task Group at the 8th Annual Harm Reduction Conference in Calgary. The Prisons Task Group is also in the process of finishing the "Getting Out, Staying Safe" Video. The video is intended for prisoners in pre-release debriefing, and includes HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C harm reduction and prevention information.

Canadian AIDS Treatment Information Exchange (CATIE)

HIV Edmonton remains a partner in the CATIE Capacity-Building Project, an initiative that is working to improve practice in the field of HIV/AIDS through the integration of prevention, support and treatment-related services. This year, HIV Edmonton hosted CATIE's AGM at the University of Alberta, in conjunction with a treatment information session at HIV Edmonton's office. CATIE provided a scholarship for an HIV Edmonton representative to attend the annual Canadian Association for HIV Research Conference (CAHR) in Toronto and Pre-CAHR Learning Institute. HIV Edmonton will enter the third phase of the Capacity Building Project in September, 2007.

*Lynn Sutankayo
Education Coordinator*

Counselling/Support & Outreach

Demographics & Statistics (May 2006 to May 2007)

Male	170	77.6%
Female	49	22.4%

Activities

Advocacy, Individual Assessment, Case Management (Community Resources, Research, Consultation, Individual, Referrals)

2006 Outcomes and Indicators of Success

Our clients report increases in satisfaction with services received from HIV Edmonton. Our data shows an increase of referrals to community and other resources. Clients report greater access to harm reduction supplies, information and services and an increase in management of addictions. They report a decrease in HIV/AIDS related risk activities and an increased capacity to manage their health and provide self care.

Issues or Challenges

The clients at HIV Edmonton face multiple issues or challenges. Listed below are a few of those challenges that are often compounded by AIDS related conditions; *Adequate Housing, Food, Knowledge about Community Resources, Academic Development Advocacy, Court Support, Drug Abuse, Legal Resources, Preoccupation with Death, Social/Emotional Wellness, Supports for Independence*

Total Number Of Clients: 219

Age	At Admission	At Date of Report
18-25	17	6
26-35	73	47
36-45	83	100
46-55	36	51
56-65	6	12

(Of particular note are the increases in age from time of admission to time of report. Clients with whom HIV Edmonton has been actively involved for several years are progressing in age as noted in the 36-65 age groups. Support Staff/Counsellors report no admissions in the 18-25 age group from April '06 to Mar 31'07; this may indicate that there are fewer infections among this age group among our dominant client base)

Medical Conditions

HIV Edmonton registers clients who are HIV positive and/or infected with other conditions such as, Hepatitis C and B. Often, some of our clients use substances such as cocaine, crack, crystal methamphetamine, heroin, opiates and alcohol.

Cultural Background

Aboriginal (First Nations, Metis & Inuit)	127	58%
Caucasian	81	37%
African	3	1%
Spanish/Mexican	2	1%
Unknown	6	3%

Gender

Methadone Program

HIV Edmonton ran a Methadone Treatment Program with 19 clients. The program closed in December 2006 and all clients were transferred to other programs ie. the AADAC Methadone Treatment Program and the Panorama Medical Clinic, both of whom have adopted a harm reduction format.

Amanda Goertzen

Counselling & Support Outreach Worker

I enjoy seeing the clients that come into our office. There

Intake & Reception

can be many challenges and a variety of situations that come up with different individuals and I can always rely on staff to help out when needed. As well, I enjoy working with staff and find that everyone works as a team. These are some of the responsibilities I have as Receptionist/Intake:

- Maintaining daily statistics of services being utilized
- Distributing bus tickets and food supplements
- Assisting with Food Bank and Bissell clothing vouchers
- Accessing information for accommodations upon request
- Assisting with the needle exchange program
- Referral to support worker, as needed
- General reception duties
- I acquire various supplies needed at the office for clients and staff, such as the InKind Centre, Food Bank and Office Depot.

Professional development is valued at HIV Edmonton. As a new employee, I am encouraged to take what I need to help me with my work. I thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to help out at Spring for Life, as it is for a worthy cause.

Sue Ann Paydli
Intake & Reception



Research & Resource Development

HIV Edmonton embarked on a year of identifying our



research needs, analyzing our research capacity, and focusing our efforts on creating and using research evidence to inform our

work. Included in this journey is an analysis of how we collect data and how we apply it to inform our programs and organizational direction to fit our client and community needs.

A part of creating and using evidence is the ability to communicate the results to the greater community. Over the past year HIV Edmonton has established a strong record of providing relevant research, program ideas, community achievements and news about HIV Edmonton activities through our bi-weekly **E-Update**. Currently, there are approximately 219 recipients locally and among the ACCH membership; over 100 of which are students from the University of Alberta, NAIT, Grant MacEwan College and others. We also send relevant materials to approximately 120 national recipients.

Innovation in the way we do our work helps to create renewed interest in HIV/AIDS related issues. **Sexual Pursuit: Not a Trivial Game**, an interactive CD-ROM developed by **SPlnn** (*Sex Positive Innovations Working Group*), was released in January 2007. The game was created as a witty and entertaining game show about sexual health for presentation in bars, clubs and post-secondary student events. Organizations and individuals from Nova Scotia to Vancouver Island have purchased the CD.

HIV Edmonton recognized long ago that to impact transmission and treatment of HIV/AIDS, it is necessary to involve ourselves in working with individuals and groups who focus on specific issues within defined populations. **MENInc** is a working group established to bring focus on men specific services within the education, health and social service delivery network. We are currently investigating the establishment of a **CURA** (Community University Research Alliance) **Grant** to study the impact of immigration on the family structure, the culturally based power of men in their communities and families, the bridging of cultures male youth undergo in becoming a peer and being accepted; and to assist in determining best practices in providing access and availability to men specific services.

HIV Edmonton is also a member on several national working groups and steering committees. Under the

banner of research and resource development, during 2006/07 and currently active is the National Gay Men's Social Marketing Working Group that brought you the **Assumptions Campaign** (2004) and **Gay Men Play Safe** (2005).

We also sit as a member of a steering committee established by the Canadian AIDS Society to facilitate the establishment of a gay men's health network, called **GayNet**. Much of the framework of the new network is now in place pending a national discussion with a broader representation of the gay/bisexual men's community.

On a provincial level, HIV Edmonton staff is active in various working groups. One such involvement comes under the banner of the Alberta Community Council on HIV (ACCH). Our staff is involved in an Evaluation Working Group whose mandate it is to assist in the coordination of evaluation processes and tools to enable ACCH members to access the impact of their work on an individual level as well as the impact of the member organizations on HIV/AIDS transmission and treatment in Alberta.

The highlight of the year's activities has to be the attendance to the XVI International conference by two staff. Learnings from research and programs discussed at the conference demonstrated that we are on the right track with our programming and gave us cause to redouble our efforts in our own community. The sheer size and scope of the conference along with the attendance of delegates from almost every nation on earth invoked a sense of the diversity in the global community that will be necessary to eradicate this disease.

Robert Wm Smith
Research & Resource Development

International Collaboration—Suriname

Canadian Crossroads International

HIV Edmonton completed its last year of partnership with Canadian Crossroads International. From October to December 2006, the office welcomed Miquel Kana of Stichting Mamio Namen Project in Suriname. Miquel assisted in the delivery of education workshops and developed a radio show that was broadcasted on World AIDS Day. Many thanks are given to CKUA, CJSR, host-mom Mary Elizabeth Archer, with special thanks to host-parents Rodrigo and Joanna Loyola for their dedication to Miquel's radio programming training and cross-cultural experience.

Lynn Sutankayo
Education Coordinator

HIV Edmonton Events

Spring for Life

For the 3rd year in a row HIV Edmonton celebrated the first day of spring by participating in Spring for Life, a national fundraising campaign. With 7 locations plus a pre-order and delivery option, HIV Edmonton was able to raise money and awareness in all areas of the city. Support from U of A Hospital, Budget Rental and others helped make this year a success. We look forward to making Spring for Life a signature fundraising event for HIV Edmonton.

AIDS Awareness Week

With gusto and creativity we at HIV Edmonton presented a variety of diverse activities to honour AIDS Awareness Week during the last week of November leading up to World AIDS day on December 1st. We partnered with Change for Children, OXFAM, Metro Cinema, Woody's and others to offer engaging activities for all Edmontonians to learn more about HIV/AIDS.

*Leah Portelance
Operations Coordinator*

4th Memorial Round Dance AGM Report

On Saturday, November 25th, 2006, HIV Edmonton's 4th Memorial Round Dance was held to honor those who have passed on from HIV/AIDS, as part of the 2007 AIDS Awareness Week Campaign. By holding the ceremony on reserve in Enoch our aim was to raise awareness in Aboriginal

communities HIV/AIDS. The event provided an opportunity for friends and families to honor their loved ones in a traditional Aboriginal way. As HIV/AIDS is a "silent epidemic" in small Aboriginal communities, this Round Dance serves to bring awareness to the community in an unthreatening manner.

Staff of HIV Edmonton and approximately 15 volunteers hosted the estimated 500 to 600 people in attendance. Prior to the event, all volunteers and coordinators participated in a cultural awareness training featuring a Cree perspective by Elder Henry Laboucan. Elders involved in the ceremony included: Eric Cardinal, Francis Whiskeyjack, George O'Chiese, and Max Blood. Ken Ward attended as honorary elder. The lead stick man was Romeo Waskahat of *River Cree Singers*. The Pipe Helper was Donald Thunder. The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Douglas Boneé. Vi Jackson, Francis Whiskeyjack's wife, acted as head cook and advisor during the evening.

Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN) recorded part of the ceremony as well as conducted interviews with Deborah Jakubec, the Executive Director and myself for a special feature on the APTN. We were also interviewed on CJSR Radio for a World AIDS Day feature.

*Amanda Goertzen
Memorial Round Dance Coordinator*

Our Volunteers

At HIV Edmonton, we proudly acknowledge that much of what we do is made possible because of our volunteers. Contributing almost **1200 hours**, HIV Edmonton Volunteers increased our capacity to serve the community while creating a community within Edmonton of compassionate, educated AIDS aware citizens. Volunteer activities are divided into 3 categories:

Fundraising Activities

Most fundraising activities can also be described as "Events". In 2006, HIV Edmonton volunteers assisted with four major events which included the **Spring for Life, AIDS Walk for life, Loonie Frisbee film night** as well as helping staff our bi-annual casino. For these events **94 volunteers put in approximately 410 hours**.

Capacity Building Activities

Capacity Building activities provide education and understanding so that volunteers can better understand HIV, related issues as well as their own place in being part of the solution. HIV Edmonton is proud that **46 volunteers took 329 hours** in total to learn about HIV in workshops like **Aboriginal Culture Sensitivity Training, Dynamics of HIV, HIV 101, Gender Based Analysis** and **Behind the Pandemic**. Volunteers also attended a series of Volunteer General Meetings as well.

Awareness Building Activities

Being out and part of the community generating awareness

about HIV and related issues is an integral part of HIV Edmonton's volunteer program. **Forty-four (44) volunteers** represented HIV Edmonton at **Pride Week 2006, AIDS Awareness Week, Facing AIDS/Facing Reality, International Development Week Fair** and the **Lister Sex Fair** at the University of Alberta. These contributions represent approximately **117 hours**

Administrative Support

Volunteers also supported HIV Edmonton through office support and reception duties, which accounted for an estimated **300 hours** in the past year.

Thank You to all HIV Edmonton Volunteers.

*Ted Kerr
Volunteer Coordinator*



Donors & Sponsors

HIV Edmonton would like to take this opportunity to thank our many dedicated donors and sponsors who gave money, services and time to the financial health of our organization. We would like to particularly highlight the many repeat sponsors of our main fundraising and marketing events. A complete list of those sponsors can be found on the previous page under "Sponsors of the Spring for Life" and "Sponsors of The Walk for Life".

Below are a list of Corporate Cash and In-Kind Donations for 2006/2007



(up to \$499)

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(\$1,000+)

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Our Funders

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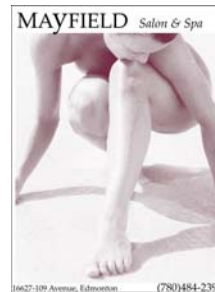
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