

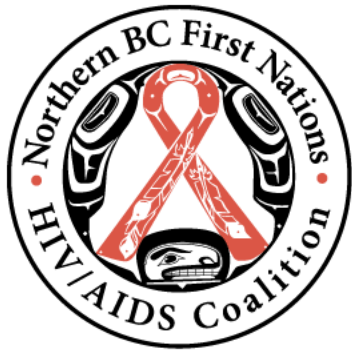
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October 23/24, 2013

Northern BC First Nations

HIV/AIDS Coalition





Brief Introduction of Who We Are

NORTHERN BC FIRST NATIONS HIV/AIDS COALITION

Northern BC First Nations HIV/AIDS Coalition Staff

Emma Palmantier, Coalition Chair



- Emma is the main negotiator and manager for the Coalition for over 7 years. She has also served as Chief for Lake Babine Nation for 3 terms.
- She is on various Provincial and Regional HIV/AIDS committees including: STOP HIV/AIDS Leadership Provincial WG, the NH Blood Borne Pathogens WG and nationally on the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network as the BC Rep to name a few.

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**Colette Plasway,
Program Coordinator**



- Colette has been with the Coalition for over five years.
- She helps the Chair with overall program management such as budget, reports, publications and contracts.
- She has completed three years towards her BComm degree and previously worked with Northern Health for five years.
- She is on the provincial committee Renewing our Response.

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Bonnie Cahoose, Co- Educator/Admin Assistant



- She helps facilitate training sessions with the Educator.
- Assists the Coalition to organize events.
- She has her Associate Degree in Education and has completed four years towards her BSw degree.
- She is from the Ulkatcho First Nations and served three terms as their Band Councillor.

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**Julius Okpodi,
HIV Educator**

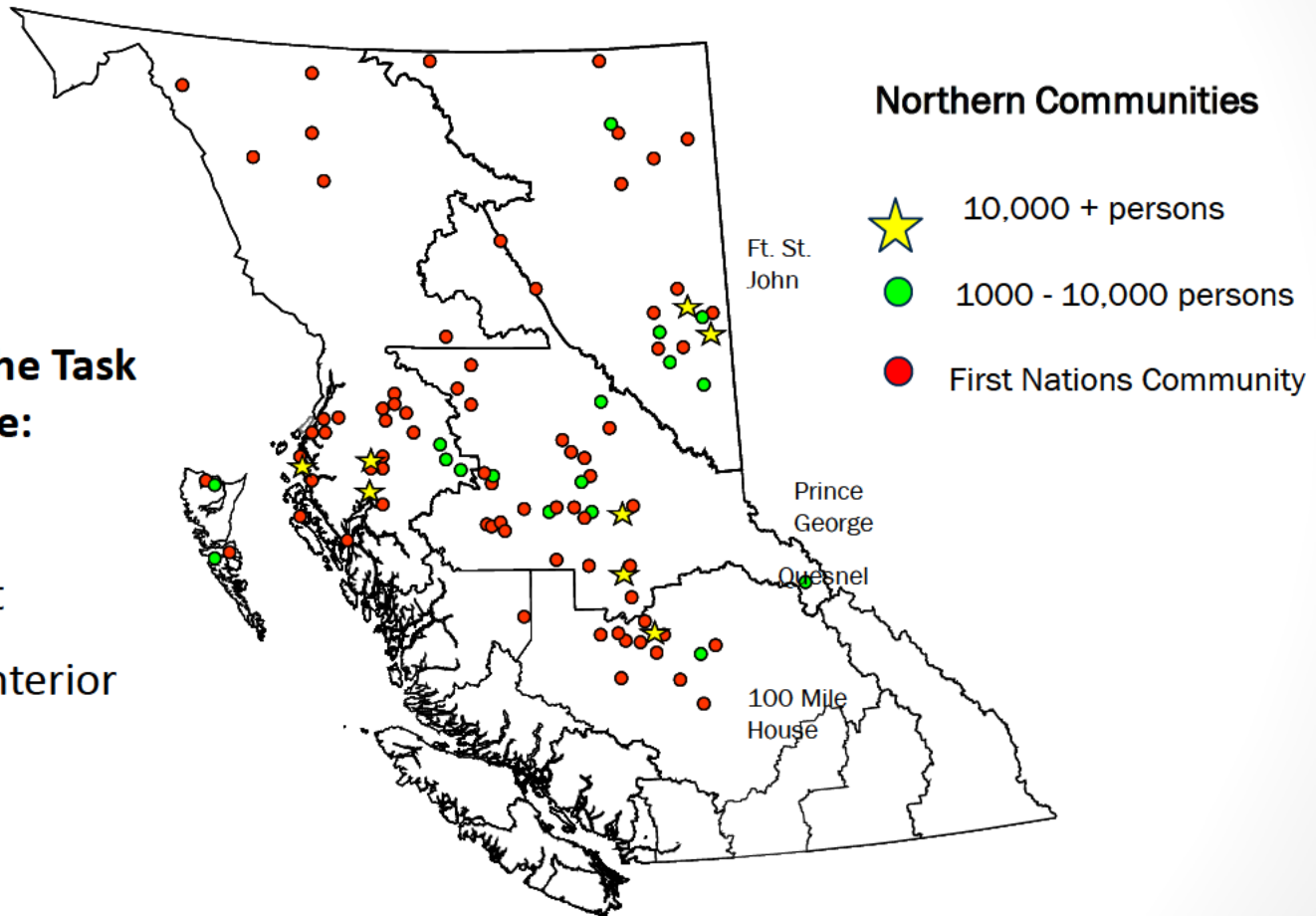


- Developed teaching tool and provides HIV 101 training.
- Has his BSc in Sociology and Anthropology from Nigeria and his MSW from UNBC. He is currently a PhD candidate at UNBC.
- He worked previously with community living BC (Aimhi) to support high risk youth and seniors living in residential care.

Northern BC First Nations HIV/AIDS Coalition Region

Regions of the Task Force include:

- North
- North West
- Northern Interior
- North East
- Quesnel



Northern BC First Nations HIV/AIDS Coalition



- Aboriginal community leaders, Elders and Youth, Aboriginal people who are living with HIV/AIDS, representatives from Agencies and Health Service providers. Federal, Provincial, Regional and local government members, RCMP, and other Health Professionals
- They meet quarterly.

David Lee – Jul 1962 to Jan 2013

- David Lee was a member of the Coalition and a Positive Living Warrior.
- He was a member of the Coalition for 2+ years originally from the McLeod Lake Indian Band.
- He participated in national research projects with CAAN.



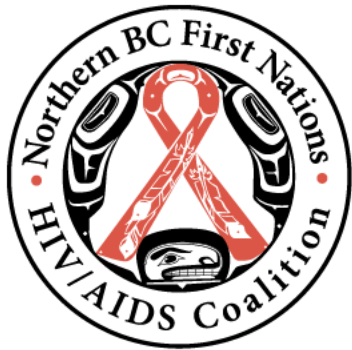
Coalition Who We Are – Brief Update

Renewed Mandate

- The Coalition received a renewed mandate from the Northern Chiefs in February 2012.
- In November 2012 we provided the 5-year Work Plan budget as requested which was accepted with the stipulation that we be out in the communities.
- We will provide a brief update on the activities from the plan

Charlotte Brooks & National Chief Sean Atleo – Feb '12





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5-Year Strategic Plan – Update

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

Relationship Building Awards and History Made

Emma Receiving the AccolAIDS Award 2013



Social, Political, and Community Action

- Emma was recognized for change in public policy or process in April 2012.
- The award acknowledged her contribution to the benefit of individuals and/or communities affected by HIV/AIDS.
- Mainly from the Community Engagement Project which the Chair and Program Coordinator did in 2009 and 2010.

Relationship Building Awards and History Made

**Emma with the Canadian
First Nations Team**

**Indigenous People's
Networking Zone, Global
Village & AIDS 2012**



- The Coalition made history by being on the agenda of this international conference.
- We provided an update on the Coalition.
- Emma was able to network with US Senator Jack Jackson Jr. and was so close to meeting Barack Obama.

Relationship Building Awards and History Made

**Golden Apple Partners
Recognized – Jun '13**



Collaborative Solutions

- The Northern Health Authority along with its partners were recognized
- For the ambitious multi-media campaign , STOP HIV Initiative which Emma has been a part of on the Leadership Level.

Relationship Building

Youth Forum – Planned for July 2014

- Some funding accessed from the Ministry of Health.
- Proposals sent to ViivCare & one being planned for First Nations Health Council
- Youth and Elder Coalition members will help plan the forum.



Relationship Building

Youth Forum – Planned for July 2014

Moricetown Teaching Feast
– Nov '12

Holistic Health Focus

- Will request for abstracts from potential presenters.
- Speakers the Youth want invite:
 - Wab Kinew
 - Gymnast Sienna Brown
 - Carey Price
 - Gordon Tootoo
 - Dr. Evan Adams
 - Adam Beach



Relationship Building

Health Services & Palliative Care

- Health & Services Palliative Care
 - A proposal written to TransCanada was favourable and will be used to hire a contractor to meet with stakeholders.
 - The Chief's and Health leads specified that the centre be in Prince Rupert/Terrace, Ft. St. John and Prince George.

Nazko First Nations Health Centre – Oct '10



Relationship Building Health Services & Palliative Care

**PG 2nd I-Track Study –
May/June '12**

- The study was done with 144 people who identified themselves as Injected Drug Users.
- They were asked about their: drug use; sexual behaviours; use of social and medical services, and their mobility.
- After the survey they were asked if they wanted to get tested for HIV.
- The HIV rates are second to Eastside Vancouver in BC and one of the highest in Canada.
- Aboriginal people are still over represented for HIV compared to non-Aboriginal.

**Public Health Agency
Canada – May '10**



Relationship Building

Health Service and Palliative Care

PG 2nd I-Track Study – Results and Action

- Unstable housing and homelessness is on on-going need for long term stable housing in Prince George.
- The lack of long-term stable housing in Prince George and secure housing may result in an increase of high-risk drug use and sexual behaviours.
- The Coalition Chair is starting a Working Group in multi-disciplines to address the need that has been identified.

Emma with Blueberry River Health Director and Youth – May '13

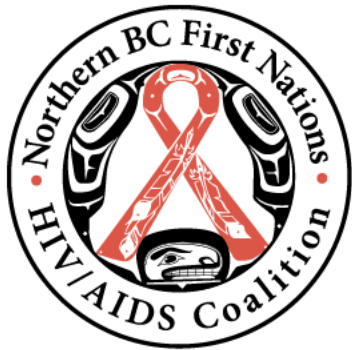


Relationship Building Coalition Media

- Quarterly Newsletter
– Spring 2013
- Web Pages Available
Soon
 - FNH-Coalition.com
 - FNH-Ycoalition.com
- Twitter
 - [@FNH_Coalition](https://twitter.com/FNH_Coalition)
- Facebook
 - [Northern.BC.FNH.Coalition](https://www.facebook.com/Northern.BC.FNH.Coalition)

**Emma with a Gitxsan
Youth – Aug '12**





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5-Year Strategic Plan – Update

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Training and Education

Community Training

Communities We Have Provided Training To

- Moricetown – Nov '12
- Hartley Bay – Feb '13
- Lax Kw'alaams – Feb '13
- Cheslatta – Apr '13
- Halfway River – May '13
- Blueberry River – May '13
- Doig River – May '13
- Kitkatla – May '13
- Nisga'a Youth Conference –
Aug '13

Hartley Bay – Feb '13



Training and Education

Community Training

Looking to Book More Training

Kitkatla – May '13

- Julius is going to ask for Health Leads in these areas to schedule training:
 - Old Masset, Skidegate - Sep 16-20, 2013
 - Fort Nelson First Nation, Prophet River – Oct 15-18, 2013
 - Taku River, Daylu Dena – Oct 1-11/13



Training and Education Information Booths

Health Fairs We've Attended

- PGNFC – Jan '13
- Saik'uz – Mar '13
- Nadleh – Apr '13
- Stelat'en – Apr '13
- Aboriginal Day in Burns Lake – Jun '13
- BC Elders Gathering in PG – Jul '13

Bonnie Judging Condom Face-off Nadleh Health Fair – Apr '13



Training and Education Conference Presentations

Where we Have Been

- Indigenous Networking Zone, Washington, DC – Jul '12
- NW Youth Train-the-Trainers, hosted & facilitated by the Coalition – Feb '13
- Gathering Our Voices, BC Youth Conference, Penticton, BC – Mar '13
- Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network AGA, Vancouver, BC – Jul '13

NW Youth Train the Training, Terrace, BC – Feb '13



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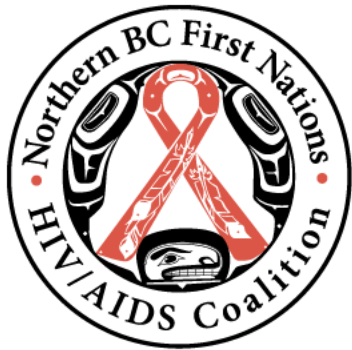
HIV Workshop in a Box

Healthy Sexuality Kit

- This recommendation came from the Community Engagement Project.
- The Coalition Educator has developed a presentation and organized information pamphlets for it.
- A custom-made bag has been ordered for the kits which will be distributed to the communities.
- There is more content in development which will incorporate the Northern BC culture.

A Sample of a Kit We Are Developing





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5-Year Strategic Plan Update

YOUTH, ELDERS, AND CULTURE

Youth, Elders, and Culture

Youth Respect Themselves

- The Coalition has a Youth Coalition Working Group that meets twice quarterly.
- They are planning Youth Forum and Youth Video.
- We are currently seeking a representative from the North.

Youth Coalition – Jul '13



Youth, Elders, and Culture

Culture

Elders Coalition to be Formed

- The Coalition Chair was able to negotiate for funding to have an Elders Coalition Working Group.
- They will provide their recommendations for cultural aspects of the HIV programs the Coalition develops.
- The Coalition is seeking an Elder Representative from the North and North East.

Doig River Elder – May '13



Questions or Feedback Welcomed

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