

# MANITOBA HARM REDUCTION NETWORK BULLETIN

## January 2007

*The mandate of the Manitoba Harm Reduction Network is to provide consultation and make recommendations regarding the development, implementation and evaluation of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI), HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C prevention initiatives based on the principles of harm reduction for affected communities in Manitoba.*

<b>MHRN 2007 Meeting Schedule</b>	<b>Network Updates</b>
<p style="text-align: center;">All task groups meet Tuesdays from 1-3 pm @ Nine Circles Community Health Centre 705 Broadway</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>January Meeting Schedule</b></p> <p>01/23 Coordinating Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>February Meeting Schedule</b></p> <p>02/06 Education Task Group 02/13 Communication Task Group 02/20 Policy and Practice Task Group</p>	<p>◆The Policy Task Group has developed an evaluation framework to assess the status of harm reduction policy and practice in the network's member organizations. They will be using a sample comprised of member organizations who are also members of a task group. The evaluation is a telephone survey that will take 5 to 20 minutes. Hope you will have the chance to discuss harm reduction in the context of your organization with the Policy and Practice task group members. The goal is to use the data to develop a fleshed out process for supporting Harm Reduction initiatives in our member organizations.</p> <p>◆The Communication Task Group has developed a letter to the editor and a letter of support for members wishing to support the little black book and its implementation in their community's high schools. If you would like a copy, please e-mail requests to: <a href="mailto:harmreductionmb@yahoo.ca">harmreductionmb@yahoo.ca</a>.</p> <p>◆ The network was at the table for a meeting in December regarding the need for a more comprehensive sharps disposal program in the city. This initial meeting, set up by the STI team leader at 705 Broadway, was comprised of various stakeholders including the WRHA, the City of Winnipeg, Pharmacists, and the MHRN. This meeting was called after members of the Support and Outreach task group mentioned their concern over seeing dirty sharps in various locations over the summer. This group will meet again in February to develop a more concrete action plan related to this issue.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Toll-free Conference call-in numbers for all meetings are:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Phone: 1-877-579-4178 Pass code: 857940#</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Harm Reduction Resources</b></p> <p>◆ <b>All Nations Hope AIDS Network is proud to announce.....</b> <b>"Healing Together"</b> <b>A Series of Hepatitis C Workshops</b></p>
<p><b>***Annual Planning Meeting***</b></p> <p>◆ <b>Annual Planning Meeting- March 20-22, 2007!</b> This meeting will review past successes and challenges of the network and set the agenda for the next year's work. The event will begin with a skill building day open to all community members and individuals and the following days are open to all MHRN members who wish to participate in setting the goals and plans for 2007/2008. Mark your calendar and plan to be there and have your voice heard. Travel subsidy will likely be available. Please contact the coordinator for more information. Registration will open at the beginning February.</p>	

## Conferences

8th Annual Alberta Harm Reduction Conference - Walk a Mile in Our Shoes

March 8 & 9, 2007

Calgary, Alberta.

<http://www.albertaharmreduction.ca/>

Manitoba Harm Reduction Network Annual Planning Meeting and Skill Building

March 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007

Winnipeg, MB

The 18th International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm:

'Harm Reduction Coming of Age'

May 13th - 17th, 2007

Warsaw, Poland

<http://www.harmreduction2007.org/>

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## Call for submissions...

The Canadian Association for HIV Research would like to announce that the 16th annual conference on HIV/AIDS research will be held from April 26th to the 29th at the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel in Toronto, Ontario.

The abstract submission deadline is January 26, 2007 at 5pm (Pacific Standard Time)

Abstract and registration information is now available on the website

There is a call for submissions for these workshops. If you are interested in facilitating a workshop for these sessions please contact:

All Nations Hope AIDS Network

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Regina, SK S4T 0L2

Phone: (306) 924-8424

Toll Free: 1-877-210-7622

Deadline for Abstract submissions is **January 15, 2007.**

Submissions can be faxed to at (306) 525-3698

Email to [allnationshope2@sasktel.net](mailto:allnationshope2@sasktel.net) or

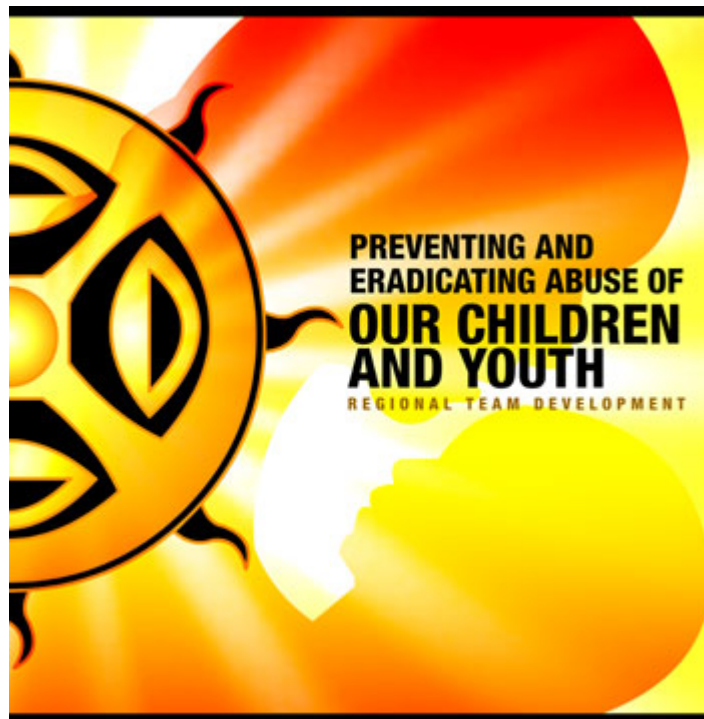
These workshops will be taking place on the following dates...

**Regina: February 26, 2007**

**Saskatoon: February 27, 2007**

**Prince Albert: February 28, 2007**

◆**New Resource from Manitoba Association of Friendship Centres:**



This document explores and assesses the goals and needs of communities in addressing their concerns related to preventing the sexual exploitation of youth.

To download a PDF of this document go to <http://www.mac.mb.ca/2005/index.php?section=1>

([www.cahr-acrv.ca](http://www.cahr-acrv.ca)).

