

MANITOBA HARM REDUCTION NETWORK BULLETIN

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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.

MHRN 2006 Meeting Schedule	Network Updates
<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;">October Meeting Schedule</p> <p>10/03 Communication Task Group 10/10 Education Task Group 10/17 Policy and Practice Task Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;">November Meeting Schedule</p> <p>11/07 Support and Outreach Task Group 11/28 Coordinating Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Toll-free Conference call-in numbers for all meetings are: Phone: 1-877-579-4178 Pass code: 857940#</p>	<p>◆Co-Chair Goodbye and Hello!</p> <p>Roberta Coulter, the current Co-Chair of the Network, has had to step down from her position on the network. She will be missed and we wish her the best of luck with her work with Addictions and Mental Health.</p> <p>On her recommendation, Manitoba Health has contracted with Dave Kennedy to fulfill the role of co-chair of the Committee. Dave has a Masters Degree in social work and has had extensive experience in both Addictions and Justice programming. He was with the AFM for 17 years and prior to that worked with the John Howard Society. Dave has a good understanding of the principles of harm reduction. He was previously a co-chair of the Co-occurring Disorders Initiative (CODI) Coordinating Committee and currently serves on the board of the Manitoba Schizophrenia Society. Dave is also an active member of the Rotary Club and is currently involved in a Rotary sponsored program for inner city youth.</p> <p>Dave will be the liaison between the Network and both the Mental Health and Addictions Branch and Public Health. We are excited to have someone with such a wealth of knowledge and commitment to harm reduction joining the network in this capacity.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Conferences</p> <p>Partners in Caring - On the Right Track</p> <p>October 18th - 20th, 2006. Winnipeg, MB. Registration is now full.</p> <p>PTSD Addiction & Mental Health</p> <p>October 22-24, 2006. Winnipeg, MB. For further information and registration details... www.plannersplus.ca/afm</p>	<p>◆ Job Opportunity - Manitoba Hepatitis C Support Community Inc. is seeking a 6 month contract for:</p> <p>Director of Outreach and Volunteer Services</p> <p>The MB Hep C Support Community provides information on all forms of hepatitis: how you get it and how not to get it - basic Hep-101: The ways in which you can infect others and the different treatment options available; How to eat and live healthy. Speakers include health care professionals who speak on a variety of topics from co-infection to dealing with depression while on treatment. A table of literature is set up and there are question and answer periods. Most outreach is geared towards</p>

**Canadian Conference on the Public's Health and the Law:
The Role of Law in Promoting and Protecting the Public's Health**

November 5-7, 2006
Toronto, Ontario.

www.phlaw.cpha.ca/english/index.html

Walking Together - HIV and Co-existing Conditions

November 27 + 28, 2006. Winnipeg, Manitoba.

For Information Email -
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or phone: 204.237-2231

Beyond the Epidemics - From Knowledge to Action

November 30 and December 1, 2006.
Regina, Saskatchewan.
www.allnationshope.ca

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marginalized people and the drug using community.

Employment Details

- 7.5 hours per week
- \$150.00 per week
- Laptop computer, projector and other presentation materials supplied
- Travel expenses reimbursed

For further information please contact:

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Harm Reduction Resources

♦ **Neighbourhood Solutions: Working Together to Address Sexual Exploitation on our Streets**

This is a new resource available from Manitoba Justice and those working on the Manitoba Strategy Responding to Children and Youth at Risk of, or Survivors of, Sexual Exploitation. This resource provides communities with information about this issue as well as various interventions and action that can be used to help address this problem. This is a useful resource and is very clear and comprehensive. If you would like a copy of this document, please go online to:

www.gov.mb.ca/justice/safe/index.html

♦ **Stop Sex With Kids Campaign Launched (see sticker in left hand column...)**

Child Find Manitoba, The National Crime Prevention Centre and the Province of Manitoba announced a province-wide campaign to raise public awareness of the devastating impacts to children and youth involved in the sex trade.

Did You Know...?

- Thirteen years old is the average age that children reported their first experience of being exploited through the sex trade. Age range is from 8 years - 16 years old.
- 70% - 80% of adults involved in the sex trade were also first exploited under the age of 18.
- 85% - 90% of sexually exploited children/youth are female; 10% - 15% are male.
- 52% were sexually abused as children and 52% were physically abused as children.

Go to www.stopsexwithkids.ca for more information.