

North Vancouver Island STOP HIV Project



Where we headed? I don't know!



Benefits & challenges of our location



Program Description

(what program?!?)

News flash:
Currently there is **no** integrated team serving clients with HIV in our region.

Therefore...
HIV clients get siloed care!



What we **do** have...

- Integrated viral hepatitis program
- Trusted ASOs in key communities around the region
- Health care providers working independently to provide great, but fragmented care

Q. What population do we serve?
A. People living on Northern Vancouver Island



Team description (so far!)

Clinical Team:

Vancouver Island Health Authority
• **North Island Liver Services (NILS)**

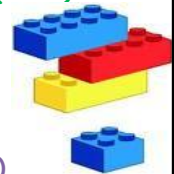
Nurse Clinicians Michelle & Shannon

• **Mental Health & Addictions**

Psychiatric Nurse Cheryl

• **Integrated Health Network**

Dietitian Jennifer



ASO Partner:

• **AIDS Vancouver Island (AVI)**

Positive Wellness Counselors Sarah, Leanne, & Tom

QI Coach:

Manager type poobah Pauline

Aim Statement



- Create an integrated program to support people living with HIV/AIDS to access better health care.
- Partner but not replicate what other agencies are providing for people living with HIV/AIDS on Northern Vancouver Island.
- Improve clinical outcomes of those living with HIV/AIDS.



Population of focus



- The focus will be *initially* on known HIV+ clients who have accessed NILS regarding HCV infection and clients who are known to AVI.



- We guesstimate this number to be approximately 50 clients for Northern Vancouver Island.



Descriptions of progress & partnerships so far:

1. Listened to HIV+ clients' stories - identified a need in this region
2. Lobbied for creation of an integrated service
3. Got green light from VIHA
4. **STOP HIV launch!**
5. Talked to community partners (AVI on board)
6. Created our Aim Statement
7. Embarked on needs assessment to identify gaps in service & create a model of care



Baseline data collected so far:

Some of the stories:

- Travel to Vancouver is a burden, a trigger, a barrier to care
- Varying levels of health care provider comfort & competence with HIV care
- Pharmacy & lab can present logistical nightmares
- Fear of "small town talk" & stigma keep people silent
- Ongoing addiction = fired by GP

Some of the numbers:

- Stay tuned!
- Needs assessment & baseline data collection underway

