



WORKING FOR CHANGE: HIV- STBBI'S IN NORTHERN MANITOBA

MB HIV-STBBI Collective Impact Network
December 7, 2023, Event Report

ABSTRACT

This report provides the summary and recommendations from the MB HIV-STBBI Collective Impact Network Fall-Winter 2023 Event.

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REPORT ON THE DECEMBER 7, 2023, MB HIV-STBBI COLLECTIVE IMPACT NETWORK EVENT: WORKING FOR CHANGE: HIV AND STBBI IN NORTHERN MANITOBA

We acknowledge that we work and gather on the original lands of Anishinaabeg (Ojibwe), Ininiwak (Cree), Anishiniwag (Oji-Cree), Dakota/Lakota, Inuit, and Dene peoples and the homeland of the Métis Nation. We are humbly working together toward the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls for Action and the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry's Calls for Justice through our research, events, and projects of the MB HIV-STBBI Collective Impact Network.

The Manitoba HIV-STBBI Collective Impact Network (CINetwork) hosted its fourteenth large network event on December 7, 2023. This was an in-person event held at the

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE CINETWORK?

OUR VISION

To eliminate HIV and related STBBIs as a public health threat by 2030 and ensure that those who live with HIV live well in Manitoba.

OUR MISSION

We are a network of innovators working collectively to transform the landscape of HIV and STBBIs in Manitoba through systems change. The CINetwork brings together a diverse array of people from across Manitoba to understand and develop solutions to address HIV-STBBI complex system issues. We work collaboratively to strengthen and enrich our contributions to HIV-STBBI innovations through partnerships while identifying and seizing new opportunities achievable only through collective effort.

We work on changing the systems that are holding the HIV-STBBI problems in place through an actional framework, "The Six Conditions for Systems Change," which includes transformative change (mental models), relational change (relationships and connections, power dynamics), and structural change (policies, practices, and resource flows).¹

The Network uses this framework to guide its activities, which include facilitating deliberative discussions, facilitating collaborations, leading, and supporting research and evaluation projects, capacity building, and promoting policy and practice changes through research and evaluation projects.

The CINetwork does this work through its core values of ensuring that all the voices are at the table, including people with lived/living experience, community-based organizations, front-line service providers and professionals, Indigenous organizations and communities, researchers and academics, and others.

¹ [The Water of Systems Change: Kania, Kramer, Senge \(2018\)](#)

INTRODUCTION TO THIS REPORT

This is a summary report of the MB HIV-STBBI Collective Impact Network (CINetwork) May 2023 event. Laurie Ringaert, Co-Strategic Facilitator and Project Director was the lead analyst and author with assistance from Ella Rocker, Project Coordinator, as well as the review and input from Linda Larcombe, Mike Payne (Co-Strategic Facilitators), and the Stewardship Team—At each event we have organized and planned builds on the next. Over the years, these events have helped to increase collaborations and knowledge and have led to significant research, project, and program accomplishments.

This report contains summaries of what was presented, what was discussed as actions forward, and a summary of the impact of this event on the participants. It is meant to be used by the CINetwork and its stakeholders to assist with taking further actions to make system changes regarding HIV and other STBBIs.

DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENT

The event was organized in partnership with CINetwork and the Northern HIV Journey Mapping Research Project (NHJMP). It was a one-day event focusing on HIV-STBBI work in Northern Manitoba. The morning sessions were NHJMP research engagement sessions. Participants engaged in discussions about the NHJMP research findings and contributed to recommendations for systems change as part of the study. The afternoon sessions featured presentations on innovative HIV-STBBI projects in Northern Manitoba, two workshops, and facilitated discussions.

Because of the nature of the morning session, all participants attended in person. We invited people to join the afternoon session virtually for the main room sessions only, including the afternoon panel and the CATIE workshop. The virtual participants were not actively engaged, as this was a view-only type of process.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE EVENT WERE TO:

- **To engage participants in a validation and feedback session on the NHJMP study results**
- **To build knowledge about systems gaps, best practices and innovations occurring**
- **To develop relationships and collaborations**
- **To consider the use of knowledge and relationships gained at the event to apply to future projects, research, policy, and practice changes.**

OUR PRIMARY AUDIENCES FOR THE EVENT WERE:

- **Primarily People engaged in Northern Health work:**
- **Front-line health and social service providers**
- **Researchers and academics**
- **Policy and program decision-makers (public or private sector)**
- **Peer-mentors and navigators**
- **Community health organizations**
- **Indigenous organizations**

WHO ATTENDED?

While 142 people registered for the event, **69 attended: 44 in person and 25 via Zoom.**

OVERVIEW OF THE DAY

The event included light breakfast, morning and afternoon refreshments and lunch. Two raffles were held throughout the day. One space was available for displays by any organization which wanted to host an information table.

THE MORNING SESSION

- ***Morning Networking and Icebreaker:* The day began with breakfast, registration, and networking through a Bingo Icebreaker activity.**
- ***Welcome Session:* This session was meant to set the stage for the event. The attendees were welcomed by CINetwork Co-Strategic Facilitators Mike Payne, Laurie Ringaert, and Dr. Linda Larcombe, who provided a land acknowledgement and introduced Dr. Elder McLeod, CINetwork Knowledge Keeper and Stewardship Team member. Albert started the symposium well, with wisdom to guide everyone throughout the day.**

MORNING RESEARCH ENGAGEMENT SESSION

The purpose of the morning session was to validate and get input and perspectives on key findings from the Northern HIV Journey Mapping Study led by Dr. Linda Larcombe with research associates Laurie Ringaert and Jared Star.

This study includes Co-PI's Dr. Elder Albert McLeod and Dr. Gayle Restall. Participants knew that this was a research engagement session and had all signed informed consent either in advance or at the event to participate. The presentation of findings for this event was the perspectives of healthcare providers and people living with HIV on barriers and facilitators in the HIV healthcare cascade journey.

- **During the morning, Dr. Linda Larcombe provided an overview of the NHJMP, Jared Star shared key findings, and the audience engaged through small and large group engagement sessions facilitated by Laurie Ringaert to discuss their feedback on the findings. The morning session ended with a summary of the NHJMP's next steps.**
- **Results of the morning session were to be analyzed and shared in peer-reviewed study publications at a later date.**

AFTERNOON SESSION

- **After lunch, Laurie Ringaert welcomed the group back and provided an overview of the rest of the day which included a panel of presenters followed by a choice of two workshops that participants could attend.**

PANEL ONE: INNOVATIVE HIV-STBBI INITIATIVES IN THE NORTH

- **Hosted by Mike Payne**
- **Dr. Barry Lavallee,**
- **Dr. Mike Isaac**
- **Ken Bristow.**

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

- **Workshops included a choice between:**
 - **An Engagement Session on Idea Generation for HIV anti-stigma tools for First Nation Communities: by Shauna Fay and Sri Maddur**
 - **HIV Basics Workshop by Zoe Bordeleau-Cass (CATIE)**

CLOSING SESSION

- **Lastly, Ken Bristow closed the event with a final raffle and final words of gratitude from Mike Payne, Linda Larcombe, and Laurie Ringaert, CINetwork Co-Strategic Facilitators.**
- *We were honoured to have Dr Elder McLeod (CINetwork Knowledge Keeper) close the day in a good way with words of wisdom to guide everyone's next step in this important work.*

EVALUATION OF THE DAY

A total of 33/69 (48%) people responded to the feedback survey following the event. To maximize participation in the evaluation, in-person participants were provided paper copies and links to the survey at the event. They received a draw ticket for the final raffle when they returned them. Virtual participants also received the link but could not participate in the raffle. All participants were sent a link to the survey immediately following the event and then one day after it. The following illustrates the data collected through the 33 responses received.

Based on the feedback received through the evaluation, the following are areas of success.

- **90% were highly satisfied with the event.**

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEXT STEPS

This report summarizes the December 2023 event, ideas and suggestions that emerged and were gathered from the event participants.

- **The results will be shared with the Stewardship Team at action group meetings, the next event planning team, and the evaluation team to discuss, learn, and consider as they move forward with action planning.**
- **It will also be provided to our funder and stakeholders, and we will distribute this report to the entire CINetwork for them to use and consider for discussion in their own areas of work.**
- **Importantly, The CINetwork Stewardship Team will review the findings from this event and determine the next strategies for the CINetwork.**

We encourage readers of this report to consider the findings and take action to make HIV-STBBI's policy and practice changes in their areas of work.

OUR GRATITUDE

The CINetwork Co-Strategic Facilitators, Mike Payne, Laurie Ringaert, and Linda Larcombe, wish to express our sincere gratitude to all the **participants and presenters**, especially to **people with lived experience** and to those who came from afar to attend this event. We also wish to thank all the people who worked hard in planning the event, during the event, with set up, running of the event, and takedown. We could not do this work without the support of our Funders: PHAC-Community Action Fund, REACH-Nexus, and CIHR.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS EVENT!

The event planning and production team did considerable work thinking through the event objectives, creating engaging sessions that would produce results, figuring out how to best engage PEERs and provide support, and creating networking and fun. They also spent a great deal of time thinking about and seeking out innovative speakers.

This event could only have happened with an entire production team. We are grateful and appreciative to all who assisted in making it happen.

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We want this report to be read and used. If you read it and use it with your own related groups, please feel free to share your thoughts.