

# Opening Doors Counselling Conference 2014 Schedule

## Keeping the Conversation Going

### Wednesday May 21, 2014

8:30 am – 10 am	Optional Breakfast Workshop <b>HIV/ HCV 101</b> <i>Presenter: Michael Bailey, CATIE</i>
10:30 am – 12 pm	<b>Setting the Tone with Stan Wesley</b>
12 pm- 1 pm	Lunch
1 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>Navigating the System- a Conversation with Service Providers</b> This session will provide conference attendees with the opportunity to attend a number of short presentations by service providers. The goal is for attendees to gain knowledge and insight on services offered, eligibility requirements, philosophies of organizations, approaches etc. This will be a great opportunity for attendees to engage various service providers across sectors and get answers to questions that challenge them in the work they do.
5 pm – 8 pm	AIDS Thunder Bay Gala Reception

### Thursday May 22, 2014

8:30 am – 9 am	Breakfast and Registration
9 am – 10 am	<b>Stories from the Front Lines</b>
10:15 am– 12:15 pm	Concurrent Workshops
&	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Workshops A and B are 2 hours long will be run twice</li></ul>
1:15 pm – 3:15 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Workshop C is 4 hours long and will run once from 10: 15 am – 3:15 pm</li></ul>

#### **1 A Ethics: Pitfalls and Opportunities in Social Media**

*Presenter: Dr. Keely Kolmes*

The Internet and social media offer a number of clinical and ethical challenges for those who provide face-to-face mental health services. These challenges include extra-therapeutic contacts between therapists and their clients, questions about what distinguishes personal from professional activities online, and a lack of clearly developed policies related to our online behaviors and interactions.

This course offers an introduction to digital ethics and to various social networking sites and activities. It summarizes recent research about interactions with clinicians and client online. It provides guidelines for anticipating and managing problems that may arise for practitioners. Applicable ethical standards will be addressed. The development of practice or institutional policies will also be addressed. A sample Social Media Policy will be provided to all attendees.

#### **1 B Harm Reduction Expanded – Real Life, Real Talk, No Shame, No Judgment**

*Presenter: Grant Cobb*

An intimate discussion about living, learning, growth and discovery - with a little bit of science and medicine. These sessions are open to Service Providers and Service Users;

We'll talk about:

- Morals! Mine? Theirs? What they expect me to say, what they expect me do, what I say, what I do.
- Sex. What they teach; what I found out on my own; sex when I was negative and sex now that I'm positive.
- Drugs; they feel good – that's why they're bad. Is partying a real option?
- Condoms vs Reality – it's natural, we are doing it; we should talk about it. Are there options?

Grant's goal is to create a barrier free place for a common language and understanding.

An understanding how bias and judgment interfere with our abilities to connect on real levels, both as service users and service providers.

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**1 C HIV/HCV 101 Train-the-Trainer (4 hour workshop running during both workshop time slots) Presenters:**  
*Annie Jollymore & Michelle Gentile*

HIV/HCV 101 Train-the-Trainer, delivered from an Occupational Health and Safety perspective, will provide participants with up-to-date information on HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C, including a training package with the PowerPoint presentations, a Training Resource Manual and related resources to be used to present the same workshop to colleagues/co-workers. Once participants have delivered the workshop within their own organization and submitted participation stats to AIDS Thunder Bay, they will receive a Certificate of Completion. The ultimate goal of Train-the-Trainer is to increase knowledge of blood borne viruses; safety/harm reduction and to learn skills needed to work sensitively and respectfully with people living with HIV and/or HCV in the community.

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12:15 pm – 1:15 pm	Lunch
1:15 pm – 3:15 pm	Concurrent Workshops
3:30 pm – 4 pm	Keynote Address <b>Rick Kennedy Ontario AIDS Network</b>
4 pm - 4:30 pm	Closing Comments

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