

CHIWOS – April 2013

Where are we at?



Étude sur la santé sexuelle et reproductive
des femmes vivant avec le VIH au Canada

Canadian HIV Women's Sexual and
Reproductive Health Cohort Study

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Étude de Cohorte**



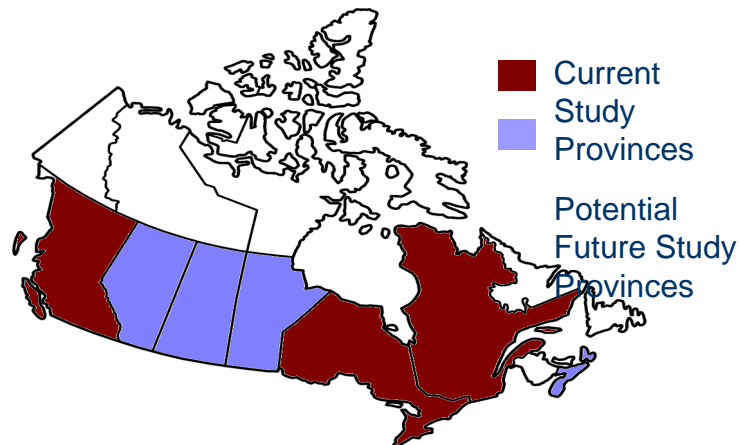
**Canadian HIV Women's sexual and
reproductive health Study**

(pronounced "chee - wose")



CHIWOS- Study Overview

- Funded through CIHR Gender, Sex Health Committee, in Sept 2010 Operating Grant call
- HIV-positive women's cohort ~1250n, in BC, ON, QC
- 5 year study- 2011-2016
- Anchored in community based research principles
- Formative phase - Focus Groups
- National Phase - Quantitative Interviews



CHIWOS: Study Goals

Among HIV-positive women:

- To assess barriers to and facilitators of women-centered HIV care use
- To assess the impact of such patterns of use on sexual, reproductive, mental and women's health outcomes

Steps undertaken so far (2011-2012)

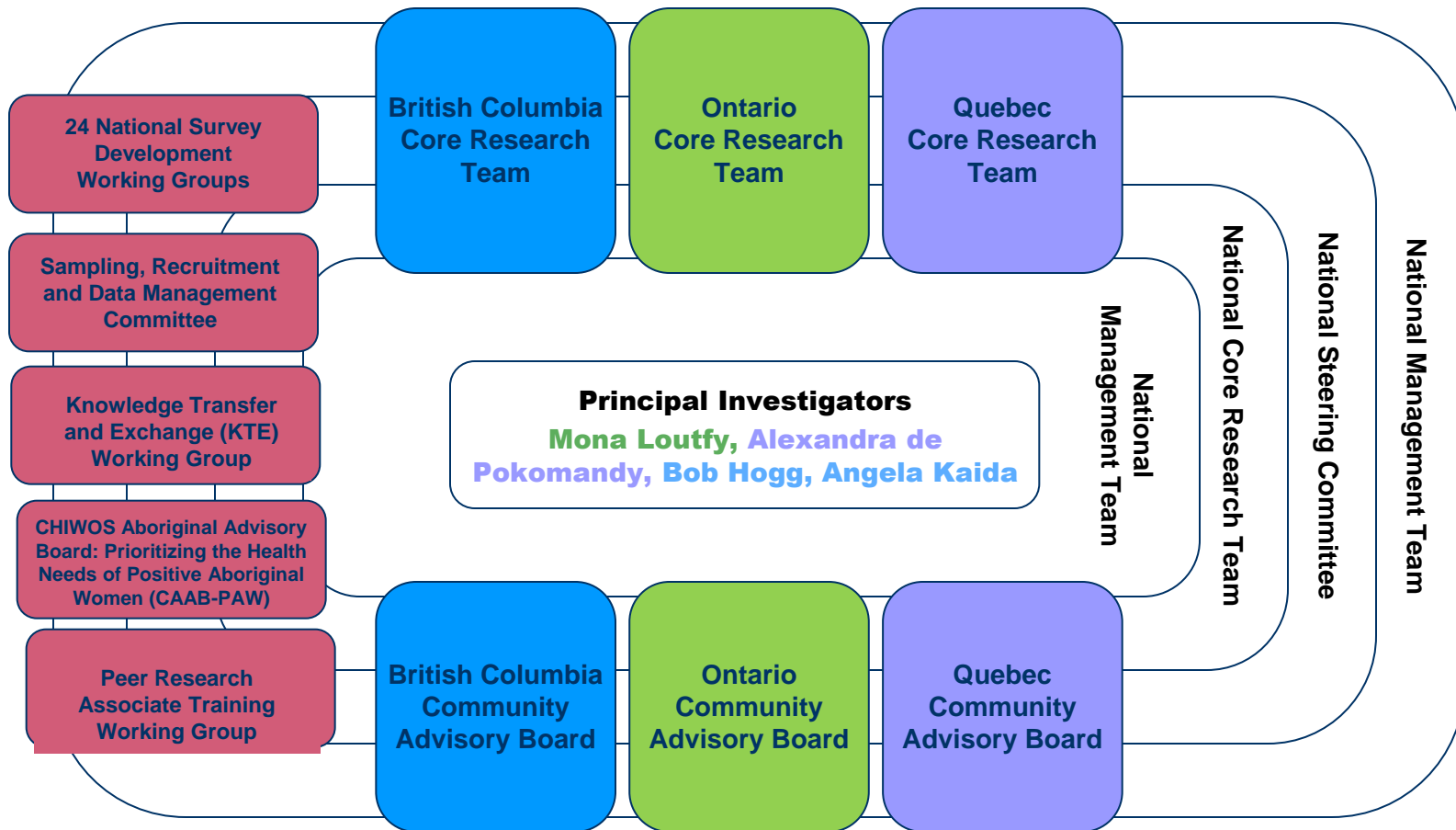
Establishing Protocols and Partnerships

Established our team

- Hired coordinators, site contracts, REB approval
- Publicity and branding (Logo)
- CTN and OHTN/OCS partnership confirmed
- New co-investigators joined the team
- Established our governing structure
 - National Steering Committee
 - National Management Team
 - Three provincial Community Advisory Boards(CABs)
 - Provincial Core Research Teams
 - CAAB-PAW- Aboriginal CAB



Study Team Structure



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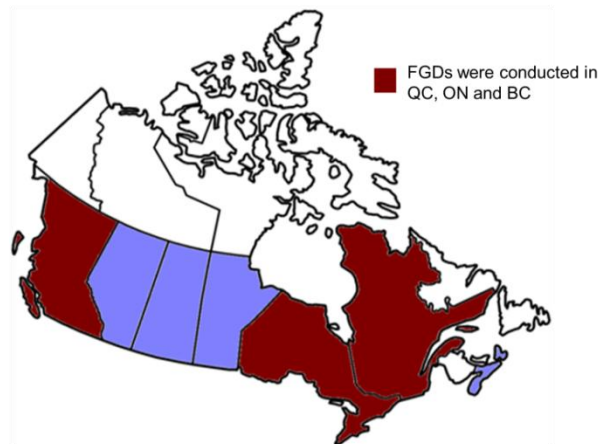
Initial Study Procedures

- Guiding Frameworks
- Vision, mission & mandate developed
- Authorship policy
- Translation policy – Officially a BILINGUAL STUDY
- Communications strategy (website, social media, twitter)
- Project Request Form
- Data Request Form
- Population-specific advisory boards application
- Studentship policy
- Conference attendance policy

Steps undertaken so far (2011-2012)

National Focus Groups

- **FORMATIVE PHASE** purpose: to develop and refine a community based **definition of 'women-centred HIV/AIDS care'**
- In total, 11 focus groups were conducted
- In total, 77 women participated
- Focus groups were led by Peer Research Associates (PRA)
- Conducted in collaboration with diverse ASOs and clinics
- Held between August 2011 and April 2012



FluidSurveys

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CHIWOS Pilot Questionnaire 2%

Section 1: Demographics and Socio-Economic Status

Participant's date of birth:
Answer to this question is optional
YYYYMMDD

Don't know
 Prefer not to answer

What was your biological sex* at birth?
Select one.

Male
 Female
 Intersex*
 Undetermined
 Don't know
 Prefer not to answer
 Other, please specify:

Biological sex is assigned at birth based on biological and physiological characteristics such as chromosomes and genitalia.

Steps undertaken so far (2012-2013)

Survey Development

We finalized survey!!!!

- Hired a Survey Consultant!
- Translated draft of survey
- Finalized sections using a CBR model (CABs, etc.)
- Shorten survey
- Tested and piloted in 3 provinces
- Shortened more
- Ongoing: skip patterns, duplications, and final checks
- (Re) Translate survey
- REB approvals
- Programming the survey

Remaining steps (2013-onwards)

National Survey Phase

- Ongoing meetings (CAB, NMT, KTE, Steering Committee)
- Hire national survey phase PRAs
 - 8 in BC, 8 in QC and 19 in ON
- Train national survey phase PRAs
 - Hired a PRA Training Consultant
 - Develop training plan and curriculum
 - BC and QC had 1st phase of training in March and will have second in April/May
 - ON will do training as one big training in May or June
- Enroll & support sites, PRAs
- Launch website, May 2013

Steps undertaken so far (2012-2013)

Knowledge Translation

- First CHIWOS paper published, literature review on women centred care: *Journal of the International AIDS Society* (Carter, 2013)
- Numerous clinics and community presentations (PAN, COCQ SIDA, GAP-VIES, Mentorat (QC), ect ect ect...
- CAHR 2012:
 - Gathering of Spirits- Oral
 - Poster- literature review women
- CAHR 2013:
 - 4 Posters – 2 National FGD, 2 Provincial FGD
 - Oral- CBR National Collaborations - Process piece
- Active Twitter Feed

NEXT STEPS!!!

National CHIWOS Survey Phase

- The survey will be approximately 2 hours and participants will receive a compensation of 50\$
- 1250 participants overall
- Recruitment will be from clinics, ASOs and other non-HIV organizations (e.g. immigration, food banks)



350 participants

in Quebec and British Columbia.

550 participants

in Ontario.



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COHORTES OBSERVATIONNELLES (CANOC)



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