



## **The Canadian HIV/AIDS Pharmacists Network (CHAP)**

**Association canadienne des pharmaciens en  
VIH/SIDA (ACPV)**

**CHAP Annual General Meeting (2019) Minutes**  
**Wednesday, May 8, 2019** TCU Place, 35-22 St E,  
Saskatoon, SK

**Room:** Gallery A, TCU Place

### **Welcome:**

Karen Tulloch welcomed all attendees to the CHAP AGM and introduced Saskatoon as the host city. Karen thanked the sponsors for their support (Gold: Gilead; Silver: ViiV, Abbvie; Bronze: Merck; Other: Theratechnologies).

**Breakfast Symposium Conference: Pharmacologic Insights into HIV Reservoirs and Remission - Dr. Courtney Fletcher**, PharmD, University of Nebraska Medical Centre

Dr. Fletcher presented information on HIV reservoirs and the impact on different antiretrovirals on different tissues/compartments.

### **Slides:**

[https://chaphiv.slack.com/files/UA54L2UEQ/FJNM0TM3R/pharmacologic\\_insights\\_into\\_hiv\\_reservoirs\\_and\\_remission\\_dr\\_courtney\\_fletcher.pdf](https://chaphiv.slack.com/files/UA54L2UEQ/FJNM0TM3R/pharmacologic_insights_into_hiv_reservoirs_and_remission_dr_courtney_fletcher.pdf)

## BUSINESS MEETING

### *Present:*

Karen Tulloch (chair, Vancouver), Mike Stuber (secretary, Regina), Alice Tseng (co-treasurer, Toronto), Deborah Yoong (co-treasurer, Toronto), Natalie Dayneka (Ottawa), Shanna Chan (Winnipeg), Michelle Foisy (Edmonton), Dominic Martel (Montreal), Christine Hughes (Edmonton), Nancy Sheehan (Montreal), Jeff Kapler (Calgary), Debbie Kelly (St. John's), Linda Robinson (Windsor), Jennifer Hawkes (Prince George), Carley Pozniak (Saskatoon), Carmen Allen (Saskatoon), Stephanie Gysel (Calgary), Tracy Janzen Cheney (Winnipeg), Caitlin Olatunbosun (Vancouver), Junine Toy (Vancouver), Kristen Bilawchuk (Saskatoon),

The quorum of working group members was met (16/20) was met.

### *Guests (industry, for symposium only):*

### *Breakfast:*

Jean-François Bélanger (Theratechnologies), Cathy Bizruchak (Abbvie), Chantelle Morrison (Viiv Healthcare), Mike McKimm (ViiV Healthcare), Isabel Deslongchamps (Merck), Ted Watson (Merck), Andrea Forbes (Merck), Dominic Callagiglia (Gilead), Devon Lewis (Gilead), Courtney Fletcher (guest presenter)

### *Lunch:*

Jean-François Bélanger (Theratechnologies), Cathy Bizruchak (Abbvie), Chantelle Morrison (Viiv Healthcare), Mike McKimm (ViiV Healthcare), Ted Watson (Merck), Andrea Forbes (Merck), Dominic Callagiglia (Gilead), Devon Lewis (Gilead), Courtney Fletcher (guest presenter)

## Introduction

Karen Tulloch (CHAP chair) started the business meeting with round table introductions and asked all CHAP members to fill and submit their AGM evaluation forms.

## **Approval of Agenda**

Natalie Dayneka moves to add dinner to the agenda. Jeff Kapler seconds. All participants in favour.

## **Approval of AGM 2018 minutes**

Shanna Chan moved to approve the AGM 2018 minutes. This was seconded by Christine Hughes. All participants were in favour.

## **Executive Report**

### *Acknowledgements, year in review*

Karen Tulloch thanks Dominic Martel, Alice Tseng, Deborah Yoong and Mike Stuber for their participation on CHAP Executive. Karen Tulloch congratulates Mike Stuber for receiving the Canadian Pharmacists Association Pharmacist of the Year Award. This award recognizes a pharmacist who demonstrates leadership and exemplifies the evolution of the pharmacy profession toward an expanded role in health care.

The CHAP executive members had three teleconference calls this year. This year the executive finalized revisions to three CHAP documents.

- Grant Allocation Policy
- CHAP Endorsement Policy
- Terms of Reference, with attention to grant allocation

## **Membership**

### *General members:*

CHAP general membership now includes a total of 186 members. There are 155 Canadian members and 31 International members. This year 16 new general members joined CHAP. It was reported that 3 members have left CHAP this year.

### *Working group members/changes:*

The CHAP working group now includes a total of 20 members in an effort to expand membership to the Prairies and Maritimes. New working group members are Carley Pozniak (Saskatoon), Tracy Janzen Cheney (Winnipeg) and Tasha Ramsey (Halifax). One application is pending approval (New Brunswick).

All participants at the meeting were asked to update their contact information on the contact list. This contact list is posted on the CHAP website.

<https://hivclinic.ca/chap/network.php>

### **Treasurers' report** (Alice Tseng/ Deborah Yoong)

Deborah presented the treasurers' report.

For the 2019 annual general meeting (22 attendees, 16 working group, 6 general members) we received \$31,200 in grants from industry. Total expenses were \$32,144.26.

### **New Business**

To streamline the AGM, the 3 CHAP documents under review were sent out to all Working Group members prior to the AGM. We received feedback from all 19 members (prior to approval of Tasha Ramsey).

## *1. Endorsement Policy*

The Endorsement Policy has been approved unanimously (19/19). The approved change applies to the Endorsement Policy and reads:

“If an initiative from an external organization does not require thorough review or does not meet the criteria to request an official CHAP endorsement, the CHAP executive can agree to write a letter of support in favor of an initiative on a case by case basis. The letter of support will be written by the chair in coordination with other members of the executive if the initiative is aligned with the mission, goals and values of CHAP.”

## *2. The CHAP Terms of Reference*

The CHAP Terms of Reference have been approved by 18/19 members. Changes include:

5.2.3 - Deadline for grant application changed to January 31 (from December 31)

5.2.4 - removed “Travel grants may be rewarded to the General Membership at the discretion of the Executive”

5.2.5 - removed specification of “\$500 each” for amount of grant which would be split between 2 pharmacists sharing a grant

5.2.6 - removed specification of “\$1000”. Now states “A working group member from out of town will receive an AGM grant (amount to be determined each year by the executive based on available funding). Suggestion to also add, “ A WG member from the town of the AGM will not be eligible for the grant”

5.2.7 - removed "AGM grants are not intended to cover all related AGM expenses" because there is already 5.2.1 which states "AGM grants may be available to partially cover expenses related to attendance of the CHAP Annual Meeting".

5.2.10 - removed “If a non-WG member representing a WG member attends, the non WG member is eligible for the travel grant”. Added: “Non WG members are only considered eligible for an AGM grant in the event that they are representing a WG member from the same practice site at the AGM. This is the only circumstance in which a non-WG member may receive an AGM grant”.

5.2.11 - removed "Travel grants will not be awarded to members from the host city of the annual meeting." Added: "As a condition for receiving an AGM grant, members will make an active contribution to the AGM agenda (e.g., provide a presentation, act as a facilitator, carry out executive duties, taking the lead on a group project)"

Alice Tseng moves to accept these changes. Linda Robinson seconds. All participants in favour.

Karen Tulloch to update documents and post on CHAP site.

### *3. AGM Grant Allocation Policy*

AGM grant allocation will follow CHAP ToR to define Working Group Membership (WGM). This AGM Grant Allocation Policy supplements the terms as outlined in the CHAP ToR. AGM grants will be allocated by regional representation for CHAP WGM as follows:

BC (3), AB (3), SK (increase to 2), MB (increase to 2), ON (5), QC (3), NL (1). There was discussion around adding to Atlantic Canada to include NS. This addition is contingent on removal of floating grant for CHAP chair. This is done to increase WGM.

Nancy Sheehan points out that WGM does not necessarily result in an AGM grant. She states that if we wish to increase overall WGM we cannot provide AGM grants to all WGM. This includes discussion around addition to WGM to include more members from Quebec and can apply to all regions of the country. Discussion between Nancy, Alice Tseng and Karen Tulloch determines that we can add any WGM who applies and meets criteria but we may need to tweak AGM Grant Allocation Policy.

Debbie Kelly indicates that wording should change from 'regional representation' as NL is not a Maritime province and that each province should have their own WGM. Deborah Yoong and Nancy Sheehan suggest reaching out to territories for WGM.

Nancy Sheehan agrees to reach out to Quebec pharmacists for WGM. Mike Stuber agrees to reach out to pharmacists in the Territories for WGM.

Karen Tulloch moves to take this conversation back to the executive for rewording and updated documents will be circulated to the WG.

### *CHAP Membership*

Karen brings up discussion around CHAP membership for pharmacists working in corporate settings, compared to clinical practice sites. ToR states employees of pharmaceutical companies are not allowed to join CHAP due to conflict of interest but this may or may not apply to corporate pharmacists. There is interest in revising this to allow for corporate pharmacists to join but there must be a relation to clinical practice.

Mike Stuber asks if current policy restricts membership to those who specialize in HIV/HCV and excludes community pharmacists or those who may have HIV/HCV as a minor part of their practice.

Debbie Kelly suggests removing this restriction with the caveat that all members fill out an annual Conflict of Interest declaration. This will require changing definitions under Section 4 of Network Structure.

Karen Tulloch suggests we table discussion and take the issue back to the executive for rewording. Updated revisions will be sent to WGM for approval.

### *Working Group Affirmation*

Karen Tulloch to send out WG affirmation document to all WGM.

### *Slack as platform for CHAP communication*

Alice Tseng revisits the idea of use of Slack (CHAPHIV.SLACK.com) as a platform, vs. the current yahoo list serve, as a platform for CHAP communications. This platform was introduced at last year's AGM. Use has been intermittent due to challenges of some members accessing the platform at their practice site. Many attendees state that they prefer email and would like to continue to have that option. It is acknowledged that changes are needed to provide a way to host and share documents and Slack (or a similar platform) may be needed for this. No conclusion is reached and Karen says we will continue to use both platforms for now. Executive will explore ways to make Slack more user friendly/accessible or find alternatives.

## **Presentation: Management of HIV Comorbidities, HIV and Women/Pediatric**

### **INSTI weight gain review of the literature - M. Foisy**

- [https://chaphiv.slack.com/files/UA54L2UEQ/FJLS53C9E/insti-related\\_weight\\_gain\\_review\\_of\\_the\\_literature\\_\\_michelle\\_foisy\\_.pdf](https://chaphiv.slack.com/files/UA54L2UEQ/FJLS53C9E/insti-related_weight_gain_review_of_the_literature__michelle_foisy_.pdf)

### **INSTI weight gain CHAP group discussion - M. Foisy**

- Group discussion around Michelle's review of literature. Discussion around mechanism of weight gain and potential role of insulin resistance. There may be some role for TAF in weight gain.

### **Experience with tesamorelin - J. Kapler**

- [https://chaphiv.slack.com/files/UA54L2UEQ/FJNM1ACF9/tesamorelin\\_-\\_the\\_southern\\_alberta\\_experience\\_\\_jeff\\_kapler\\_.pdf](https://chaphiv.slack.com/files/UA54L2UEQ/FJNM1ACF9/tesamorelin_-_the_southern_alberta_experience__jeff_kapler_.pdf)

### **Perinatal HIV Transmission Case - C. Hughes**

- [https://chaphiv.slack.com/files/UA54L2UEQ/FJ9CTH4UB/eliminating\\_perinatal\\_transmission\\_of\\_hiv\\_\\_christine\\_hughes\\_.pdf](https://chaphiv.slack.com/files/UA54L2UEQ/FJ9CTH4UB/eliminating_perinatal_transmission_of_hiv__christine_hughes_.pdf)

### **Sharing session Pediatric HIV - N. Dayneka**

- Natalie shares thoughts around perinatal prophylaxis duration

## **Lunch Symposium Conference: HIV And Hepatitis C Care and Treatment**

**in Rural and Remote Communities - Dr. Stuart Skinner, MD, FRCPC,** Regina ID Clinic and The Wellness Wheel, Regina, SK & **Ms Susanne Nicolay, RN, BA, BScN, ACRN,** Clinics and Projects Coordinator - The Wellness Wheel, Regina, SK

Dr. Skinner and Ms Nicolay share their experience developing The Wellness Wheel, a multidisciplinary group that provides HIV/HCV as well as other specialized care to people living in Saskatchewan's northern and rural reserve communities.

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## **Projects: News, updates, discussion**

### **CHAP Observership Program - A. Tseng**

- Alice provides update on CHAP observership program. To date, 8 pharmacists have completed an observership. Three more pharmacists have been selected to complete an observership this year based on budget.

### **Specialized HIV pharmacy rotation for Family Practice Residents - D. Yoong**

- [https://chaphiv.slack.com/files/UA54L2UEQ/FJLAJ7RU4/hiv\\_pharmacy\\_rotation\\_for\\_family\\_practice\\_residents\\_\\_deborah\\_yoong\\_.pdf](https://chaphiv.slack.com/files/UA54L2UEQ/FJLAJ7RU4/hiv_pharmacy_rotation_for_family_practice_residents__deborah_yoong_.pdf)

### **CHAP HIV guidelines update and resources for new practitioners - M. Stuber**

- Mike asks the attendees about the process to update the CHAP guidelines last published in 2012 (<http://www.cjhp-online.ca/index.php/cjhp/article/view/1120/1447>). He will send out email to WG members with summary of changes needed and ask for people interested in contributing

### **DDI Reference update - L. Robinson**

- Linda shares proofs from the new update to “A Management Tool for HIV Drug-Drug Interactions” last published in 2016.

### **HIV/HCV pharmacist staffing at Canadian centres - N. Sheehen**

- Nancy shares her chart of patient to pharmacist FTEs ratio across Canadian centres. Feedback suggests to continue and investigate if this can be useful for advocating for more pharmacist positions.

### **New Business (Continued)**

#### *Election of CHAP Secretary 2019 -2020*

Jenn Hawkes was elected as secretary for 2019 to 2020.

### **Presentation: New Treatment resources from CATIE, Canada's source for**

**HIV and HCV information - Laurie Eddmiston**, Executive director, CATIE

Laurie presents on new resources available through CATIE and encourages CHAP members to utilize them -

[https://chaphiv.slack.com/files/UA54L2UEQ/FJLS6G264/new\\_resources\\_from\\_catie\\_\\_hiv\\_and\\_hepatitis\\_c\\_treatment\\_and\\_beyond\\_\\_laurie\\_edmiston\\_.pdf](https://chaphiv.slack.com/files/UA54L2UEQ/FJLS6G264/new_resources_from_catie__hiv_and_hepatitis_c_treatment_and_beyond__laurie_edmiston_.pdf)

### **Presentation: HIV and Hepatitis C Presentations and Clinical Sharing**

#### **DDIs with patients hospitalized during HCV treatment - D. Martel**

- [https://chaphiv.slack.com/files/UA54L2UEQ/FJLS6LX16/ddis\\_in\\_patients\\_hospitalized\\_during\\_hcv\\_treatment\\_\\_dominic\\_martel\\_.pdf](https://chaphiv.slack.com/files/UA54L2UEQ/FJLS6LX16/ddis_in_patients_hospitalized_during_hcv_treatment__dominic_martel_.pdf)

#### **OAT and buprenorphine/naloxone microinductions in patients with HIV/HCV - J. Hawkes**

- [https://chaphiv.slack.com/files/UA54L2UEQ/FJ9CV27K5/buprenorphine\\_and\\_naloxone\\_microinduction\\_\\_jennifer\\_hawkes\\_.pdf](https://chaphiv.slack.com/files/UA54L2UEQ/FJ9CV27K5/buprenorphine_and_naloxone_microinduction__jennifer_hawkes_.pdf)

#### **HESITATE-HIV study results - N. Sheehan**

- [https://chaphiv.slack.com/files/UA54L2UEQ/FJLAJN6SG/hesitate\\_hiv\\_study\\_results\\_\\_nancy\\_sheehan\\_.pdf](https://chaphiv.slack.com/files/UA54L2UEQ/FJLAJN6SG/hesitate_hiv_study_results__nancy_sheehan_.pdf)

#### **Poor immune reconstitution despite viral suppression and factors associated - S. Chan**

- [https://chaphiv.slack.com/files/UA54L2UEQ/FJ9DL6YUA/declining\\_cd4\\_count\\_despite\\_virologic\\_suppression\\_\\_shanna\\_chan\\_.pdf](https://chaphiv.slack.com/files/UA54L2UEQ/FJ9DL6YUA/declining_cd4_count_despite_virologic_suppression__shanna_chan_.pdf)

#### **APPROACH 2.0 - D. Kelly & C. Hughes**

- Debbie and Christine discuss the progress on their APPROACH study involving pharmacists testing for HIV. Additional grant money will be used to expand the study. Next steps include expanding testing to all STBBIs and investigating reimbursement. Challenges include staffing and selecting the appropriate sites for the study.

### **CHAP Dinner**

#### **HIV and Hepatitis C Networking and Clinical Sharing – Ayden**

**Kitchen and Bar, 265 3 Ave S, Saskatoon, SK, S7K 1M3**