

COMPASSIONATE HIV CARE

Annual Report 2015/2016

Dr.  **PeterAIDS**
FOUNDATION



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & CHAIR OF THE BOARD

This year, as much as any year in our organization's history, the Dr. Peter Centre has demonstrated its leadership in providing HIV care for individuals with additional vulnerabilities such as addictions, mental illness, homelessness, and increasingly complex medical conditions. Our comprehensive model of care, reflecting our core values of compassion, courage, inclusion, and innovation, successfully engages individuals with such vulnerabilities and, as a result, improves their health and quality of life.

Earlier this year, a new study from the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS found that HIV-positive clients who used drugs and accessed services provided by the Dr. Peter Centre had better results from HIV treatment than study participants who were not accessing our services. Our success is further underscored by preliminary data from another study that show day health

program participants trust Dr. Peter staff and say that the Dr. Peter Centre's services and supports help them to better manage their HIV.

In January, the Foundation made headlines around the world when it received a section 56 exemption under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, which ensures our nurses and clients will not be charged under federal drug laws for providing and accessing supervised injection services. The groundbreaking exemption is the second ever to be granted by Health Canada and signals a significant step forward in Canadian health care.

Supervised injection is just one of many tools we use to provide compassionate HIV care, along with meals, nursing and counseling, and music, art, and recreation therapies. Our success has led health care providers across Canada, the U.S., and beyond to reach out to the Dr. Peter Centre

to learn more about our model of care. We continue to grow our knowledge translation and exchange program to support this transfer of knowledge.

All of this simply would not be possible without core funding from Vancouver Coastal Health, BC Housing and the generous support of our donors who contributed more than one million dollars in funding this past year to fund daily HIV care at the Dr. Peter Centre for those who need it most in our community. We are grateful for your support.

Thank you,



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On the cover: Dr. Peter Centre day health program participant, Victor.

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DR. PETER AIDS FOUNDATION GRANTED EXEMPTION FOR INTEGRATED SUPERVISED INJECTION SERVICE

In January of this year, Health Canada granted the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation an exemption under federal law to continue to provide supervised injection services at the Dr. Peter Centre.

“The evidence is clear – supervised injection services prevent overdose deaths and save lives.”

– Hon. Dr. Terry Lake,
Minister of Health

The section 56 exemption under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) ensures the Centre’s nurses and clients will not be charged under federal drug laws for their activities related to providing and accessing supervised injection services.

Incorporating supervised injection into nursing care at the Dr. Peter Centre helps

prevent infections, overdose deaths and the spread of disease such as hepatitis C, while at the same time engaging vulnerable people in effective HIV treatment.

“Overdose deaths in Vancouver are on the rise and supervised injection services, like those provided at the Dr. Peter Centre and Insite, are needed now more than ever.”

– Dr. Patricia Daly,
Chief Medical Health Officer,
Vancouver Coastal Health

People who use supervised injection facilities are 30% more likely to enter detox programs and 70% less likely to share needles, according to research from the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS.



COST-EFFECTIVE HIV CARE

The Dr. Peter Centre's compassionate HIV care supports efficient health care spending. The daily care of the Dr. Peter Centre can reduce hospital admissions for our clients and can reduce the length of stay when admission is necessary. Clients can transition through all three programs – day health, 24hr specialized nursing care residence, and enhanced supportive housing – depending on their intensity of care needs at any one time.



COMMUNITY

The health care system struggles to effectively engage people with HIV who have complex health conditions, including mental illness and addictions.

Our day health program admits clients with HIV who are living with complex health conditions and are at risk of deteriorating health.



\$45.79/person per day*

DR. PETER CENTRE DAY HEALTH PROGRAM

Provides nursing, meals, counseling and other supports. In 2014, 80% of all 376 Dr. Peter Centre day health clients achieved a suppressed viral load compared to 56% province-wide. This is a key measure for a HIV+ person's wellness and dramatically reduced risk of transmitting the virus.

Without sustained HIV treatment, a person's health can suffer, medical costs can rise, and they are more likely to be admitted to hospital.

\$1462/person per day
HOSPITAL



While sometimes necessary, this is the most expensive place to stabilize the health of a person with HIV. The daily care of the Dr. Peter Centre can reduce hospital admissions for our clients and can reduce the length of stay when admission is necessary.

The Dr. Peter Centre admits clients from the hospital to its 24-hour nursing care residence.



\$271.09/person per day*
DR. PETER CENTRE 24-HOUR NURSING CARE RESIDENCE

Provides 24-hour specialized nursing care for adults with HIV and complex health issues, including mental illness and addiction.

\$59.89/person per day
DR. PETER CENTRE ENHANCED SUPPORTIVE HOUSING



Offers individual suites within walking distance of the day health program for clients transitioning out of our residence. Our staff provides in-suite supports including housekeeping and help building life skills.

Once stabilized, many residents are well enough to transition to enhanced supportive housing or to live independently and take part in the day health program.

*Donor revenue included.

STUDY LINKS DR. PETER CENTRE TO IMPROVED HIV TREATMENT OUTCOMES

A new study by the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS finds HIV-positive clients who used drugs and accessed support services at the Dr. Peter Centre had better results from HIV treatment than study participants who were not accessing Dr. Peter Centre services. The link between the use of the Dr. Peter Centre and a suppressed viral load may be due, in large part, to programs offered by the Centre to clients living with HIV, including a meal program, counselling, art therapy and nursing services.

The study included data from 746 HIV-positive people who use drugs in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. At the beginning of the study, more than half of the people using the Dr. Peter Centre (52%) had an undetectable viral load,

compared with 35% not accessing its services. A suppressed or undetectable viral load is below the limit of detection of standard blood tests. This indicates that transmission is very unlikely.

"Among particularly hard-to-reach groups, including people who use injection drugs, offering wrap-around services such as housing and access to nutritious meals and supervised injection helps to build a network of opportunities for engaging in care," said Dr. Julio Montaner, Director of the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS. "This new study adds to the growing body of evidence demonstrating that providing a range of supports, including harm reduction and evidence-based health care, helps people who use drugs to fully benefit from HIV treatment."

THE DR. PETER STUDY

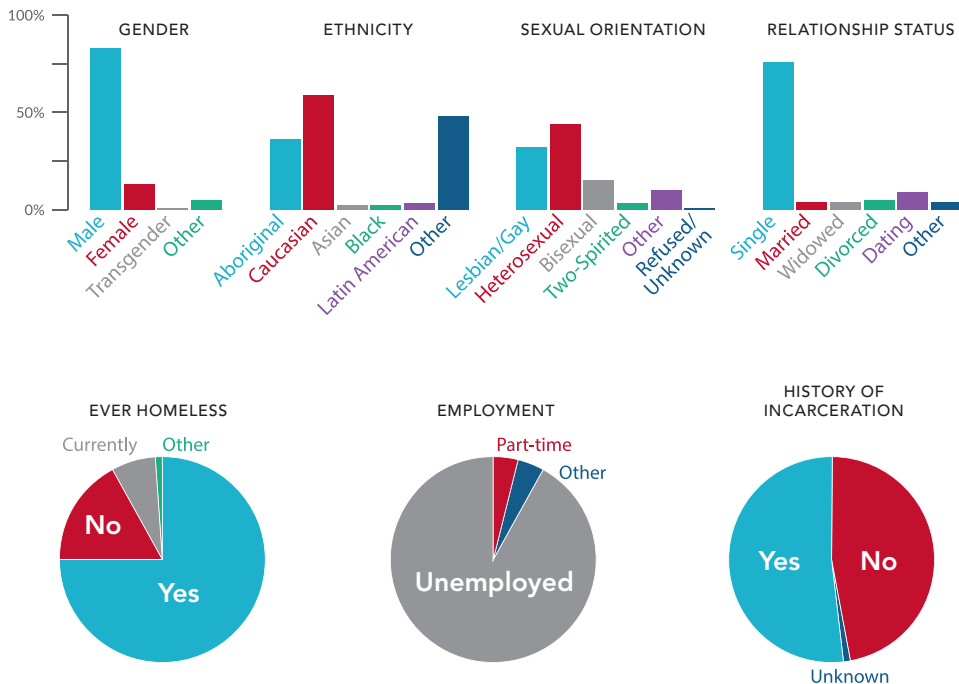
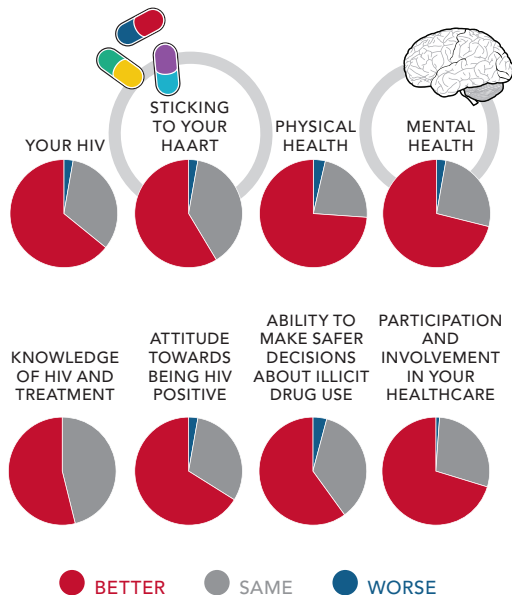
The Dr. Peter Study is a joint research project with the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS looking at the health changes or improvements of clients who use the Dr. Peter Centre's services. Surveys and interviews were used to gather information. The baseline survey recruited 121 clients (new to the Dr. Peter Centre within the last three years) and was administered by Peer Research Associates.

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED SO FAR?

- The Dr. Peter Centre provides an accepting and welcoming atmosphere
- Top services include the meal program (breakfast and lunch) and nursing
- Many clients benefit from meeting people with common backgrounds and experiences at the Dr. Peter Centre
- Almost all survey participants said they trust Dr. Peter Centre staff
- The Dr. Peter Centre's services and supports help clients better manage their HIV

Dr. Peter Centre Services

Here are just a few of the aspects of their lives that participants said were "better", rather than "same" or "worse".



Graphics courtesy of the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS and James Nakagawa

POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS: PEER RESEARCH AT THE DR. PETER CENTRE

"Aging isn't ever fun, but when you have HIV it hits you harder," says Victor, a day health participant at the Dr. Peter Centre. "It can be difficult to tell what's regular aging and what's HIV," he says. "I hope this study sheds more light on that."

The study Victor is referencing is HEADS UP! a qualitative study of the lived experience of HIV-associated neurocognitive disorder (HAND). HAND can occur when HIV enters the nervous system and impacts the health of nerve cells. This, in turn, can impair the activity of nerves involved in attention, memory, language and problem solving. There is still much to learn about how HIV affects the brain, how common it is, and how the disease progresses.

HEADS UP! is a CIHR- and REACH-funded study bringing together members of the community, health care providers and researchers from the Ontario HIV Treatment Network, Casey House, the University of

Toronto, the Dr. Peter Centre, George Brown College, St. Paul's Hospital and the University of Victoria. It explored the experience of HAND among those who receive HIV care at Casey House and St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto and the Dr. Peter Centre. The goal of the study was to explore the progression and consequences of HAND and coping strategies used by people with the disorder.

Victor was one of three Peer Research Associates from the Dr. Peter Centre who helped analyze and interpret data from the study and assisted with building content for the study's website, video and flyers. Peer Research Associates are members of a research team who have experiences and identities in common with the people participating in a study.

For Victor, participating in the study as a Peer Research Associate was a way to make a positive contribution to his community and it was also a chance to feel recognized and valued.



Photo credit: Liane Gottgretten

"It feels good to be acknowledged for what I know rather than who I am and to be treated as an equal among professionals," he says. "It's no fun being talked down to and ignored, which is something that can happen a lot as you get older."

As part of the study, Victor worked in conjunction with an academic colleague

to code interviews according to key themes. He said the process helped him to think about his own aging in different ways.

"One of the interviews that I coded said something like, 'I can't remember who my friends are anymore so I guess I'll make new ones.' I thought that was a good attitude to have," he says.

Victor is 67 and finds it difficult to accept the memory loss and physical decline that comes with getting older but he finds it easier to manage those challenges with the daily support of the Dr. Peter Centre.

"The staff is understanding, compassionate and available seven days a week," he says. "They don't condescend and the camaraderie makes the hard days easier."

Victor also says his work as a Peer Research Associate has reminded him how much he still has to offer.

"I still have the ability to learn and evolve and I have the ability to teach," he says. "The way I see it, you've got to get on living or get on dying."

For more information on HEADS UP! go to bit.ly/HIVcognitive.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT: MUSIC HEALS AND THE MODO 8K

The Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation is very grateful for the steadfast support of Music Heals, a charitable foundation that raises funds for music therapy programs that is a long-time supporter of the Dr. Peter Centre.



This year, Music Heals partnered with Modo for its annual Modo 8K in order to raise funds for the Dr. Peter Centre's music therapy program.

The Dr. Peter Centre uses music as a therapeutic tool to help people living with HIV work towards personal health goals and to increase their engagement in health care.

"Partnering with the run is a great opportunity for us to expand awareness and fundraising for local music therapy programs, specifically in this case, the amazing music therapists at the Dr. Peter Centre," said Chris Brandt, Executive Director of Music Heals. "Music therapy uses music for non-music goals, including physical, social, and emotional support. With the Modo Spring Run-Off we can make a difference in the lives of those in our community who need it most."

"Our roots go back 18 years in the West End," said Modo Marketing Director, Selena McLachlan. "The community holds a special place in our hearts, so being able to direct donations to the Dr. Peter Centre means a lot to us."

To learn more about music therapy at the Dr. Peter Centre go to drpeter.org/music.

DID YOU KNOW?

More than 60% of people who receive care at the Dr. Peter Centre self-identify as LGBTQ2+. They are in great need of the Dr. Peter Centre's care and support because, in addition to HIV, they are living with vulnerabilities such as mental illness, addictions, poverty, and unstable housing. Generous support of the Dr. Peter Centre is making this care possible for our LGBTQ2+ community.

THIS YEAR, **147 VOLUNTEERS** DEVOTED
3,833 HOURS TO THE DR. PETER CENTRE

THE DR. PETER CENTRE SERVED
57,679 MEALS IN THE DAY HEALTH
PROGRAM IN FISCAL YEAR 2015–2016



Partygoers celebrate at the annual Pride Cocktail Kickoff in support of the Dr. Peter Centre. Photo courtesy of Katie Huisman.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT: JIM COOKE

Born and raised in Vancouver, Jim Cooke understands the importance of every person doing what they can to make our community a better place to live in. From an early age he was involved in a wide variety of volunteer activities and community service.

After finishing a degree at UBC in English Literature, Jim moved to Toronto to attend graduate school and subsequently built a successful and fulfilling career for himself in academia and administration in Quebec. He subsequently moved back to the west coast to take on a job at Capilano University.

As the Vice President of Student and Institutional Support, he was responsible for student services and a number of program areas including Adult Basic Education, Adult Special Education, and First Nation programs. During his time at Capilano he also supported community development and outreach partnerships with several service providers such as the Wish Drop-in Centre

Vancouver (benefiting women in Vancouver's street-based sex trade) and the Carnegie Community Centre in the Downtown Eastside.

Since his retirement in 2008, Jim has been an avid world traveller, and after Jim's travel companion died suddenly from a heart attack while they were abroad, Jim realized the importance of putting his own personal affairs in order.

Small, local and efficient; those were some of the key criteria that Jim Cooke was considering as he was making up his mind about which charity to include in his will. Jim's family doctor recommended he look into the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation as an option for charitable giving through his estate. After doing his own research, Jim established a legacy fund with assistance from his lawyer and the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation that captured his interest in benefiting LGBT clients living with HIV who are registered in the Dr. Peter Centre's programs.

For Jim, the present chapter of his life is about enjoying time with friends and exploring the world. He says that he now does so with a greater peace of mind, knowing that his legacy gift will continue to express the values he has espoused in his life.



FINANCIALS

2015/2016

These financial statements are derived from the audited financial statements of the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation as at March 31, 2016 and the year then ended. Complete audited financial statements are available at www.drpeter.org.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (PREPARED BY MANAGEMENT)

As at March 31

	2016 \$	2015 \$
ASSETS		
Total current assets	1,478,484	1,760,313
Capital assets	5,760,095	5,822,448
TOTAL ASSETS	7,238,579	7,582,761
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accruals	216,678	212,073
Deferred revenue – current portion	35,834	89,446
Current portion of mortgage payable	49,552	1,511,666
Current portion of capital lease payable	–	–
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	302,064	1,813,185
Deferred contributions	753,465	890,727
Mortgage payable	1,415,272	–
Deferred contributions related to capital assets	3,887,203	3,940,460
TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,358,004	6,644,372
NET ASSETS (DEFICIENCY)		
Invested in capital assets	408,066	370,322
Unrestricted	16,355	121,098
Replacement reserve	163,910	117,528
Internally restricted – identified future capital needs	292,244	329,441
TOTAL NET ASSETS	880,575	938,389
TOTAL	7,238,579	7,582,761

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (PREPARED BY MANAGEMENT)

Year Ended March 31	2016 \$	2015 \$
REVENUE		
VCH (Vancouver Coastal Health)	4,344,627	4,079,935
BC Housing	210,211	201,102
BC Community Gaming Grant	100,000	100,000
Donations and fundraising	935,067	885,146
Bequests	61,558	274,716
Resident contributions	291,179	277,989
Other income	134,621	182,273
Amortization of deferred contributions related to operations	–	374,085
Amortization of deferred contributions related to capital contributions	200,593	226,427
TOTAL REVENUE	6,277,856	6,601,673
EXPENSES		
Amortization of capital assets	284,154	310,230
Operations	425,045	426,749
Program services and other supplies	553,623	545,615
Property maintenance and utilities	375,488	357,440
Human resources	4,697,360	4,705,564
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,335,670	6,345,598
EXCESS OF REVENUE (EXPENSE) FOR THE YEAR	(57,814)	256,075

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