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FOUR A's
ALASKAN AIDS ASSISTANCE ASSOCIATION

community impact report 2012

a message from the board president and executive director

With your help, the Four A's continues to ensure we meet our mission of providing supportive services to persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families while also working to eliminate the transmission of HIV and its stigma. We have grown as an organization, compete for foundation, state, and federal grants to retain and expand the services we provide to our community members, and employ a dedicated and talented staff.

Over the last year we have developed a Strategic Action Plan to align our vision and mission for the agency through 2015; it is our roadmap for growth in priorities and programs to better serve the needs of our clients and the community. Drawing on our resources, both human and financial, requires thoughtful consideration to continue to grow. And if the Four A's is to continue to act as a leader in providing HIV/AIDS services, we must begin to anticipate future change rather than merely react to change.

There have been great achievements in preventing and treating HIV/AIDS. We know that treatment as prevention works, pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) can reduce the number of new infections in high risk groups, and getting people into care and treatment can substantially extend their lives. We know that HIV education helps protect people who may think they are invulnerable to the disease, and syringe exchange programs can dramatically reduce the number of new infections among people using injection drugs. And we know that access to stable housing, food, and transportation can help people better manage their treatment requirements.

That said, we recognize there are challenges ahead: cutbacks in available grant funds, prevention funding going to high prevalence areas, an economy that is still struggling, unknowns about what effect the Affordable Care Act will have on reimbursement, the perception that the HIV/AIDS epidemic is over, and the continued stigma associated with this disease.

With your support we will continue to make progress on our goals always remembering what we do – for whom we do it – and asking how we can excel. And particularly important, we need to be sure HIV/AIDS stays on people's minds; the disease has not gone away.

On behalf of our clients who have received supportive services, a free HIV test, were able to obtain clean needles, free condoms, and those who were educated about HIV/AIDS, a heartfelt thank you to our donors, supporters, and volunteers for making the services illustrated in this annual report possible.

Heather Davis

Heather Davis
Executive Director (RIGHT)

Heather Harris

Heather Harris
Board President (LEFT)



leading the team into new horizons

Last July I began my role as the new Executive Director of the Four A's. What an honor to be invited to join this outstanding organization that provides such a valuable service to those living with HIV/AIDS and the Alaska community at large. While I had been involved with the Four A's at various times over the years, what I could not have guessed was the magnitude of the day-to-day work of our staff, the diligence of the Board who guides our organization, the dedication of our volunteers who so willingly offer their time, and the loyalty of our donors and community members.

Thanks to all of you for making me feel so welcome, I feel truly fortunate to be leading this wonderful organization.

- Heather Davis | Executive Director

revenue comparison

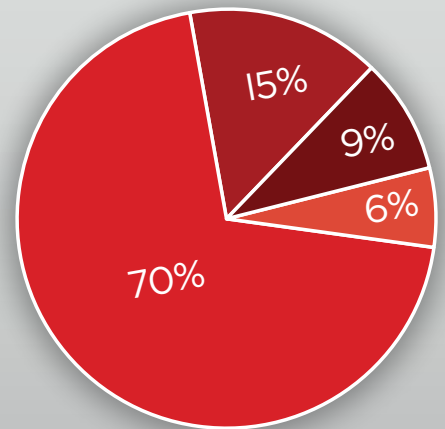
FY12	\$1,979,126	
FY11	\$1,952,932	
FY10	\$1,941,646	

revenue sources

	fy2010	fy2011	fy2012
grants	1,228,225	1,264,493	1,314,930
earned income	286,681	310,187	329,726
direct giving	375,204	330,213	318,703
in-kind	51,536	48,039	15,767
total	1,941,646	1,952,932	1,979,126

FY12 expenses

management & general	9%
fundraising	6%
client resources	70%
education & prevention	15%



financial stats

client resources

271 Clients served
in Fiscal Year 2012

82% of clients report
services provided
through Four A's
have improved their
quality of life

88% of housing stipend
clients have remained
in housing at least 6
months

GENDER

MALE	73%
FEMALE	26%
TRANSGENDER	1%

ETHNICITY

WHITE	52%
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE	25%
BLACK	14%
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	4%
MULTIRACIAL	5%

SEXUAL ORIENTATION

HETEROSEXUAL	49%
HOMOSEXUAL	38%
BISEXUAL	11%
NO RESPONSE	2%

HIV STATUS

HIV+	57%
CDC DEFINED AIDS	41%
STATUS UNKNOWN	2%

Ted stops in every week for a food bag from our food bank, which helps him and his family meet their nutritional needs. Helen, who does not qualify for Medicaid and is not able to afford treatment, utilizes our outpatient substance abuse treatment service to stay on track with her recovery. Antoine, newly settled from Cameroon, was linked to medical provider supports and medication. Marsha stopped by to pick up a bus pass that will assist her in getting to her many medical appointments. While at the office, Marsha took a few minutes to use the internet to look for an apartment; an apartment that she wouldn't be able to afford if it wasn't for the help she gets from Four A's.

Client Resources assists in the provision of a greater continuity of care through periodic contact between case managers and clients. Four A's uses a medical case management model that focuses heavily on outreach and engagement; assessment of medical and psychosocial support needs; development of a client service plan; implementation and monitoring of the service plan--with linkage to other providers, and advocacy on behalf of the client.

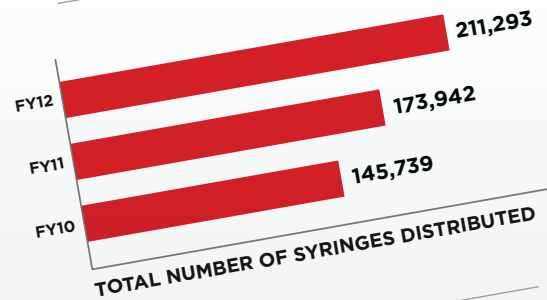
Case managers continue to provide timely support to clients with multiple needs. Medical care, medication and insurance remain significant areas of support. Housing follows closely to primary medicine, as do assistance with securing federal benefits, transitioning the sometimes complicated maze of services, and basic nutritional/food support. Client Resources has continued to emphasize close contact and on-going communication with all clients in need. This means accepting people where they are, right now, and responding with compassion and can-do. The Four A's works with a range of clients - from corporate leader to person experiencing homelessness; from thriving with supports to struggling to make it through; from Alaska Native to recent immigrant from Africa. We do not exclude given severe substance abuse or felony experience. Language is not a barrier; financial situation is not a barrier; education, personal experience, and mental health are not barriers. Anyone stricken is accepted--right here, right now.

This is a time of real progress in the war on HIV/AIDS. Extraordinary advances are being made in our ability to prevent HIV. Several recent studies have demonstrated the power of antiretroviral therapy as a prevention tool. For those living with HIV, there is now clear proof that early initiation of HIV treatment can dramatically reduce the likelihood that they will transmit the virus to others. Our case managers work closely with doctors, pharmacies, and the health department to keep our folks adherent to their medication and reduce the overall community viral load. And potentially, for some people at very high risk for HIV, taking HIV medications daily – an approach called pre-exposure prophylaxis – can help protect them from infection. The HIV Prevention Tool Kit now includes more than 70 proven behavioral interventions, several of which focus on helping people living with HIV adhere to their treatment regimens.

The Four A's also utilizes a myriad of other interventions to address the changing HIV prevention needs of our constituents. We utilize structural interventions such as a massive condom distribution effort. In the first quarter of the FY13 we shipped 30,000 condoms to 30 sites around the state and we delivered 12,000 condoms to 8 sites right here in Anchorage. We use the behavioral intervention Mpowerment, our AMP Project, which creates a safe space for young men who have sex with men and provides HIV Prevention information and condoms to this at risk population. We use the harm reduction strategy of syringe exchange to address the ever growing injection drug using (IDU) population in Anchorage by giving them clean needles and works. By the end of the year, the Alaska Syringe Access Program (ASAP) will have dispensed nearly 300,000 needles. A great number of injection drug users now know their HIV status thanks to the testing happening through the syringe exchange program of the Four A's.

Every strategy in the Prevention Tool Kit utilized at the Four A's helps to address the spread of the virus in our community. On a national level they call this "High Impact Prevention" - stay ahead of the game, implement the latest strategies, and win the war on AIDS. At the Four A's, that is just what we do.

681 HIV tests conducted in FY12



A SURVEY OF INDIVIDUALS UTILIZING THE ALASKA SYRINGE ACCESS PROGRAM (ASAP) REVEALED:

90% rated the program a "10" when asked "on a scale from 1 to 10 how valuable of a service is ASAP to you?"

79% felt their knowledge about HIV has increased because of ASAP

A SURVEY OF INDIVIDUALS UTILIZING THE HIV RAPID TESTING PROGRAM REVEALED:

94% felt their knowledge of HIV risk reduction increased.

98% felt going through the HIV testing process increased their commitment to remaining HIV negative

prevention

development



2012 Philanthropist of the Year
Heather Harris, Board President (left) and Heather Davis, Executive Director (right) present the 2012 Philanthropist of the Year award to Corbett Mothe.



2012 Volunteers of the Year
Heather Davis, Executive Director (center) and Heather Harris, Board President (far right), present the 2012 Volunteer of the Year award to members of True North Church- Aja Johannes (left) Cari Williams (2nd from left) and Shanay Doss (2nd from right).

Thank you to our 2012 Evening with Friends Hosts

Cory Crowder
Darcy Kniefel, Scotter Niessink & Cory Crowder
Trevor Storrs & Jack Dalton
Sub Zero & Misha Daniels

Four A's is committed to preventing the spread of HIV, eliminating the stigma, and supporting those living with HIV/AIDS here in Alaska. But we don't do it alone; we work to accomplish this mission each day with the help of our community of supporters. Over the years our community has warmly embraced our cause, our work and our clients.

The support from our community is more important than ever because federal HIV Prevention funding to Four A's has been cut. The funds available to Alaska have been reduced and will eventually be eliminated completely due to the reallocation of federal funding to areas of higher incidence of HIV. Thankfully our community has stepped up to the plate. More than 150 generous Alaskans made the decision to share a part of their PFD with Four A's through Pick.Click.Give. Femme Fatale and Two Broadway casts, Rock of Ages and Beauty and the Beast, took time during their busy tours to put together Cabarets benefitting the clients at Four A's. But it's not just about the dollars we raise; generosity also shines through when people donate their time to the agency. The greatest example of the kindness and generosity of our community is during our Friday Lunch program. Each Friday our clients are served a hot lunch by a local church, business or individual. Many volunteers over the last year did everything from packaging safe sex kits to ensuring an injection drug user has access to clean syringes and HIV testing.

Whether you attended an event, mailed in a check, stopped by with a \$5 bill, or simply volunteered with your church to serve lunch to our clients, each of these contributions of cash or time are genuinely valued by all of us here at Four A's. Thank you for supporting Four A's.

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With an expanded and more modern space from which to serve clients and the community, the Four A's is able to provide a wider range of services while maintaining efficiency and confidentiality. The renovation allows us to focus on our mission in a more organized and inviting environment.

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