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### **\$1.5 Million Grant Given to Aboriginal AIDS Group**

**What:** Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network (CAAN) introduces the Aboriginal HIV & AIDS Community-Based Research Collaborative Centre (AHA Centre), made possible by a five year grant of \$1.5 million from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

The Honourable Minister of Health, Leona Aglukaaq will announce the funding on November 27, 2012 at the fifth annual World AIDS Day Gala in Ottawa. This funding will support community-based research development across the country and emphasize regional work with national coordination.

The AHA Centre's work will focus on four areas: partnership building and maintenance; capacity building; research promotion and support; and knowledge-to-action. In conjunction with the collaborative theme of Aboriginal AIDS Awareness Week, CAAN hopes that the AHA Centre will foster cooperation between local communities, Aboriginal HIV & AIDS organizations, national organizations, and researchers.

With the receipt of this funding, CAAN is now seeking individuals to sit on their National Aboriginal Research Advisory Committee (NARAC) to guide the work of the AHA Centre. NARAC strives for representation from across Canada that is inclusive of First Nation, Inuit, and Métis peoples.

**For more information on the AHA Centre, please visit our website:** [www.caan.ca/aha-centre](http://www.caan.ca/aha-centre)

**Deadline for Advisory Committee applications is January 11, 2013. For more information about serving on the NARAC, please contact:**

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**\*\*CALL TO ACTION\*\***

CAAN is also seeking submissions for a **logo contest** for the newly announced AHA Centre. Deadline for submissions is January 7, 2013. Contest details: [www.caan.ca/aha-centre](http://www.caan.ca/aha-centre)

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