

AVI HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES

ANNUAL REPORT

2023-24



**AVI Health and
Community Services**
where harm reduction works

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LETTER FROM AVI'S LEADERSHIP



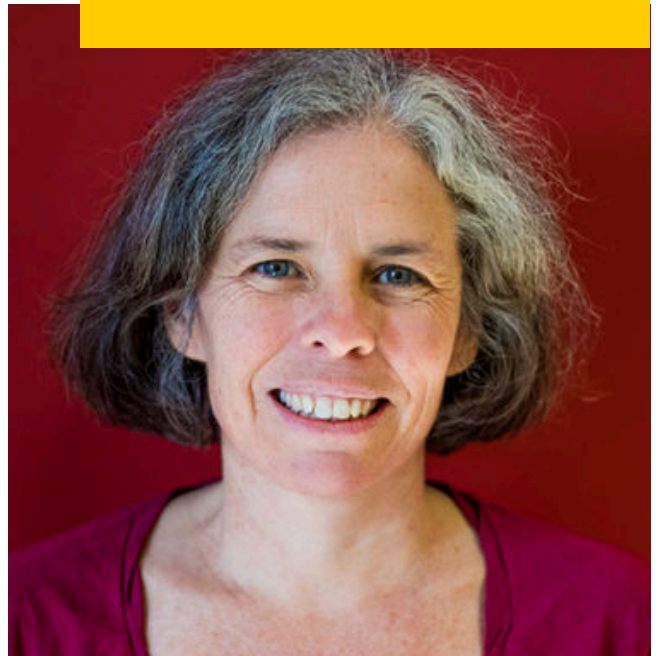
**CHEROLYN
KNAPP**
Board Chair

As we reflect on the past year, it is with profound gratitude that we present this annual report. AVI's journey, inspired by a legacy of resilience and advocacy from the early days of the AIDS crisis, continues to evolve with unwavering dedication to the communities we serve. This past year has brought both challenges and successes, each reinforcing our commitment to providing equitable health services and standing against injustice.

AVI has gone through amazing change and growth in the programs as well as locations

where we offer those programs. There were times, especially through the pandemic, when we faced significant hurdles and challenges. We persevered together and have come out stronger. AVI cannot do this work without our staff, who are essential to everything AVI does. Over the past year, we have prioritized providing supports, meaning and resources so staff can do their best in creating the distinct way AVI does things. Over the last year, our dedicated teams from across the island worked tirelessly to provide HIV, hepatitis C, harm reduction and mental health crisis services.

**KATRINA
JENSEN**
Executive Director



We have worked to respond to the ongoing tragedy of the toxic drug crisis, doing whatever we can to make a difference. At the heart of all our work is the belief that everyone has the right to access the full range of health services they need to be well. All of us at AVI know that if people are provided the right supports with dignity, everyone can experience health and wellbeing. Sometimes it can feel like we are not making progress or even that things are getting worse. But we persevere and are held steadfast by our culture and values.

As we evolve and strive to better meet the needs of our community, we spent the last year updating our Mission and Vision and renewing our Strategic Plan. A great many people were involved, including staff in all programs, the individuals who AVI serves, and the board of directors, and time was taken to build the final product collaboratively. This plan will guide us as AVI continues to build on the foundation of responding to community need while working tirelessly to create opportunities to have a positive impact.

Although we are impacted by the political landscape and shifts in public debate about the type of work AVI does, we have a long history of adapting and finding creative ways to enact our vision. AVI, and the people who make it what it is, have confronted many challenges over the last 39 years and not doubt we will continue to do so. We are fortunate to have many people and resources who continue to be there for us and support our important work.



Thank you to everyone who has helped make a difference this year:

- Our service users and participants, whom we are honoured to support.
- Our dedicated staff, whose compassion drives change.
- Our funders, donors, and community partners; your support is vital.
- Our volunteers, ambassadors of compassion and generosity.
- Our board of directors, committed to representing and improving our communities.

In health,
Katrina Jensen and Cherolyn Knapp
Executive Director Chair, Board of Directors



VISION + MISSION

VISION

We envision a community where people can experience optimal health and wellness, and be free from stigma, marginalization, and criminalization.

MISSION

AVI increases health equity by providing highly responsive, harm reduction-based HIV, hepatitis C, substance use, sexual health, mental health, and other community health services, and is informed by the voices of people with living experience.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT: OPINION

**To the Members of AVI Health &
Community Services Society,**

We have audited the financial statements of AVI Health & Community Services Society, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2024, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society as at March 31, 2024, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

-Grant Thornton LLP



Revenue

\$13M



Expenses

\$12.9M



Excess Revenue Over
Expenses

\$117.4K

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' FULL REPORT AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

MARCH 31, 2024

ASSETS

CASH	\$1,818,876
RECEIVABLES	\$905,041
DUE (JOINT VENTURE PARTNER)	\$58,801
PREPAIDS	\$12,259
CAPITAL ASSETS	\$1,183,455
TERM DEPOSITS	\$8,500,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$12,478,432

LIABILITIES

PAYABLES + ACCRUALS	\$1,103,726
LINE OF CREDIT	\$22,880
DEFERRED REVENUE	\$9,668,795
DEFERRED CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,055,074
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$11,850,475

NET ASSETS

INVESTED IN CAPITAL ASSETS	\$164,302
RESTRICTED	\$7,503
INTERNALLY RESTRICTED OPERATING FUND	\$388,303
GENERAL OPERATING FUND	67,849
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$627,957
TOTAL LIABILITIES + NET ASSETS	\$12,478,432

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

MARCH 31, 2024

REVENUE + SUPPORT

HEALTH CANADA	\$4,331,691
VIHA	\$3,600,759
PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY CANADA	\$225,913
PROVINCIAL GOV'T - MINISTRY OF HEALTH & ADDICTION	\$2,887,434
UNITED WAY	\$97,627
COMMUNITY ACTION INITIATIVE	\$5,698
VICTORIA FOUNDATION	\$1,057
HEALTH CLINIC	\$613,071
INTEREST + OTHER INCOME	\$480,509
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT	\$434,098
MINOR + PILOT PROJECT GRANTS	\$183,881
GAMING COMMISSION	\$129,500
AMORTIZATION OF DEFERRED CAPITAL	\$29,333
DONATIONS + FUNDRAISING	\$28,203
TOTAL REVENUE + SUPPORT	\$13,048,774

EXPENSES

SALARIES + BENEFITS	\$9,933,891
CONTRACT SERVICES + EVALUATION	\$1,276,930
RENT + OFFICE EXPENSES	\$997,298
PROGRAM MATERIALS	\$363,238
MEETINGS, HONORARIA + TRAVEL	\$193,339
PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$58,523
AMORTIZATION	\$55,424
LICENSES, FEES + DUES	\$50,329
PROMOTION + ADVERTISING	\$2,354
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$12,931,326
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	\$117,448

THIS YEAR IN NUMBERS



262,000



of Harm Reduction Kits
Distributed Across
Vancouver Island

23,769



of one-on-one Sexual
Health and Harm Reduction
Education Sessions

3,712



of People Trained in Drug
Poisoning Response

1,625



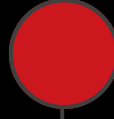
of People Who Received
Mental Health Crisis Care

453



of STBBI and Harm
Reduction Group Education
Sessions

348



of People Supported to
Access HIV and Hepatitis C
Care

300



of People Provided Low
Barrier Medical Care

227

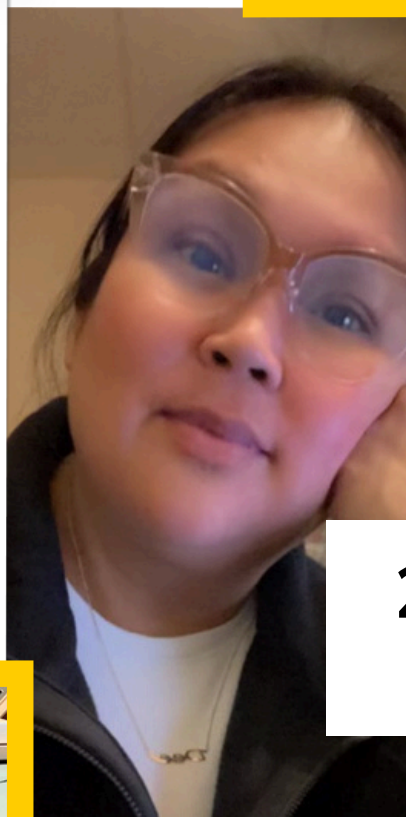
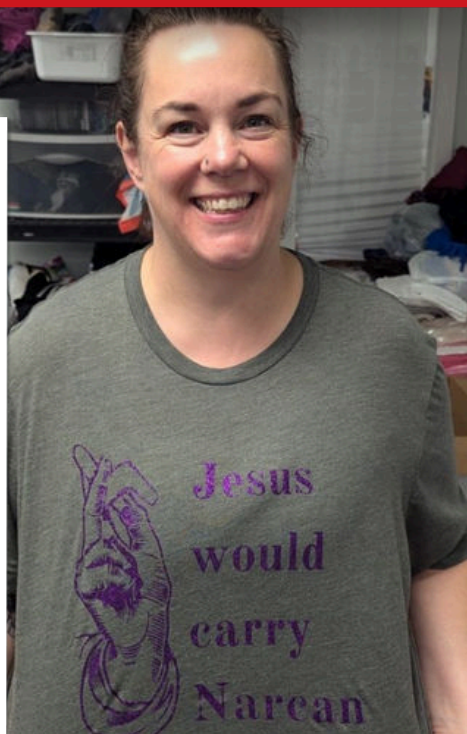
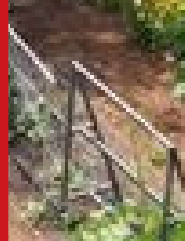


of People Accessing
Prescribed Alternatives

66



of STBBI Testing Events



2023-24 SPOTLIGHT



BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION



**TYLER
THOMPSON**
Treasurer

* We want to acknowledge the following Board Members who are departing this year:

A special shout out to departing member, Tyler Thompson (left) who expertly managed the Treasurer position over the last 2 years, we are so grateful to your dedication, generosity and hard work. It's been a joy to work alongside Tyler, and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.



**ANTHONY
AMATO**
Member at Large

* We also want to express our gratitude to Anthony Amato (left), who has been with the organization as Member-at-Large since 2021. The Board benefitted from Anthony's research experience and his ability to champion accessibility. We wish Anthony all the best.

2023-24 BOARD COHORT



Cherolyn Knapp - **Chair**

Tyler Thompson - **Treasurer**

Douglas Laird

Tammy Khana

Lara McLachlan

Anthony Amato

Don Gillett

Dr. Paul Tenywa

Miguel Strother





FUNDER RECOGNITION



Working with communities in BC's
Interior, Lower Mainland, Central
& Northern Vancouver Island



CONTACT US

CAMPBELL RIVER

Our Campbell River office is located on the lands of the We Wai Kai and Wei Wai Kum people.

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NANAIMO

Our Nanaimo office is located on Snuneymuxw territory.

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V9R-5N9

Phone: 250-754-9111 | Fax: 250-753-4595
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VICTORIA

Our Victoria office is located on the territories of the lək̓ʷəŋən speaking peoples of the Songhees and Esquimalt nations.

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