



For the second year in a row, NSRAP held a community forum following its AGM. Feedback was sought from those in attendance; while any feedback was appreciated, our focus was on three questions:

1. How can NSRAP stay connected to the community?
2. What have you thought about NSRAP in the past year?
3. What should be the top three priorities in 2012-2013?

Below you will find key points from the first and last questions; those in attendance wanted to focus on future improvement. While we cannot guarantee that NSRAP will be able to achieve these goals, community involvement helps set direction for what we need to be doing.

How can NSRAP stay connected to the community?

- Highlight the concerns of non-HRM communities
- Create and share tools people can use
- Collaborate with other agencies/groups
- Be an *up-to-date* online resource of information & connection
- Reach out to health care providers
- Develop a database (members, orgs, donors) for targeted communication
- Inform 211 of local resources (& get others to do so!)
- Establish an “organizational membership” and create an LGBTQ network across province
- Have less formal/structured proceedings for inclusivity
- “Connect don’t compete” with other groups
- Clarify what NSRAP does

What should be the top three priorities in 2012-2013?

- Be proactive towards non-HRM communities
- Conduct a needs assessment – province-wide
- Become a knowledge resource (“How to”) and place of connection to other resources (e.g. how to change your name as you transition)
- Act as an “umbrella organization” for other groups
- Engage in better networking with other groups to be more efficient/productive
- Have a full-time Executive Director with clearly defined roles and budget for travel within NS.
- Fundraising
- Developing a strategic plan
- Find secured funding for staff member(s)