



Dr. Bijan Nassirimanesh M.D
STC Intake Manager

Education:

Doctorate degree in Medicine
1986-1994: Medical Dr, 8 years study in Shiraz Medical University

Work experience/skills

Ongoing since 2007: Canada:
Program manager of Home share project, group home company, Vancouver BC

2007: Malaysia:
Technical advisor for Malaysian AIDS council from June to October 007

2007: Thailand:
Technical advisor for Asian harm reduction network from Jan 007 to June 007

2003- 2006: Iran:

1. Executive director of Persepolis NGO with 20 FT staff working in 5 centers having 600 clients caseload on daily basis
2. Managing Director of outreach/DIC pilot project in south of Tehran
3. National research coordinator of a regional research on structural determinants of drug use among youth in 4 Asian countries
4. Medical Consultant for senior house Shiraz senior house group
5. Medical Consultant of wellness centre Shiraz sport office of ministry of health and sport

1996- 2002:

5 & 1/2 years work in my private clinic as a general practitioner (screening-treatment-referral).

1996- 2002:

5 years work in an addiction treatment team as an addictionist
2 years advisor to senior house and orphan house Marvdasht welfare organization

1994- 1996:

2 years work in general hospital at emergency department as a general practitioner &
at
the same time work in my private clinic & also work in military general medical clinic

***** From 2002 onward I have attended several international gatherings (workshops and seminar) as main presenter and trainer on public health topics related to substance abuse treatment and HIV/AIDS.***

Interested areas:

- Clinical/technical consultant for harm reduction projects
- Management in addiction and rehabilitation services
- Management in new mental health and addiction projects
- Training for workforce development in harm reduction
- Program design and implementation for capacity building of NGOs
- Management and research in public health
- Management of harm reduction programs in correctional settings

Canadian certificate:

- None violent physical crisis intervention
- WHMIS
- First Aid
- Summer Institute in Addiction and Public Health; Simon Fraser University
- Suboxone education program by College of Family Physician of Canada
- Project Management certificate from UBC continuing education

Other previous responsibilities:

A) Executive member of AHRN Thailand 2003-2007
Asian Harm Reduction Network: www.ahrn.net

B) Executive director of NGOs
A youth NGO in prevention field of substance abuse (EFC NGO)
1999-2001
A harm reduction NGO named "Persepolis" 1999-2006 (Ongoing)

Projects I have been responsible:

1. A 3 year mobile outreach program scale up in collaboration with Europe Union; started 2007
2. A 2 year MMT woman clinic project; a pilot project with NSW Australia started in 2007
3. From margin to mainstream: 2005-2007
<http://www.ahrn.net/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=2507&Itemid=2>
4. Rainbow Project: First HIV positive group <http://www.journeyman.tv/?lid=2706>
5. Opening 5 drop in centers: 2004-2006 (Documented by film & slide)
6. AIDS Bus: 2005 (Documented by film & slide)
7. GTZ: 2003-2004 http://www.gtz.de/de/dokumente/en-eod-project-iran_.pdf
8. Outreach project (UNODC): 2003-2004
http://www.harmreductionjournal.com/imedia/9846838605033743_article.pdf

* In all above mentioned projects I have been manager director of the program. Since 2007 project I have been responsible as the head of international affair in the NGO and clinical advisor.

Publications:

1. Prevalence and correlates of hepatitis C virus infection among injecting drug users in Tehran: International Journal of Drug Policy 18 (2007) 359–363
2. HIV/AIDS harm reduction in Iran: The Lancet 2006; 368:434-435, DOI:10.1016/S0140-6736(06)69132-0, Emran Razzaghi a, Bijan Nassirimanesh b, Parviz Afshar c, Kelechi Ohiri d, Mariam Claeson d and Robert Power e
<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140673606691320/fulltext#bib9>
3. Case studies of success and innovation: HIV prevention with especially vulnerable young people: http://www.safepassages.soton.ac.uk/pdfs/evyp_casestudies.pdf P: 48-53
4. Patterns of drug use among a sample of drug users and injecting drug users attending a General Practice in Iran Carolyn A Day, Bijan Nassirimanesh, Anthony Shakeshaft and Kate Dolan Harm Reduction Journal 2006, 3:2 (24 Jan 2006)
<http://www.harmreductionjournal.com/content/3/1/2>
5. Needle and syringe sharing practices of injecting drug users participating in an outreach HIV prevention program in Tehran, Iran: A cross-sectional study Mohsen Vazirian, Bijan Nassirimanesh, Saman Zamani, Masako Ono-Kihara, Masahiro Kihara, Shahrzad Mortazavi Ravari and Mohammad Mehdi Gouya Harm Reduction Journal 2005, 2:19 (07 Oct 2005)
<http://www.harmreductionjournal.com/content/2/1/19>
6. The rise of harm reduction in the Islamic republic of Iran, Bijan Nassirimanesh, Mike Trace, Marcus Roberts, July 2005,
http://www.internationaldrugpolicy.net/reports/BeckleyFoundation_BriefingPaper_08.pdf
7. Perceptions of substance use, treatment options and training needs among Iranian primary care physicians Anthony Shakeshaft, Bijan Nassirimanesh, Carolyn Day and Kate A Dolan International Journal for Equity in Health 2005, 4:7 (15 Jun 2005)
<http://www.equityhealthj.com/content/4/1/7>
8. Structural determinants of substance abuse among 4 Asian countries (Indonesia, India, Pakistan, and Iran) 2004-2005. Principle researcher: Gerard Dekort,
Principle researcher Iran section: Bijan Nassirimanesh, Mohsen Vazirian, www.ahrn.net

International Presentation/Courses:

5 – 8 November 2006: Temporary WHO advisor; Towards Implementation of a Comprehensive HIV and AIDS Response Among Drug Users in the Middle East and North Africa Cairo, Egypt

September 27-30 2006: Who-ISAM Fellowships, Presentation: Comprehensive package of HIV, Oporto, Portugal

Aug 13-18 2006: XVI International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2006) Toronto Canada; presentation in skill building workshop on MMT

July 3-4 2006: Temporary WHO advisor for provider initiated testing & counseling Geneva Switzerland

30 April-4 May 2006: Presentation on nursing satellite conference on role of nurses in MMT programs & 2 poster presentations about MMT program a low threshold method & advocacy as strong tool for scaling up, Vancouver Canada

May 15-17 2006: Attendance in 1st Eastern European & central Asian AIDS conference in Moscow

February 3-5 2006: Presentation on HIV prevention package for injecting drug users an Iranian experience in London international Wilton park conference

25th Sep-1st Oct 2005: Presentation & participation on the first workshop of from margin to mainstream supported by Dutch government, Chiang Mai Thailand, Asian harm reduction network

July 1-5 2005: Presentation on mechanisms of scaling up in developing countries & skills-training workshop on basics of harm reduction in 7th ICAAP Kobe Japan

March 20-25 2005: Participation in 16th international harm reduction conference in Belfast; Presentations on: 1. To reach national coverage of basic harm reduction (HR) services after a short period of pilot project 2. To find most comprehensive HIV prevention package for service delivery in an outreach/drop-in-centre setting

Oct 27-28 2004: Participatory workshop with the Iranian NGO,s to identify joint strategies on DDR (UNODC/mini Dublin group)
http://www.unodc.org/pdf/iran/other_activities/mdg/Report%20on%20the%20workshop%20with%20the%20NGOs.pdf

Oct 12-14 2004: Presentation for the first training workshop on DDR for ECO DCCU, Kish Island

Sep 7-10 2004: 16th International conference on addiction Vienna: Ethnicity & addiction

July 11-16 2004: 15th International AIDS conference BKK

February 16-18 2004: Motivational interview workshop by Persepolis institute (UNODC)

July 6-8 2003: 3-days HIV/AIDS counseling workshop done by Tehran institute of psychiatry

February 17-19 2003: Training of trainers: A primary prevention workshop for NGOs by UNODC

February 25-27 2003: First 3-days workshop in evaluation of drug dependency programs by professor Rush from Canada

General Medicine course:

1986- 1989: 3 year's basic medical science

1986- 1987: Biology-biochemistry-biophysics

1987- 1988: Microbiology-histology-genetics-immunology

1988- 1989: Anatomy-physiology

1989- 1994: 5 year's practical pathophysiology in hospital (Internal medicine-pediatrics-obstetrics & gynecology- general surgery-ENT-ophthalmology-neurosurgery-psychiatry)