

MULTICULTURAL HIV AND HEPATITIS SERVICE

CO-WORKER STAFF MEETING

TUESDAY 22 MARCH 2016

CHAIR: Barbara Luisi

MINUTES: Riza Yaman

PRESENT: Yuliana Ada, Ghalib Al Bakri, Giovanni Bressan, Sambath Bun, Bo (Tim) Chen, Karen Chung, Magno Da Silva, Jeff Dabbhadatta, Gustinia Dauner, Andi Dwipasatya, Deni Fukunishi, Jason Gao, Nevine Gayed, Jian Ling Gong, Lily Guo, Thi Kim Trang Ha, Derya Han, Amneh Harb, Kwan Huadchai, Tichaona Jaricha, Zainab Kahiye, Bea Kocak, Naw Latt, Kim Low, Belinda Marchesiello, Nadia Matti, Ana Medina Sanchez, Juliet Adaeze Menakaya, Lucy Mukoko, Layla Naji, Edwin Ng, Han Ann Nguyen, Hanh Thi Van Nguyen, Thuy Ngoc Nguyen, Yuna Park, Maria Angela Peci, Rocio Pizarro Marroquin, Tutie Putra, Surinee Record, Galuh Laksmi Saphari, Ashraf Sedrak, Hannaria Sidebang, Natali Smud, Lychantha Sok, Faten Solaqa, Nancy Tam, Choon (Jim) Tan, Seila Thuy, Huong Tran, Kanyarat Tresise, Hsin-Wei Weng, Grazyna Wilczak, Bing Wong, Huaying Yang, Cemal Yavas, Insang Yu, Barbara Luisi, Gai Stackpool, Denise Voros, Wa'el Sabri, Sonam Paljor, Mary Bourke, Donatella Cifali, Riza Yaman, Alan Chan, Marina Suarez, Effie Katsaros, Solomon Wong.

APOLOGIES: Anchalee Chung, Jorge Segovia, Tanni Summers, Daniel Tha Nya, Carolina Bolivar Castro, Jean Burke, Phillip Camargo, Fernanda Lena, Adrian Pedra, Heesun Kim.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Barbara

Barbara welcomed those present and gave the apologies and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Barbara reminded that co-workers are required to email their work hours to the Service by email. These hours must be reported within 24 hours of the work completed. If these reports are done at the last minute before Kronos sign off, it would be very difficult to enter all these hours into the system on Monday morning before 10am.

Barbara mentioned that instructions about tasks allocated to co-workers should be read carefully to increase efficiency.

She also mentioned that some co-workers had received a letter as to complete online mandatory training. They should complete these training sessions by 31 March 2016. It is a requirement of SLHD (Sydney Local Health District).

Barbara welcomed Faten Solaqa as the project officer for the Arabic Community Development Project on hepatitis C and Kim Trang Ha as the project officer for the Vietnamese Community Development Project on hepatitis B.

She thanked Solomon for his services for the last two and a half years as he is leaving MHAHS to take up the Health Promotion Officer position with the HIV and Related Programs Health Promotion Team.

PROJECT UPDATES

Wa'el – Africultures Festival and new projects

I'll talk about – New Projects and
– Africultures Festival

As Barbara mentioned two new Community Development Projects are on the agenda; Faten Solaqa has just started for the Arabic project on hepatitis C and Kim Trang Ha is starting in the beginning of April for the Vietnamese project on hepatitis B.

We will be having community consultations for these projects and will be working with them. We are aware of the importance of cultural differences. We will try to empower the communities.

The Africultures Festival was last week on Saturday 12 March 2016 at Lidcombe Wyatt Park. It's been the biggest African festival for the last 8 years. 10 -15 thousand people come to these festivals.

The festival is really colourful with fashion parades, music, dance and other activities.

A professional photographer took some photos. We will be using these photos for our African calendar for 2017.

We work with grass root people for the African communities. We had a stall as usual and distributed condoms, fortune cookies and disseminated information. Juliet Adaeze Menakaya and Zainab Kahiye did stall minding at the festival.

Juliet

I was present at this festival for the first time. It was very lively with music, food and folkloric dresses.

We distributed fortune cookies, condoms and had conversation with community members. We walked around and continued delivering fortune cookies and condoms. Many people were very shy to get condoms and getting info on HIV.

There were people from many backgrounds not just Africans.

I enjoyed a lot being part of this activity.

Marina – Hep B testing clinic with SESLHD

In partnership with HARP Unit SESLHD, St George Hospital Liver Clinic and Navitas English we conducted education sessions and testing for the Chinese community.

The structure of the activities was:

Day 1 – education sessions held in Mandarin and Cantonese, students registered interest to have a test

Day 2 – blood tests performed by 2 nurses assisted by interpreter and HARP Health Promotion Officer

Day 3 – results delivered and further tests performed

Day 4 – last results delivered

The results:

- 44 people tested
- 2 had chronic hepatitis B
- about half had resolved infection
- Clinic evaluated well.

We have decided to run again in May/June 2016.

Jim

I was involved in this activity in the preparation stage and I presented at the education sessions. Seeing results made me feel confident and satisfied.

MHAHS NEWS REVIEW AND SURVEY – Solomon and Riza

We need to evaluate the internal newsletter, MHAHS News, periodically to provide improvement and to meet the expectations. This survey is your opportunity to give feedback.

We are distributing survey forms now, please fill it in and return back to us.

INTRODUCTION TO THE ALBION ST. CENTRE – Tee Jay

- Albion St. Centre was established in 1986
- Australia's only major multidisciplinary specialist centre with a primary focus on HIV treatment and care
- In 2006 The Albion Centre was designated a World Health Organisation (WHO) collaboration centre for capacity building and health care worker training in HIV care, treatment and support
- The Centre treats more than 3000 people living with HIV every year
- Care is provided by highly skilled staff including doctors, nurses, psychologists/counsellors, pharmacists, dieticians, research and social workers (Ankali)
- Comprehensive HIV management and care is provided through testing
- Early diagnosis, clinical management, counselling, research, prevention and education
- Promotes the health and wellbeing of people living with HIV by conducting regular screening for viral hepatitis and sexually transmissible infections (STI)
- The Albion St. Centre is also a secondary site for needle and syringe programme which is primarily run by Kirketon Road Clinic.

NEW HEPATITIS C TREATMENT

Jocelyn Schramko, CNC, from Viral Hepatology Unit, RNSH presented New Hepatitis C Treatment and answered many questions raised.

**Next meeting: 6 - 9pm, Wednesday 7 September 2016
KPEC Auditorium 4.1 RPA**