

**MULTICULTURAL HIV AND HEPATITIS SERVICE**

**CO-WORKER STAFF MEETING**

**TUESDAY 21 MARCH 2017**

**CHAIR:** Barbara Luisi

**MINUTES:** Riza Yaman

**PRESENT:** Yuliana Ada, Tsehay Adegeh, Margaret Mercy Akongo, Jean Marie Bishop, Jean Burke, Tim (Bo) Chen, Magno Da Silva, Jeff Dabbhadatta, Gustinia Dauner, Marella Di Ruocco, Andi Dwipasatya, Nevine Gayed, Lily Guo, Derya Han, Bea Kocak, Kim Low, Belinda Marchesiello, Edwin Ng, Han Ann Nguyen, Hanh Thi Van Nguyen, Thuy Ngoc Nguyen, Yuna Park, Adrian Pedra, Rocio Pizarro Marroquin, Tutie Putra, Surinee Record, Jorge Segovia, Natali Smud, Faten Solaqa, Tanni Summers, Nancy Tam, Huong Tran, Kanyarat Tresise, Teewara Wiangsa, Grazyna Wilczak, Larry (Bing) Wong, Insang Yu, Barbara Luisi, Denise Voros, Wa'el Sabri, Sonam Paljor, Mary Bourke, Riza Yaman, Alan Chan, Effie Katsaros, Donatella Cifali, Kimberley Shaw.

**APOLOGIES:** Carolina Bolivar Castro, Giovanni Bressan, Phillip Camargo, Jim (Choon) Tan, Gai Stackpool, Marina Suarez, Dash Gray, Sambath Bun, Deni Fukunishi, Jian Ling Gong, Thi Kim Trang Ha, Amneh Harb, Ana Medina Sanchez, Layla Naji, Gula Saphari, Ashraf Sedrak, Daniel Tha Nya, Seila Thuy, Cemal Yavas, Lychantha Sok, Jason Gao, Maria Angela Peci.

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**MANAGER'S REPORT – Barbara**

Barbara welcomed those present and gave the apologies and thanked everyone for their attendance in that heavy rain and,

Barbara continued:

- As you know, this year we will be trialing changes to the number and duration of our co-worker staff meetings and clinical group supervision meetings. Co-worker staff meetings will be shorter, 2-hour meetings instead of 3-hour meetings as of today. Clinical group supervision meetings have shortened as well, from 3 to 2-hour meetings and 10 meetings instead of 11 meetings a year.

Another change is in intensive training. We won't have intensive trainings from now on. Instead, we provide training at the co-worker staff meetings.

We believe these changes will ensure the meetings remain focused, relevant and dynamic.

**NSW VIRAL HEPATITIS CAMPAIGN – Grace of Hepatitis NSW and Barbara of MHAHS**

**Barbara**

- We are working with Hepatitis NSW in partnership to implement NSW Hepatitis Communication Strategies. Now Grace will talk briefly about phase 1 and 2, then I'll continue.

## Grace

- NSW Health developed hepatitis strategies. Phase 1 of the strategy started in July 2016. Banners and posters on hepatitis B and C delivered in the community. Multi-face posters were translated into 4 languages by MHAHS. Hepatitis NSW deals with the Aboriginal and English speaking communities. MHAHS deals with the CALD communities.

Phase 2 of the strategy (marketing) will start in July 2017 and will reuse the reborn material and existing messaging. It comprises the following communication channels:

- digital assets (website and social media)
- street/public space advertising (banners, train stations, bus stops, billboards)
- media advertising (newspapers, websites)
- free media (media releases, media interviews).

Soon we will contact some councils to provide participation from them for the phase 2 of the strategy.

For rural areas community centres and regional radios will be used during the Hepatitis Awareness Week in July.

## Barbara

- In the phase 1 of the campaign posters like “Could it be me?” were developed in Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean and Arabic. Each poster was different. In the phase 2 posters will also be developed in African languages.

Three separate photos will be used under “Ask. Test. Treat.” writing on the posters in the phase 2 of the hepatitis B CALD community strategy.

Some merchandise will be developed and used in this phase 2 of the communication marketing strategy:

- Calico carry bag
- Fortune cookies
- Wallet card
- Cardboard countertop display
- Post-it note
- Fridge magnet
- Calendar magnet.

Some questions raised and answered by Grace and Barbara.

## DBS HIV TEST – Rachel Katterl of MOH

- This talk is an update on the talk we delivered to you last time in September 2016. In summary, I'll update on
  - What are the options for having a test?  
HIV tests are available from any GP, sexual health clinic, community testing sites.

- What is the Dried Blood Spot (DBS) HIV test?  
The DBS HIV test is a free, easy and private test you can do at home.
- Who is the DBS HIV test for?  
Currently the DBS HIV test is available for:  
A man who has ever had sex with another man,  
People who have lived in country where HIV is more common,  
People who have had a sexual partner from a country where HIV is more common, and also  
You must live in NSW and older than 16 years.
- What does the DBS HIV test involve?  
Currently you need to register for the test online  
[www.hivtest.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.hivtest.health.nsw.gov.au)  
and follow the instructions.
- Where can I go for more information?  
To order a DBS HIV test or get more information visit the website:  
[www.hivtest.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.hivtest.health.nsw.gov.au)

**Next meeting: 6 - 8pm, Wednesday 6 September 2017  
KPEC Auditorium 4.1 RPA**