

**MULTICULTURAL HIV AND HEPATITIS SERVICE**

**CO-WORKER STAFF MEETING**

**THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER 2017**

**CHAIR:** Barbara Luisi

**MINUTES:** Riza Yaman

**PRESENT:** Jean Marie Bishop, Phillip Camargo, Magno Da Silva, Jeff Dabbhadatta, Gustinia Dauner, Deni Fukunishi, Jason Gao, Jian Ling Gong, Lily Guo, Amneh Harb, Zainab Kahiye, Bea Kocak, Man-Chiu Lee, Nadia Matti, Edwin Ng, Thuy Ngoc Nguyen, Yuna Park, Zoran Pletikosa, Surinee Record, Ashraf Sedrak, Natali Smud, Lychantha Sok, Nancy Tam, Seila Thuy, Kanyarat Tresise, Cemal Yavas, Insang Yu.

**APOLOGIES:** Fernanda Lena, Jim Tan, Tanni Summers, Grazyna Wilczak, Giovanni Bressan, Andi Dwipasatya, Tutie Putra, Sambath Bun, Nevine Gayed, Faten Solaqa, Yuliana Ada, Layla Naji, Jean Burke, Rocio Pizarro.

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**MANAGER'S REPORT – Barbara**

Barbara Announced apologies and welcomed everybody.

It's a small group tonight. It came to our attention that our email messages went to some people's junk emails. Email endings have changed recently; therefore, we believe that this problem occurred.

Thank you to all of you for your valuable contribution to the service throughout the year.

Some recruitments are in progress. We recruited a new Health Promotion Officer who will start early next year.

We also have a preferred candidate for the Administration Officer who will also be started next year. Unfortunately, we do not have luck with the Digital Communications & Publications Officer position, as you may know Kimberley Shaw has resigned in September.

**PUBLIC HEALTH ACT CHANGES**

**Melissa from HALC**

- S79 of Public Health Act: A person who knows that he or she has a “notifiable disease”, or a “scheduled medical condition”, that is sexually transmissible is required to take reasonable precautions against spreading the disease or condition. Maximum penalty: 100 penalty units or imprisonment for 6 months, or both.
- What's changed?
  - Removal of disclosure provisions
  - Requirement to take reasonable precautions

- Disclosure is not a defence
  - Potential for inclusion of additional medical conditions
  - Potential for inclusion of methods of transmission in addition to sexual intercourse
  - Increase in penalties
- Reasonable precautions
    - Not defined in the Act, reasonable precautions depends on individual circumstances
    - In consultation with treating doctor
    - Any one of:
      - Condoms
      - Undetectable viral load
      - HIV negative partner on PrEP

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## **PrEP UPDATE**

### **Loretta from RPA Sexual Health**

- Eligibility
  - Likely to have condomless anal sex in next 3 months
  - Had condomless receptive anal sex in last 3 months with partner of unknown HIV status
  - Had a rectal STI in last 3 months
  - Had infectious syphilis in last 3 months
  - Used crystal in last 3 months
  - Has a sexual partner who has HIV and is NOT on treatment
  - People who have a partner with HIV where treatment is effective are not eligible
    - Those people are protected by their partners
- Impact
  - All HIV diagnoses 15% down
  - GBM HIV diagnoses 32% down
  - Equity of access
  - No EPIC-NSW participant who has commenced PrEP has seroconverted to HIV
- What next?
  - PBS approval- When?
  - EPIC will cease
  - Impact on people without Medicare?
  - Benefits of herd immunity

**Next meeting: 6 - 8pm, Tuesday 27 March 2018  
 KPEC Auditorium 4.1 RPA**