

MULTICULTURAL HIV AND HEPATITIS SERVICE

CO-WORKER STAFF MEETING

THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER 2016

CHAIR: Barbara Luisi

MINUTES: Riza Yaman

PRESENT: Yuliana Ada, Tsehay Adegeh, Jean Marie Bishop, Sambath Bun, Jean Burke, Tim (Bo) Chen, Karen Chung, Gustinia Dauner, Marella Di Ruocco, Andi Dwipasatya, Deni Fukunishi, Jason Gao, Jian Ling Gong, Thi Kim Trang Ha, Derya Han, Amneh Harb, Raynita Jalleh, Tichaona Jaricha, Bea Kocak, Naw Latt, Man-Chiu Lee, Belinda Marchesiello, Nadia Matti, Ana Medina Sanchez, Lucy Mukoko, Layla Naji, Han Ann Nguyen, Hanh Thi Van Nguyen, Thuy Ngoc Nguyen, Yuna Park, Adrian Pedra, Surinee Record, Gula Saphthari, Ashraf Sedrak, Jorge Segovia, Natali Smud, Lychantha Sok, Faten Solaqa, Somkhuan Sri-a, Tanni Summers, Nancy Tam, Daniel Tha Nya, Seila Thuy, Huong Tran, Kanyarat Tresise, Teewara Wiangsa, Grazyna Wilczak, Cemal Yavas, Insang Yu, Gai Stackpool, Denise Voros, Wa'el Sabri, Sonam Paljor, Mary Bourke, Riza Yaman, Alan Chan, Effie Katsaros, Kimberley Shaw.

APOLOGIES: Ghalib Al Bakri, Carolina Bolivar Castro, Giovanni Bressan, Phillip Camargo, Magno Da Silva, Nevine Gayed, Lily Guo, Heesun Kim, Fernanda Lena, Rocio Pizarro Marroquin, Tutie Putra, Jim (Choon) Tan, Larry (Bing) Wong, Donatella Cifali, Marina Suarez, Dash Gray.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Barbara

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

Barbara talked about health roster which is part of a new system to record pay hours. This is already on and running well. Co-workers are required to email their work hours as soon as they have worked them. These hours must be reported within 24 hours of the work completed as per the instructions given in the Co-worker Handbook pg. 10 and continued:

- The new system does not have the capacity to go back once the pay period has ended; therefore we will not be able to make payroll adjustments. If co-worker hours are reported late, payments will be much delayed.

The landscape in HIV and hepatitis C has changed substantially over the last five years including: Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) opportunities, faster and easier testing, early access to treatment and improvement in treatments. These have changed the way we think of HIV. New treatments for hepatitis C have also improved health outcomes for community members.

MHAHS has been providing services in these areas since 1992. Now is the time for MHAHS to change to keep up to the new developments in line with the current HIV and hepatitis C landscape.

We are working to update what we do, how we do it, with whom, who do we do it for.

There is no change in our funding. Main change is on the focus of the Service.

At the end of this change process we hope we will continue providing better service to the community at large.

ENGAGING NON ENGLISH SPEAKING CALD MIGRANTS IN BBVSTI PREVENTION – Limin Mao of CSRH

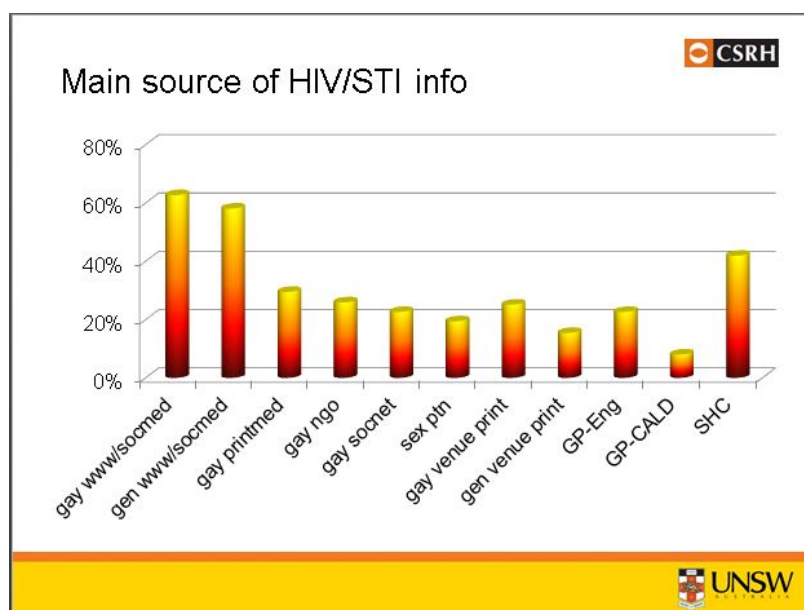
Who are CALD migrants in Australia?

- First, second...generation migrants
- COB, native language, culture and sub-cultures
- Migrant history, previous life experiences, motives
- Visa status
- Gender and sexuality
- Education, employment
- Social network and connection
- Health literacy
- Engagement with services, incl. health services

Background Sydney Gay Asian Men repeated surveys

- Three rounds: 1999 (n=319), 2002 (n=457), 2015-6 (n=501 ongoing)
- 2015-6 recruitment types
 - Gay social venues and events: 18.0%
 - SOPV: 33.7%
 - Clinics (50 from SHCs and 83 from a[Test]): 26.6%
 - Online: 21.7%

Main source of HIV/STI info



Summary

- SGAM (Sydney Gay Asian Men) changed significantly in terms of their HIV testing patterns, the extent of engagement with clinical care and community services, and their HIV-related sexual practices (e.g. CLAIC)
- An increasing yet still niche demand to cater for the needs of SGAM, particularly in the area of HIV and STI prevention (mostly young, uninfected men)
- The role of SHCs in promoting HIV and STI testing among SGAM (critical mass, authority, cultural sensitivity, service referral/co-ordination)

**Next meeting: 6 - 9pm, Tuesday 21 March 2017
KPEC Auditorium 4.1 RPA**