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HIV/AIDS Response Indicator Workshop

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Organized by Special Preventive Programme, Centre for Health Protection, Department of Health

29 - 31 March 2011



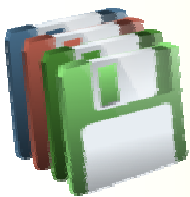
Dr Tim Brown conducted an open lecture on 29 March and a workshop from 30 to 31 March 2011. The series of activities aimed to empower the monitoring and evaluation capacity of NGO as well as coming up with a set of indicators built upon the consensus of stakeholders to better monitor the local response.



A Summary of the 20th CFA Meeting held on 16 Dec 2010

(I) Report back of the Regional Youth MSM & TG Consultation Meeting

The Forum was briefed on the background and objectives of the Regional Youth MSM and Transgender (TG) Consultation Meeting held on 1 - 3 September 2010 in Bangkok. The Consultation Meeting identified five key issues facing young MSM and TG in the Region: stigma and discrimination, lack of support and resources, self-issues, networking, and health and welfare. Recommendations included training, education and coordination among service providers. It was highlighted that the HIV prevalence of TG could be higher than that of MSM, hence the risk behaviour of TG warranted greater attention. The Forum noted the lack of reliable statistics on TG in Hong Kong and agreed that TG or related organizations should be approached and invited to the Community Stakeholders' Consultation Meeting to be held in January 2011.



(II) Report back of the 10th Taipei International Conference on HIV/AIDS

The Forum received a detailed joint presentation by AIDS Concern and Hong Kong AIDS Foundation on the 10th Taipei International Conference on HIV/AIDS held on 24 - 25 September 2010. MSM support services provided by various organizations in Taiwan and their creative strategies were described. MSM HIV prevention in Japan at community, group and individual levels were also outlined.

(III) Report back of the First Developed Asia Regional Consultation on HIV in MSM & TG

The representative from A-Backup reported on the Regional Consultation held on 2-3 December 2010 in Singapore, covering HIV prevention and intervention of Thailand, Singapore, Japan, Malaysia, Korea, China and Hong Kong.

(IV) Report back of the Action Planning Meeting of MSM & TG Populations Multi-City HIV Initiative

The Forum was presented the highlights of the Meeting held on 7-9 December in Hong Kong. Members noted that the discussion format of “World Café” could stimulate brainstorming and discussion. Delegates were impressed by “Talk of the Town” and the public-private partnership team which shared Hong Kong’s experience. The efforts of designated focal point in each city and the support and commitment rendered by local governments and regional partners were also greatly appreciated.

The Forum noted that Chengdu was interested in the existence of the Hong Kong Coalition of AIDS Service Organizations (HKCASO) and Singapore asked about the Special Project Fund of the AIDS Trust Fund. He also noted that schools in Bangkok had attached importance to sex education among MSM in their earlier schooling and that there were specific MSM and TG friendly Government clinics in Bangkok.



Members appreciated the opportunity to participate as observers in the Meeting. Given the success of the Meeting in generating lively discussion and exchange, the Forum suggested that the upcoming Community Stakeholders’ Consultation Meeting could consider adopting similar discussion formats.

(V) Update of preparation for the Community Stakeholders’ Consultation Meeting for the Development of Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong 2012 – 2016

Members were updated on the discussion framework/format/content for sessions and other logistics arrangement for the meeting. It was noted that:

- a Working Group comprising Dr Billy Ho, Miss Nora Yau, Miss Loretta Wong, Ms Yuen How-sin, Ms Shara Ho, Mr Chau Chun-yam and Mr Marco Chau had been formed;
- the date of meeting was tentatively scheduled for 26, 27 and 28 January 2011;
- there would be a series of half-day sessions on target populations;
- a facilitator supported by a resource person would chair each session; and
- Miss Loretta Wong representing HKCASO had kindly agreed to be the rapporteur. She would be assisted by an editor who would prepare the final report.

To be continued.....

more about the 20th CFA Meeting

The Forum proposed that:

- if the venue of Queen Elizabeth Hospital was unavailable, the Public Health Laboratory Centre would be used as the last resort. Taking into account its inconvenient location, transport coupon of \$50 in value would be given to participants for making their own transport arrangement;
- discussion during the meeting would be recorded but participants should be alerted of the recording in advance;
- the Working Group would consider how best to include other stakeholders, such as TG and male sex workers in the session meeting; and
- other members who were interested in joining the Working Group were welcomed to approach the CFA Secretariat.

74th ACA Meeting



Date : 8 April 2011 (Friday)

Time : 2:30pm

Venue : DH Conference Room, 21/F Wu Chung House, Wan Chai

Three main items on the Agenda:

- Report on the Community Stakeholders Consultation Meeting for the formulation of Hong Kong Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies (2012-2016)
- Opinion Survey on AIDS Programme in Hong Kong 2010
- Progress Review of the Eight Targets of the Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong 2007-2011

