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76th ACA Meeting

A Summary of the 22nd CFA Meeting held on 21 June 2011

(I) Social media and HIV prevention in MSM



The Forum received a detailed presentation by Mr CHAU Chun-yam of the Boys and Girls Clubs Association of Hong Kong regarding the World Social Media Conference held in London on 24-31 March 2011. It was highlighted that the effectiveness of social media to promote safer sex depended on its community driven nature, engagement and participation. HIV prevention and MSM support services provided by non-government organizations, and the partner notification system put in place by non-government organizations in collaboration with clinics were described. Mr CHAU

remarked that more resources should be deployed in (a) developing social media tools, e.g. i-phone apps; (b) training on the use of social media; and (c) exploring how to use social media to identify high risk person. The Forum noted that while social media/mobile device could be effective in conveying information to digital natives and particularly the younger generation, it should not be an one-channel-fits-all approach since other means such as face-to-face interview/counseling could be more effective for other target groups.

To be continued.....



More about the 22nd CFA Meeting

(II) Feedbacks on the Report for CSCM by ACA and other stakeholders

ACA had discussed the report at its meeting on 8 April 2011 with the following comments:

- i. further input should be sought from stakeholders;
- ii. final recommendations should also be evidence-based and practical; and
- iii. further elaborations were required

on fostering an enabling environment; enhancing strategic information and mobilizing resources.

Members noted the way forward and time-frame on formulation/finalization of the HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong 2012 - 2016.

(III) Update on the progress of PRiSM 2011

The Forum was briefed that the PRiSM 2011 had been awarded to the Research Team led by the Chinese University of Hong Kong. The Forum noted that:

- i. there would be two sampling frames, including the venue-based component which was similar to the previous exercise and a new web-based component.
- ii. the Research Team had to build a designated website for administering the questionnaire since the original idea to team up with Fridae Hong Kong Limited and use its website did not work out;
- iii. survey venues would include beaches in addition to conventional gay venues;
- iv. financial incentives would be used to boost response rate;
- v. STI screening would be conducted in addition to HIV testing;
- vi. there would be community collection points to collect urine samples from respondents recruited through the web-based interface; and
- vii. a test result feedback mechanism would be put in place.

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Members commented:

- i. on how to validate information obtained;
- ii. on how to avoid duplicate respondents;
- iii. that the internet-recruited samples may not be representative; and
- iv. that respondents who conducted HIV testing could have a choice on the agencies/NGOs to conduct VCT, with due consideration on the limit of sharing personal information collected in the survey.

(VI) Update on the Development of Universal indicators

Members were updated on the development of indicators after Dr Tim Brown's workshop on "Developing community-based indicators for responses" on 29-31 March 2011, and noted that the following draft indicators had been proposed for NGOs' comments:

- i. MSM: condom usage, HIV testing;
- ii. Injecting drug users: condom usage, HIV testing, needle sharing among non-regular partners; and
- iii. Female sex workers: knowledge of HIV and STI, knowledge of seeking treatment for STI, condom usage, HIV testing.

The Forum looked forward to adopting common indicators sets which would be within NGOs' capacities to collect/report data on one hand, and complement the HIV data collected by Department of Health for monitoring/evaluation/surveillance purposes on the other.





Last CFA meeting held on 21 June 2011 at Conference Room, Centre for Health Protection Building



76th ACA Meeting

Date : 3 October 2011 (Monday)

Time : 3:00pm

Venue : DH Conference Room, 21/F Wu Chung House, Wanchai, Hong Kong

Three main items on the Agenda:

- ✧ Proposed schema of operation for the Hong Kong Advisory Council on AIDS 2011-2014
- ✧ Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong 2012 to 2016 - second draft (post-stakeholders consultation)
- ✧ World AIDS Campaign 2011 in Hong Kong

