



Editorial Board

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29th CFA Meeting
10 June 2013

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5 July 2013



A Summary of the 28th CFA Meeting held on 14 March 2013



Discussion on abandoning condom as prostitution evidence

Members noted the major discussion on this issue during the ACA Meeting held on 11 January 2013 and considered that further reference from other judiciary was necessary before issuing any guideline.



Report back of the MSM Working Group special meeting held on 19 December 2012

As the new MSM HIV infection cases reached a record high in 2012, a special meeting of the MSM Working Group on HIV Prevention under Red Ribbon Centre (RRC) was held on 19 December 2012 with extended invitation of the MSM community. During the meeting, reasons for the rising trend and the strategy on the response in HIV prevention were discussed. A summary of the special meeting was presented during the 28th CFA Meeting. Members supplemented some more views after active discussion. The Secretary undertook to explore the feasibility of the Members' suggestions and would incorporate them into the future HIV prevention activities as far as practicable.

more about 28th CFA Meeting held on 14 March 2013



Audit of VCT Services in community settings

Members noted that establishment of the internal audit system was to encourage service providers to maintain the VCT service at a high quality across the whole NGO sector, and also as a means of protecting themselves in case of any lawsuit encountered in the future. The first round of internal audit was proposed to be conducted from April 2013 to March 2014, and NGOs would be expected to give a brief report on their performance in the second quarter of 2014. The issue was actively discussed. Members generally agreed with the proposed arrangement of the internal audit in the coming year. Further opinion collection was still underway and the Secretary would take into account members' comments and come up with a revised checklist before the 29th CFA Meeting.



Progress of the Response Indicators Survey 2013 (RI-2013)

Members were reminded that the survey of Response Indicators 2013 had already started. The Stanley Ho Centre for Emerging Infectious Diseases of the Chinese University of Hong Kong (the contractor) would contact individual NGOs in due course. While the survey for MSM, sex worker clients and IDU would be conducted from April to June, that of female sex workers would be carried out from June to September. Both outreach and centre-based clients would be reached, depending on individual NGOs. Initial results would be expected by the end of 2013.



Progress of Life skill-based education (LSBE) on HIV/AIDS and sex education in Hong Kong

The field work of LSBE survey in secondary schools had just been finished and the preliminary results would be available in the 29th CFA Meeting.



Training Workshop for NGO

Members noted that another annual training workshop for NGO would be held in the coming months, and suggested to enrich the content on HIV epidemiology in MSM, use of different test kits, treatment, follow-up and risk reduction of newly diagnosed positive cases, as well as sources for referral, notification system and HIV policy in the Mainland, Taiwan and Macao. Members would inform the Secretary about their recruitment schedule of new workers so that the workshop could be arranged in good time with Members' suggestions incorporated as far as feasible.



Report back of the Mainland Community Based Organizations (CBO) strategic workshop held from 14 - 18 January 2013

With the retreat of overseas funding and organizations on HIV/AIDS from the Mainland China, the National Government was striving to step up the existing response. In this connection, the China office of International HIV/AIDS Alliance and Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) had jointly identified 10 strategic CBO which had established services for PLHIV, MSM and injecting drug users for developing their organization capacity to better work with government. With the support of the Red Ribbon Centre, a workshop was held in Hong Kong between 14 and 18 January 2013. The workshop touched on the latest HIV epidemiology, development of AIDS CBO in China, strategic planning, organization governance, financial and risk management, advocacy and resource mobilization, monitoring and evaluation, and operational models of non-government organizations in Hong Kong. There was in-depth sharing among the CBOs. Evaluation of the workshop revealed that the participants were most satisfied with the discussion on experience of CBO/NGO in Hong Kong, and showed interest to further exchanges between CBO/NGO in Mainland and Hong Kong.

Arrangement for Request of Attendance in CFA by Non-members

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The following arrangement was agreed during the CFA Meeting held in March 2012 -

- a. Upon the Convener's invitation/agreement, people who were interested to take part as observer might attend the whole or certain sessions of the meeting and speak up in the meeting at the Convener's discretion;
- b. The CFA Secretariat would announce the agenda on the ACA's website (in the ACA Newsfile) prior to each CFA Meeting. Interested parties could put up their requests to the CFA Secretariat for consideration;
- c. In case of over subscription, the CFA Secretariat would work out the list of participants by adopting a fair procedure deemed appropriate;
- d. Despite of this new administrative arrangement, the meeting would continue to be conducted in Cantonese only; and
- e. At the same time, the CFA Secretariat could invite relevant stakeholders to attend the meeting if deemed appropriate.

29th CFA Meeting

Date : 10 June 2013 (Monday)
Time : 2:30 pm
Venue : Conference Room, Red Ribbon Centre,
2/F, Wang Tau Hom Jockey Club Clinic
200 Junction Road East, Kowloon

Three main items on the Agenda

- ❑ Preliminary result of the Survey HIV/AIDS and Sex Education at Junior Secondary Level in Hong Kong
- ❑ Self HIV test
- ❑ Progress on implementation of ACA Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies (2012-2016)

Invitation

Dear All,

If you are interested to take part as observer in the 29th CFA Meeting to be held on 10 June 2013, please complete the application form (available for download from http://www.aca.gov.hk/cfa_observers_form.pdf) and send the completed form to the CFA Secretariat by **28 May 2013**. For more details of this arrangement, please refer to the summary shown on the left of this page.

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