



Editorial Board

Executive Editor: Mrs Ellen LAU, ACA Secretariat

AIDS Hotline: 2780 2211

IN THIS ISSUE WE HAVE

- A Summary of the 29th CFA Meetingpages 29-30
- Public consultation on draft of Recommended Guidelines for HIV Infection and Health Care Workers.....page 30
- Agenda of 30th CFA Meeting.....page 31
- Public Lecture held on 24 July 2013.....page 32

~ Calendar ~

30th CFA Meeting
11 September 2013

84th ACA Meeting
4 October 2013

A Summary of the 29th CFA Meeting held on 10 June 2013

Preliminary result of the Survey on HIV/AIDS and Sex Education at Junior Secondary Level in Hong Kong

Members were briefed on the following four aspects –

- (a) the delivery of HIV/AIDS and sex education;
- (b) teachers' training;
- (c) school policy; and
- (d) opinions on relevant education.

In brief, more than 80% of schools reported that they had basic life skills-based HIV/AIDS or sex education in the junior secondary level. External parties such as NGOs were usually involved. The whole grade coverage among F1 to F3 were in general more than 70%, with 2 to 3 hours of teaching time in last academic year. About half of the schools taught about “prevention of HIV infection” and “using condom to prevent sexually transmitted diseases and HIV infection”. Training of teachers could be further strengthened, and the school administration's awareness on HIV infection could be further enhanced as only 39% of them had relevant documented policy. Inadequate teacher training, insufficient teaching and learning resources, and lack of time and manpower were considered as important barriers for teaching. Most Members realized the important role of NGOs in HIV/AIDS and sex education, but they also found little room for their intervention as the schools' teaching schedules were already very tight while some of the schools were very conservative about mentioning HIV infection and condom use.

more about 29th CFA Meeting held on 10 June 2013

Progress on implementation of ACA Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies (2012-2016)

Members' comments were sought on a preliminary list of existing and new initiatives related to the Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong, 2012 – 2016 issued by ACA, and a data collection form on individual projects as a way to monitor the progress of the local AIDS response. The finalized data collection form would be sent out by the secretariat to stakeholders after the meeting for their return on or before 15 August 2013.

Self HIV test

Members were briefed on the scientific evidence of the accuracy of the self oral HIV test, and the views of the ACA and the Scientific Committee on AIDS and STI (SCAS). Members found the presentation very useful in explaining the rationale to their clients as they had received many enquiries on this subject. They appreciated DH's effort for proactively putting relevant information onto its official website, and suggested to consider other suitable channels for further distribution of such information.

Public consultation on draft of Recommended Guidelines for HIV Infection and Health Care Workers

Views and comments may be sent to the ACA by post (address: 3/F, Wang Tau Hom Jockey Club Clinic, 200 Junction Road East, Wang Tau Hom, Kowloon), by fax (2337 0897), or via e-mail (aca@dh.gov.hk) on or before **16 September 2013**. Please refer to ACA Newsfile issued in July 2013 for more details.

Arrangement for Request of Attendance in CFA by Non-members



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.

30th CFA Meeting

Date : 11 September 2013 (Wednesday)
Time : 2:30 pm
Venue : Conference Room, Red Ribbon Centre,
2/F, Wang Tau Hom Jockey Club Clinic
200 Junction Road East, Kowloon

Two main items on the Agenda

- ✧ Preliminary result of the HIV/AIDS Response Indicator Survey (HARiS) - MSM and Sex Worker Clients
- ✧ Further analysis result of the Survey on HIV/AIDS and Sex Education at Junior Secondary Level in Hong Kong

Invitation

Dear All,

If you are interested to take part as observer in the 30th CFA Meeting to be held on 11 September 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 August 2013**. For more details of this arrangement, please refer to the summary shown on the left of this page.

CFA Secretariat

Public Lecture

"Challenges of HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care & Treatment in the 21st Century" by Professor Françoise Barré-Sinoussi held on 24 July 2013

