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**84th ACA Meeting
4 October 2013**

HIV Manual 3rd Edition (2013)

The new Manual, which replaced the earlier editions, is extensively updated based on the medical advances in HIV management and evolving clinical practices of local institutions. The updated Manual is jointly published by the Stanley Ho Centre for Emerging Infectious Diseases, the Chinese University of Hong Kong and the Centre for Health Protection, Department of Health. For convenient access, web version and Apps (Android and iPhone) of the Manual are also available at <http://www.hivmanual.hk>.

We hope you will find the Manual a useful reference guide on HIV management.



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Complimentary copy from CHP, DH

A Summary of 30th CFA Meeting held on 11 September 2013

Preliminary result of the HIV/AIDS Response Indicator Survey (HARiS) - MSM and Sex Worker Clients

Members were briefed on the survey results for the two populations of MSM and clients of female sex workers. The major topics covered in this survey included the sexual behaviours with different sexual partners (e.g. MSM with sex partner from outside Hong Kong), the HIV testing behaviours and condom use. It was noted that the results were different from those surveys conducted previously and it was likely that such deviation might be contributed by the adoption of different methodologies. Some members found that too many surveys were conducted and opined that one survey per year would suffice. As NGOs could only afford to approach those target groups who they met frequently, they considered that the respondents were a set of heavily biased samples. In response, members were reminded that the survey was meant for evaluating the overall effectiveness of the NGOs over time and that Dr Tim Brown had expressed the same opinion when developing the common set of response indicators with NGOs in 2011. To conclude, consideration should be given to the value, usefulness and effectiveness of the surveys conducted.



Blood Donation Form used by Hong Kong Red Cross

Some members referred to Question 23 of the Blood Donation Form used by the Hong Kong Red Cross and considered that improvement should be made on the part concerning MSM. They noticed that the relevant period adopted under this part was 12 months and considered it longer than reasonable. Representative from the Hong Kong Red Cross undertook to report back in the next CFA Meeting if any follow-up action had been taken in this regard.

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

Members were presented a draft action plan for promoting life skills-based (LSB) HIV/AIDS and sex education in local junior secondary levels in response to the results of a recent baseline study on the relevant topic commissioned by DH. They noted the proposed follow-up actions (including advocacy, support to schools and empowerment of teachers) and that opportunities would be explored in the existing discussion platforms on cross-cutting issues such as drug abuse and alcohol consumption to promote LSB HIV education in the 2013 to 2014 school year. Besides, the possibility of extending LSB HIV education in undergraduate teacher training curriculum would also be explored. Members were also briefed on the further analysis and that schools with documented policy was associated with the implementation of LSB HIV/AIDS and sex education. The meeting discussed that consideration might be given to introduce some new indicators (e.g. proportion of students who had acquired relevant life skills) as the target of “at least 50% of students should have received the necessary life skills to prevent HIV infection at or before the age of 15 by 2015” had already been reached. Members actively discussed about the survey results and some of them were concerned about the extent that teaching of HIV/AIDS were covered under sex education and EDB’s monitoring on this matter. Some members opined that STI or HIV was not commonly taught in formal curriculum, and collaboration with efforts on TB education should also be explored. Members’ comments would be further deliberated by the Task Force and reflected to the EDB’s representative during the Task Force Meeting.



Discussion on abandoning condom as prostitution evidence

Members noted the major discussion on this issue during the ACA Meeting held on 26 July 2013 and that the ACA Chairperson had sent a further letter to the Police, copied to Secretary of Justice, Secretary for Security and Secretary for Food and Health on 3 September 2013.



Agenda of 84th ACA Meeting

Date : 4 October 2013 (Friday)

Time : 2:30 pm

Venue : Conference Room, Department of Health, 21/F, Wu Chung House,
Wanchai, Hong Kong

Three main items on the Agenda -

- ✧ Review on the first year implementation of ACA Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies 2012-2016
 - ✧ Preliminary results of the first HIV/AIDS Response Indicator Survey (HARiS) – MSM and male clients of female sex workers
 - ✧ HIV Infection and Health Care Workers – ACA Recommended Guidelines 2013 Final draft
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