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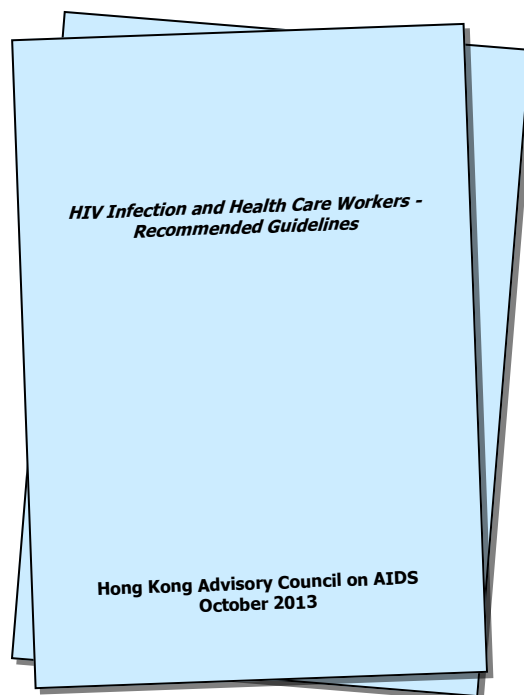
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**31st CFA Meeting
11 December 2013**

HIV Infection and Health Care Workers – Recommended Guidelines by the Hong Kong Advisory Council on AIDS (October 2013)

The Hong Kong Advisory Council on AIDS (ACA) formulated the “*HIV Infection and the Health Care Workers – Recommended Guidelines*” in 1994, which was subsequently updated and reprinted in 2003. In view of the expanded scientific knowledge in the field and local developments over the last decade, ACA undertook in 2012 to review and revise the Guidelines. After thorough discussions and seeking input from a variety of stakeholders and also via public consultation, ACA has come up with a revised Guidelines dated October 2013. Areas which have been updated include risk of HIV transmission, infection control, counseling, testing and HIV treatment, rights and responsibilities of infected health care workers, operation and past work of the Expert Panel on HIV Infection of Health Care Workers. The Guidelines serves to provide relevant and concise information and guidance for addressing the subject of HIV infection and health care workers, for individuals as well as institutions. It can be accessed at <http://www.aca.gov.hk>



Review on the first year implementation of the Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong 2012 - 2016 (as at September 2013)

New Initiatives carried out by stakeholders

*** Drive strategically informed and accountable interventions**

- (a) Improve monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of individual programmes
 - ✧ Recommend M&E plan for ATF applications; develop checklist for internal audit of Voluntary Counselling and Testing for HIV (VCT)
 - (b) Improve M&E of territory-wide response
 - ✧ Develop a common set of core response indicators (HARiS); study feasibility of monitoring community viral load
 - (c) Characterize HIV risk in vulnerable subgroups
 - ✧ Men who have sex with men (MSM) who have sex in Shenzhen, met partners through internet/mobile app; African asylum seekers in HK
 - (d) Monitor Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) pattern in female sex workers (FSW)
 - ✧ Include test for common STI in HARiS
 - (e) Conduct formative research of pilot programme
 - ✧ Trials for network-based HIV peer intervention in MSM; evaluate efficacy of female condom among monogamous women with STI
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*** Foster supportive environment**

- (a) Educate on Disability Discrimination Ordinance
 - ✧ Equal workplace campaign for People living with HIV (PLHIV) in corporate
- (b) Promote acceptance
 - ✧ Microfilm, theme song, TV and radio announcements, drama
 - ✧ Increase budget of Equal Opportunities (Sexual Orientation) Funding Scheme
 - ✧ Raise understanding of healthcare workers on MSM
 - ✧ Pilot study on stigma perceived by PLHIV
- (c) Examine policy on access to services
 - ✧ Review sexual and related offences of homosexual behaviours; explore feasibility of removing condom as prostitution evidence
- (d) Expand life skills-based HIV education
 - ✧ Form a Task Force, conduct a baseline assessment and formulate an action plan
- (e) Tackle underlying vulnerability
 - ✧ New programmes addressing relationship issues in MSM couples

✿ Maintain holistic & quality care and support ✿ Scale up prevention in priority populations

- (a) Share updated knowledge
 - ✧ Update the HIV manual, expand attachment for nursing undergrads, pilot training programme for private doctors, additional sharing by PLHIV
 - (b) Upkeep clinical effectiveness
 - ✧ Enhance health literacy of PLHIV
 - (c) Facilitate rehabilitation of PLHIV
 - ✧ Develop new websites and comprehensive information for newly diagnosed
- (a) Increase access to condoms
 - ✧ New gay venues, DH clinics, new immigrants from places with higher HIV prevalence, vending machine in university campus and mobile application
 - (b) Expand VCT
 - ✧ Increase evening sessions, engage private practitioners, study of self HIV test and operational research in MSM
 - (c) Sustain provider-initiated HIV testing
 - ✧ Revamp universal testing programme in methadone clinics, enhance promotion
 - (d) Positive prevention
 - ✧ Promote early uptake of antiretroviral therapy, campaign for serodiscordant MSM couples
 - (e) Expand outreach
 - ✧ Develop / ride on mobile applications for vulnerable populations, MSM-oriented services in New Territories, research in MSM, cover TG & disabled persons

✿ Enhance partnership and capacity

- (a) Foster communication
 - ✧ Broaden membership and invite observers in CFA; exchange between ACA and ATF; revise application guidelines, provide FAQ & statistics in website and conduct briefing and seminar by ATF
- (b) Mobilize vulnerable communities and PLHIV
 - ✧ Engage gay groups and stakeholders in MSM Working Group of Red Ribbon Centre
- (c) Mobilize other resources
 - ✧ Explore support by initiatives on drug and alcohol abuse
- (d) Exchange and collaboration with foreign agencies
 - ✧ Co-host a workshop for community-based organizations in the Mainland; send staff to Mainland for intensive training
 - ✧ Take part in regional consultation on issues related to MSM and Transgender people (TG)
 - ✧ Study cross-border MSM risk behaviours and HIV epidemiology



Please refer to the ACA website (<http://www.aca.gov.hk>) 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.

31st CFA Meeting

Date : 11 December 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

Three main items on the Agenda

- ◇ Results of HARiS (FSW and IDU)
- ◇ Discussion on HARiS 2014
- ◇ Report back of ICAAP 2013

Invitation

Dear All,

If you are interested to take part as observer in the 31st CFA Meeting to be held on 11 December 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 November 2013**. For more details of this arrangement, please refer to the summary shown on the left of this page.

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