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48th CFA Meeting
14 September 2018

Workshop for Healthcare Professionals 2018 – HIV and Sexual Minorities



The training workshop was held on 13 July 2018 (Friday) and 105 medical and nursing staff from the Department of Health (DH), Hospital Authority and private hospitals attended. This session covered topics on “Update on HIV/AIDS situation in Hong Kong, vulnerable communities and related risk factors” presented by Dr Michelle CHAK from Special Preventive Programme (SPP) of DH, “HIV and Viral Hepatitis” presented by Dr Bonnie WONG from SPP of DH, “How to engage people living with HIV” presented by Mr HO Kai-man from Princess Margaret Hospital and “Experience sharing on becoming a companion of PLHIV and receiving healthcare service as a HIV infected gay man” presented by Mr CHAU Chun-yam from The Boys’ & Girls’ Clubs Association of Hong Kong.



A Summary of the 47th CFA Meeting held on 8 June 2018

Experience sharing: HIV self-test promotion by AIDS Concern

AIDS Concern shared their experience of HIV self-testing promotion programme started since 2015. The programme was comprised of 3 phases. In the first phase, AIDS Concern contacted 2 HIV self-test kit distributors in Hong Kong and asked them to put an insert containing AIDS Concern Hotline service with the test kit. AIDS Concern received a few enquiries on self-test issue while most of the users were of low-risk heterosexuals. In the second phase, AIDS Concern collaborated with the Chinese University of Hong Kong to recruit men who have sex with men (MSM). They were either in high risk of HIV infection or had not performed any HIV testing for more than 12 months. Free HIV self-test kits were delivered to the participants, with real-time online support offered while performing the test. The programme modified in the third phase, of which free HIV self-test kits were offered to young MSM upon completion of an online questionnaire.

Overall, the response to self-testing was positive as the participants could perform HIV testing at any time and place at their convenience in a confidential manner. Post-test survey showed that a majority of subjects would still choose self-testing next time.

PRiSM 2017 - publicity plan targeting men who have sex with men

DH presented the publicity plan for PRiSM 2017 targeting MSM. 9 posters for MSM and 1 poster for transgender women (TGW) were designed. The key messages contained in the posters were discussed with various stakeholders including members of the MSM HIV Prevention Working Group. 10 designs of posters have been distributed to AIDS NGOs and gay venues after CFA meeting. After discussion, members also agreed on 2 different designs of posters publicizing quitting chemsex. In the meeting, DH also introduced the other designs of publicity materials with selected key messages for gay venues including coasters, tissue boxes and tissue pack.

HIV treatment cascade 2016

DH presented the treatment cascades for MSM, heterosexual male (HEM), heterosexual female (HEF) and people who inject drugs (PWID) for 2016. Based on the figures from each level of the cascade, members noted that there was an overall improvement in achieving the set objectives “90-90-90” as laid down in the ACA Strategies (2017-2021). Nevertheless, various key stakeholders should sustain current efforts to stop leakage in the cascades. Efforts to promote regular HIV testing and establish it as a norm in the community, not confined to MSM, should be strengthened. Barriers to access to HIV services and treatment for PLHIV should be removed.

Arrangement for attending CFA as observers

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.

48th CFA Meeting

Date : 14 September 2018 (Friday)

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

- ◆ Overseas recommendations on drug rehabilitation service for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender drug users
- ◆ A pilot study on mental health, substance use and sexual health of local men who have sex with men

Invitation

Dear All,

If you are interested to take part as observer in the 48th CFA Meeting to be held on 14 September 2018, 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 **24 August 2018**. For more details of this arrangement, please refer to the summary shown on the left of this page.

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