



Editorial Board

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49th CFA Meeting
13 December 2018

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Similar to last year, the Red Ribbon Centre of the Department of Health (DH) organized a series of film sharing sessions were held in four universities, namely The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Baptist University, The Chinese University of Hong Kong and City University of Hong Kong in September and October 2018. It aims to raise the HIV awareness and to promote HIV prevention among young people. Guests of people living with HIV and sexual minorities were invited to discuss with students about HIV and related issues. Nurses from the Red Ribbon Centre also demonstrated proper condom use during the sessions.



A Summary of the 48th CFA Meeting held on 14 September 2018

A pilot study on mental health, substance use and sexual health of local men who have sex with men

Mr Edwin WONG, a student of the Bachelor of Science in Public Health of the Chinese University of Hong Kong presented a brief report of the pilot study of MSM mental, substance use and sexual health survey done in July 2018.

Mental health problems of sexual minorities and people living with HIV (PLHIV) was a growing public health issue. Members shared their experiences of handling PLHIV cases and they considered that the current social services supporting the mental well-being of PLHIV and sexual minorities should be further explored and strengthened.

DH is planning to conduct a survey on mental health of larger scale targeting MSM in upcoming "Pride Parade 2018". It is hoped that the survey could generate results for better understanding of the situation and hence provide useful information for resource planning of relevant support services.

Overseas recommendations on drug rehabilitation service for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender drug users

DH presented an overview of the overseas recommendations on drug rehabilitation service provided for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) drug users. In addition, the presentation also briefly introduced the different types and uses of psychotherapies for managing drug users, as well the findings from a local mini-survey done by DH exploring the training need of staff working in drug rehabilitation NGOs on handling sexual minorities and PLHIV.

Members commented that the quick guides quoted in the presentation were comprehensive and practical while drug rehabilitation NGOs need more practical advice in order to implement LGBT-sensitive service. Members also noted that there was an increasing demand on residential drug rehabilitation services in recent years, but the resources for NGOs was insufficient to provide a good quality service. Frequent staff rotation was also a big issue.

As culture sensitivity was very important to improve the treatment outcome, members suggested that the findings of the survey could be shared with the network of drug rehabilitation NGOs and other relevant stakeholders for their reference.

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.

49th CFA Meeting

Date : 13 December 2018 (Thursday)

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

- ◆ HIV and AIDS Response Indicator Survey (HARIS) 2018 preliminary results
- ◆ First sex and sexual health survey

Invitation

Dear All,

If you are interested to take part as observer in the 49th CFA Meeting to be held on 13 December 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 **23 November 2018**. For more details of this arrangement, please refer to the summary shown on the left of this page.

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