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52nd CFA Meeting 9 September 2019

A Summary of the 51st CFA Meeting held on 17 June 2019

Experience sharing: "Self test Hong Kong" by AIDS Concern

AIDS Concern shared their experiences of their HIV self-testing programme in Hong Kong. The objectives of the programme were to extend HIV testing coverage to people at high risk and to encourage never-tester to get tested regularly. After 3 pilot phases from 2015 to 2018, AIDS Concern started to offer and sell oral fluid and finger prick type of self-testing kits online since mid-2019. Clients could get the kits by post or pick up the kits at the AIDS Concern testing centre or at designated collection points of the delivery company. Online and offline promotion of the programme is ongoing. Hotline support to self-testers from the Pride Line was available.

Members noted that quite a majority of clients chose to pick the test kits in the Centre and settle the payment by cash. It was found that some clients considered buying a self-test kit was more private than receiving a HIV test in the Centre. They will collect more users' feedback for further analysis and service enhancement.

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More about the 51st CFA Meeting

Experience sharing on establish a drug rehabilitation service for Chemfun users

Hong Kong Christian Service shared their experiences of providing drug rehabilitation service (Project HERO) for chemfun users. The team needed to manage clients with different profiles of substance use by offering individual counselling, while group therapy would be used if the client's condition was suitable. Pre-group counselling would be given and client needed to sign an agreement to keep the rules during group sessions and to keeping confidentiality of the discussion content during group therapy. Apart from handling chemsex cases, the project staff sometimes encountered cases with different issues such as contracting sexually transmitted infections, theft during sex and sex violence, etc. Started in 2017, Project HERO was a relatively new service in Hong Kong Christian Service and there was much room to explore and enhance in the future.

Members noted the scope of services and commented that publicity was important for them to provide information to their clients in case they might need the service in the future.



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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.

52nd CFA Meeting

Date : 9 September 2019 (Monday)

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

- Preliminary result of local ethnic minorities sexual health survey 2019
- Introduction of HIV Self-test study by Department of Health
- Highlights of 10th IAS Conference on HIV Science

Invitation

Dear All,

If you are interested to take part as observer in the 52nd CFA Meeting to be held on 9 September 2019, 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 **22 August 2019**. For more details of this arrangement, please refer to the summary shown on the left of this page.

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