



Editorial Board

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117th ACA Meeting
14 January 2022

Agenda of 117th ACA Meeting

Date : 14 January 2022 (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 -

- ◆ Framework of the Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong (2022-2027)
- ◆ Ageing with HIV
- ◆ Highlights of World AIDS Campaign 2021

A Summary of the 116th ACA Meeting held on 8 October 2021

Study on social and legal marginalization experienced by transgender people in Hong Kong: Implications for HIV-related behaviours and HIV service provision

Prof. SUEN Yiu-tung presented an overview of the situation of transgender people in Hong Kong, social and legal marginalization experienced by local transgender people and the implications on their HIV-related behaviours and the HIV prevention services to suit their needs.

Members noted that problems faced by transgender people and their risk of acquiring HIV varied. Individual support and focused intervention would be more effective. Awareness training to staff of HIV clinics and other service providers needed to be strengthened. It was proposed more collaboration between NGOs to provide better services to transgender people.

Prof. SUEN Yiu-tung supplemented that small and simple changes would already make significant impacts e.g. enhance sensitivity by adopting gender pronouns, set up gender neutral toilets, etc.

Report of the Community Forum on AIDS

Members noted the summary report and discussions of the 58th CFA Meeting held on 13 September 2021. A summary of this CFA Meeting was contained in the ACA Newsfile (Vol. 28, No. 11 – November 2021).

A Summary of the 47th Scientific Committee on AIDS and STI (SCAS) Meeting

The Chairperson referred members to the summary of the 47th Meeting of SCAS held on 5 October 2021. DH Briefed members on the major discussions.

Report on the Community Stakeholders' Consultation Meeting 2021 for the development of the Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong

As the first phase of consultation to collect opinions for drafting the next Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong (the Strategies), seven Community Stakeholders' Consultation Meeting (CCM) sessions were conducted from 13 to 18 July 2021. ACA Secretariat presented the opinions collected during the consultation period and the proposed schedule of formulation of the next Strategies.

ACA thanked for the support by the participating NGOs. Members noted that the number of votes per recommendations casted in the CCM was not the only reference but to consider the overall views and opinions from frontline service providers and the stakeholders. Regional and international developments should also be considered.

A member pointed out the issue of sexuality education for youth and opined that NGOs could have more roles in its implementation at schools. Education Bureau (EDB) responded that in response to the recommendation of strengthening school values education by the Task Force on Review of School Curriculum, a review exercise of the existing curriculum framework (one of the key emphases was enhancing sex education learning elements) by the EDB was being proceeded. Besides, the EDB will continuously provide a wide array of measures, which include developing learning and teaching resources, providing related training for school teachers, etc. to support schools' implementation. The EDB had also engaged other government departments and NGOs and organised professional development programmes for teachers.

The draft framework of the next ACA Strategies would be ready for comments in January 2022. The process of formulating the next ACA Strategies took reference from that of previous Strategies. The framework, then the first draft of the next Strategies would be prepared by the ACA Secretariat for members' deliberation. The updated draft would be subject to stakeholders and public consultation.

World AIDS Campaign 2021 Kick-off Ceremony - 27 November 2021

The World AIDS Campaign 2021 Kick-off Ceremony organised by the Red Ribbon Centre was held at Tai Kwun on 27 November 2021. It was officiated by Under Secretary for Food and Health, Director of Health, Chairperson of the Hong Kong Advisory Council on AIDS, Chairman of the Council for the AIDS Trust Fund and Chairperson of the Red Ribbon Centre Management Advisory Committee.

The theme of this year's Campaign was *"We are unique, Yet the same"*. To tie in with the theme and to disseminate the message of caring and accepting people living with HIV (PLHIV), seven PLHIV were invited to participate in the production of a documentary which features their sharing of real life experiences. Furthermore, four of their real life experiences were adapted and presented as stories with illustrations and they were shared on social media platform.

Visit the thematic webpage of the World AIDS Campaign of the Red Ribbon Centre
<https://www.rrc.gov.hk/english/e1.2.html>



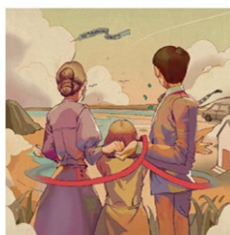
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27/11/2021
(WAC ceremony)
【他的理想生活】



1/12/2021 (WAD)
【兩口子的平凡生活】



8/12/2021
【她這樣的妻子】



15/12/2021
【看海的人】

