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119th ACA Meeting
8 July 2022

Agenda of 119th ACA Meeting

Date : 8 July 2022 (Friday)

Time : 2:30 pm

Venue : Video Conference

Two main items on the Agenda -

- ♦ Final draft of the Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong (2022-2027) – Revised after stakeholders' and public consultation
- ♦ A brief overview of the WHO's Global Health Sector Strategy on HIV 2022-2030

A Summary of the 61st CFA Meeting held on 23 June 2022

Experience sharing by A-Backup

A-Backup delivered a presentation on “Emerging to Digital Transformation”. A-Backup shared the experience in promoting HIV testing, including its marketing strategies, understanding the client’s psychology, setup of testing centre and use of information technology.

Experience sharing by Gay Harmony

Gay Harmony delivered a presentation on “Introduction of Gay Harmony”. The presentation introduced their organisation’s background and work on HIV prevention and sexual orientation education in schools.

The previous health talks of Gay Harmony were all targeted at tertiary school students. Students’ main interest of topics were usually related to gender identity and sexual orientation. Gay Harmony added topics on sexual health and HIV prevention during the talks.

Review of the sexual risk behaviour for clients attending Social Hygiene Clinics

The HIV Risk Behaviour Survey for clients attending Social Hygiene Clinics had been implemented since 1996. In November each year, a series of pre-medical assessment data was collected from the Social Hygiene Service for surveillance purposes. DH briefed members about the review of the sexual risk behaviour for clients attending Social Hygiene Clinics.

The limitations of currently used survey to recruit only a month of new attendees (in November) was known and revision of questionnaire was in progress and it was hoped that the survey period could be expanded to include more attendees to better reflect the actual situation. This survey could somehow reflect the situation of heterosexual males / females who might not have access to conventional HIV prevention services.

Facts and points to note concerning monkeypox

DH briefed members of the facts and points to note concerning monkeypox, including advice on infection control, social contact and sexual contact. NGOs were warned that signs and symptoms of monkeypox could be mistaken as other STI such as syphilis and they were advised to be watchful of probable cases.



MSM & Transgender's Sexual Health Survey 2022

DH is conducting a sexual health survey targeting Men who have sex with men (MSM) and Transgender people to grasp and update the HIV prevalence and sexual behavioural risk factors among the community members, and to provide reference data for HIV/STIs prevention measures. You can also take this chance to submit urine for HIV antibody test to know your status.

MSM and Transgender people who are aged 16 or above, living in Hong Kong and had sex before are invited to participate in this survey. No matter you are infected or not, you are welcome to participate!

This questionnaire is **anonymous** and **voluntary**. No name, personal identifier or address are required. All data collected will be kept **strictly confidential**.

If the result is positive and you have not received treatment, please contact the AIDS hotline 2780 2211 as soon as possible to arrange a referral to a specialist for follow-up.

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Online Training Workshop on Basic Knowledge of HIV/AIDS & STIs for NGO Staff

The Red Ribbon Centre (RRC) of the Department of Health will organise an online training workshop on “Basic Knowledge of HIV/AIDS & STIs for NGO staff 2022”. The workshop targets the frontline NGO staff working in the field of HIV/AIDS, drug rehabilitation and for whose work is related to sexual minorities. The workshop will be conducted in Cantonese.

Two half day sessions will be held:

Date & Time	Topic
Day 1 2 August 2022 (Tuesday) 14:00 – 17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Brief introduction on HIV/AIDS situation & AIDS programme in Hong Kong● Basic Knowledge on HIV and viral hepatitis● Introduction of out-patient HIV clinical service in Kowloon Bay Integrated Treatment Centre● Introduction of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) & post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP)
Day 2 5 August 2022 (Friday) 14:00 – 17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Basic knowledge on STIs and referral system of Social Hygiene Service● HIV prevention work on commercial female sex workers in sex entertainment venue● HIV prevention and intervention for ethnic minorities● Mental health challenge faced by transgender service users

For application and enquiries, please contact RRC nurse - Miss Anita CHANG at 3143 7235.