



The Consortium for **Social and Policy Research** on **HIV, Hepatitis C** and **Related Diseases**

Workshop 13 Responses to hepatitis C reporting

Tuesday 7 March 2006 Dockside @ Cockle Bay

Aims of the workshop

The aims of the workshop are to:

- ▶ critically examine the 2005 Estimates and Projections Report and other recent epidemiological publications from the perspectives of community, social research, service delivery and policy
- ▶ develop responses to the Estimates and Projections Report and other recent epidemiological publications to assist community-based organisations, social researchers and government agencies in their ongoing work.

Introduction to the workshop and its framework

The Estimates and Projections Report is one of the key sources of information for interpreting the size and impact of the hepatitis C epidemic in Australia. It is vital that the report be processed and digested with care as it will influence the agenda for ongoing research, community-based programs, area health service treatment and care programs, and policy responses for the next three to four years. However, in our busy schedules there is often little opportunity to look closely at the data and consider the responses of a variety of organisations to these findings.

The workshop aims to provide not just an overview of the new Estimates and Projections findings, but a day of stimulating discussion in response to these findings and other key data available to the sector. Delegates will be able to use the insights gained from the workshop to conduct informed discussions within their own organisations and make decisions about their own activities.

Guest speakers

- Matthew Law** Head, Biostatistics and Databases Program, National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research
- kylie valentine** Social Policy Research Centre
- Stuart Loveday** Executive Officer, Hepatitis C Council of NSW
- Michael Lodge** Executive Officer, NSW Users and AIDS Association
- Carla Treloar** Deputy Director, National Centre in HIV Social Research
- Owen Westcott** Manager, Harm Minimisation, AIDS/Infectious Diseases Branch, NSW Health
- Mark Bartlett** Manager, Surveillance Communicable Diseases Branch, NSW Health
- James Ward** Public Health Team Coordinator, Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of NSW

Delegate profile: who should attend

This workshop is relevant to all who work in the hepatitis C sector and need to understand or be able to explain the epidemiological data used to describe the epidemic. Employees of research centres, area health services and government and non-government organisations should apply.

Cost

There is a registration fee of \$55 (which includes GST) per participant per workshop. You may be eligible to have your attendance funded by the NSW Health Workforce Development Program (WDP). Funding covers registration fees and, where appropriate, travel and accommodation costs. Check the guidelines for applying for a WDP Grant in the *WDP Training Directory* or at www.wdp.nsw.gov.au.

Registration

To register, please email Rodney McDonald at rodney.mcdonald@unsw.edu.au Please include in the email your name, job title, the organisation you work for, postal address and contact phone number (work and mobile).

Please note: There are strictly limited numbers. Delegates will be selected on a first-come-first-serve basis given that they meet the requirements of the delegate profile.

Registrations are open from Monday 6 February until Friday 24 February, 2006

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