



Workshop 15: HIV prevention, diagnosis and support for people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds

Thursday 31 August 2006 Dockside @ Cockle Bay

Aims of the workshop

To examine issues relating to:

- ▶ early detection of HIV
- ▶ HIV prevention and education, and
- ▶ services and support

within the broader community and specific groups, including male and female sex workers, men who have sex with men, and injecting drug users.

Introduction to the workshop

People from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities have been recognised as a priority population in the NSW HIV/AIDS Strategy 2006–2009. In this workshop we will examine HIV in CALD communities. We will discuss key groups within the CALD population and examine issues relating to early detection, HIV prevention, services and support, and stigma.

Delegate profile: who should attend

This workshop is designed for employees of NGOs and area health services, and academics who are interested in working with CALD communities.

Cost

There is a registration fee of \$55 (including GST) per participant per workshop.

Note: You may be eligible for funding to attend from 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 send an email to Rodney McDonald at rodney.mcdonald@unsw.edu.au. Please include in the email your name, job title, the name of your organisation, its postal address and your contact phone numbers (work and mobile).

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

Registrations close on 25 August 2006.

Proudly brought to you by the Consortium members:

National Centre in HIV Social Research (NCHSR), AIDS Council of NSW (ACON), People Living with HIV/AIDS NSW, Social Policy Research Centre (SPRC), Hepatitis C Council of NSW.

Supported by WDP, AH&MRC, NUAA and the Dockside Group.

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Guest speakers

Dr Augustine Asante Augustine is a health policy and equity expert with substantial experience in HIV research. He will be responsible for conducting the quantitative aspects of a two-year project, funded by NSW Health, on HIV in culturally and linguistically diverse communities. Born in Ghana, Augustine was educated at the University of Ghana, where he did his bachelor's degree, and later at Stockholm University in Sweden where he completed a Masters. He holds a PhD in Health Administration from the School of Public Health and Community Medicine at the University of New South Wales (UNSW). He has worked in various research positions in Australia and overseas and as a government bureaucrat in his native Ghana.

Effie Katsaros & Leighan Kerr Effie and Leighan share the role of Clinical Supervisor at the Multicultural HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C Service (MHAHS). They are both qualified social workers and supervise the support provided by the MHAHS to people from CALD backgrounds who are affected by HIV. These include HIV-positive people and their families and/or carers. Effie and Leighan have more than 10 years of experience working in the area of HIV and AIDS.

Dr Henrike Körner Henrike is a Research Fellow at the National Centre in HIV Social Research. In the past couple of years she has worked on a qualitative project exploring the experiences of HIV-positive people from CALD backgrounds in Sydney. She is currently involved in two CALD projects funded by NSW Health: 'Barriers to HIV testing among people from CALD backgrounds', and the 'Periodic survey of HIV knowledge, perceptions, and use of health services in NSW priority CALD communities'.

Associate Professor Lisa Maher Lisa is a Program Head at the National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research. She is Associate Professor in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine at UNSW and an Associate of the Centre for Harm Reduction at the Burnet Institute. She has international experience in research, program development and service delivery to sentinel groups such as injecting drug users, sex workers and marginalised youth. She has also worked as a technical advisor to the WHO and AusAID.

Maria McMahon Maria is the Sex Industry Policy Officer at ACON and a member of the multicultural team of the Sex Workers Outreach Project (SWOP). She will talk about the SWOP Multicultural Project, its aims and objectives and the work it does to counter discrimination against sex industry workers from CALD backgrounds.

Sonam Paljor Sonam is Acting Deputy Manager at the Multicultural HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C Service where he also serves as the Education and Media Officer. He has worked over the years on several state- and national-level media initiatives aimed at numerous CALD communities. Before joining the MHAHS in 1999, Sonam worked in India and Nepal in various health sectors, including the HIV/AIDS sector.

John Wang John works for ACON as the Asian Gay Men's Peer Educator & Community Development Officer. The Asian Project's services include one-on-one peer support and referral; 'ConversAsians', a six-week peer education program led by volunteer facilitators; monthly support and discussion meetings; and collaborating with various Asian gay community groups, including one that addresses racism within the queer community.