



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

Workshop 17

HIV and disability: looking across the great divide

Monday 19 February 2007 Dockside @ Cockle Bay

Aims of the workshop

Delegates who attend this workshop will:

- ▶ explore how researchers and service providers can better engage people with disability
- ▶ be able to identify how to make disability services more accessible
- ▶ be able to understand the difficulties and conflicts inherent in providing HIV and disability services.

Introduction to the workshop

People with disability have unique experiences of access to HIV services, treatments and information. HIV services have evolved separately from disability services and there are profound differences in the philosophies that shape practice within the two systems.

Delegate profile: who should attend

The workshop has been designed for delegates with an active interest in social research in the area of HIV. Employees of research centres, area health services and government and non-government organisations should apply.

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 email Ann Whitelaw at a.whitelaw@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 open on 2 January and close on 9 February 2007.

Guest speakers

Rob Lake Rob is a member of People Living with HIV/AIDS (PWLHA) and a long-time disability activist and advocate. He has served and continues to serve on the boards and management committees of a number of non-government organisations in the HIV, disability and welfare sectors. He will speak on the interactions between the disability and HIV systems, whether or not concepts can be translated across the two systems, and the implications of future needs, demands for services and their availability on this ongoing 'separation'.

David Abello David is a researcher at the Social Policy Research Centre at the University of New South Wales and long-time disability and mad pride activist. He will be discussing issues of access and equity for people with disability in the design, implementation and evaluation of research and service provision.

A number of speakers from NSW Health and disability advocacy and service organisations are yet to be confirmed.

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