



Workshop 19 Equitable access? Acting on structural and organisational discrimination faced by people affected by hepatitis C and HIV

Wednesday 30 May, 9.00 am–4.00 pm

Dockside @ Cockle Bay

Introduction to the workshop

This workshop will be a forum to explore research into organisational and structural factors in discrimination against people affected by hepatitis C and HIV. It will examine strategies and frameworks aimed at reducing the incidence of such discrimination. Delegates will explore the implications of these to help them bring about change in their workplaces.

Aims of the workshop

This workshop is designed to:

- ▶ increase awareness of structural and organisational factors that allow discrimination against people living with hepatitis C and HIV
- ▶ increase awareness of the interplay between interpersonal, structural and organisational factors that lead to such discrimination
- ▶ map/explore strategies that are successful in addressing these factors to prevent such discrimination occurring
- ▶ inform research endeavours in this area.

Delegate profile: who should attend

This workshop aims to encourage delegates to think about issues of access, equity and social justice in their work with people affected by hepatitis C and 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-served basis, given that they meet the requirements of the delegate profile above.

Registrations are now open and close on 18 May 2007.

The workshop starts at 9.00 am. Registrations will begin at 8.30 am.

Guest speakers

Confirmed speakers are:

Stevie Clayton Stevie Clayton OAM has been CEO of ACON (the AIDS Council of NSW) for six years. She has served on many boards and committees including the NSW Council of Social Services, the Human Rights Committee of the Law Society of NSW, the Health Consumers Network of NSW and the NSW Equal Opportunity Tribunal. She has also served in many gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) organisations including Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras, *Lesbians on the Loose*, the Gay and Lesbian Memorial Project, and radio station OUTfm. As the Co-Convenor of the NSW Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby she was involved in several campaigns resulting in the passage of landmark legislation. In 2003 she was awarded an OAM for services to law reform and the gay and lesbian community.

Glenn Flanagan Glenn Flanagan is Senior Project Officer in Health Promotion with People Living with HIV/AIDS (NSW). He is Editor of *Talkabout*, a bimonthly magazine for people living with HIV, and regularly facilitates discussion groups and peer support groups for people with HIV.

Dr Max Hopwood Max Hopwood has worked with the National Centre in HIV Social Research (NCHSR) since June 1997. His research interests include the psychosocial dimensions of blood-borne virus transmission, illicit drug use and government policy responses, quality-of-life issues for people living with hepatitis C infection, and the impact of stigmatisation and discrimination on the health of marginalised populations. In 2001 Max provided a sociological analysis of hepatitis-C-related discrimination as part of the report of the Anti-Discrimination Board of New South Wales' enquiry into the phenomenon. His recent work has explored stigma and discrimination experienced by illicit drug users and people with hepatitis C infection within health care settings and in medical discourses.

Stuart Loveday Stuart Loveday is currently Vice-President, a founder executive member and former President of Hepatitis Australia, and has been the Executive Officer of the Hepatitis C Council of New South Wales since 1994. Stuart is also a community representative to the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Hepatitis in New South Wales. He has a strong interest in improving community access to treatment for hepatitis C in Australia and contributes extensively to advocacy for evidence-based harm reduction policy and practice in illicit drug settings.

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Sue Mason Sue Mason has been Clinical Nurse Consultant, Hepatitis C, at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, since 1999, which includes case-managing hepatitis C treatment programs, including programs treating patients with co-infection, cirrhosis, end-stage renal disease and liver transplants. Sue is actively involved in education, professional associations, committees and working parties.

Julie Page Julie Page is Clinical Nurse Specialist at South Court Primary Care Centre, Sydney West Area Health Service. Julie began nursing at Royal North Shore Hospital in 1980. After completing some Welfare studies at TAFE, Julie began work in a new nursing position based at the Wentworth Area Health Service Needle and Syringe Program (NSP). The next five years of Julie's life were spent sitting in a van in various car parks, handing out injecting equipment and looking at infected arms and legs. Now renamed South Court Primary Care Centre, the NSP has a nurses clinic, among other innovative projects. Julie enjoys working in a place where anything can happen at any time, and often does.

Dr Barbara Paterson Barbara Paterson is Professor and Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Chronic Illness at the University of New Brunswick in Canada. She holds an interdisciplinary doctorate in nursing, education and psychology. She has held more than 30 research grants in the area of chronic illness, including three in relation to hepatitis C, and is the only nurse in a team of mentors in a national research training program for hepatitis C. She is also an associate for the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control in the area of hepatitis C. Dr Paterson has received multiple local and national scholarship awards.

Felicity Sheaves Felicity Sheaves is Acting Harm Minimisation Coordinator at the Sydney West Area Health Service. Felicity began in the field of HIV/hepatitis C health promotion in 1998 as a mobile outreach worker for the Wentworth NSP. Since then she has contributed to many harm-reduction projects including the SIC (Safer Injecting Cwiz) Project, a project for preventing hepatitis C transmission in injecting drug users under the age of 25. As Coordinator of the Wentworth NSP, Felicity led the development of permanent housing for the program at the Nepean Hospital Campus, a

service she describes as 'almost as marginalised as the client group itself'. Now called South Court Primary Care Centre, it has become an innovative NSP providing enhanced services to clients.

Sinead Sheils Sinead has been Clinical Nurse Consultant, Hepatitis C, at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, since 1998. She has a clinical background in renal and hepatitis C nursing and more than 20 years' experience in clinical practice, education and research in Ireland, England and Australia, the last nine years of which have been focused on hepatitis C. She currently sits on committees, working groups and professional bodies and has a great awareness of the issues experienced by many people living with hepatitis C.

Dr Ingrid van Beek Ingrid van Beek is a public health and addiction medicine physician whose professional career has focused on the prevention and reduction of communicable diseases and other drug-related harm among marginalised populations. Since 1989 Ingrid has been Director of the Kirketon Road Centre in Kings Cross, Sydney, a primary health care facility involved in the prevention of HIV/AIDS and other transmissible infections, and the treatment and care of 'at risk' young people, sex workers and injecting drug users. In February 2000 Ingrid was seconded to be Medical Director of the Sydney Medically Supervised Injecting Centre, a position she holds conjointly with her position at the Kirketon Road Centre. Ingrid has been a consultant to the World Health Organization since 1997. She is also the president of the Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs.

Michael West Michael is Manager, HIV & Related Programs Health Promotion, at Northern Sydney Central Coast Health. He has worked in the HIV/AIDS field for the past 10 years, specifically with culturally and linguistically diverse communities, gay men and same-sex-attracted young people. He now works in the field of health promotion. Before taking on his current role, Michael managed organisational-change interventions that addressed the health needs and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people. The focus of these initiatives was to advocate for the social inclusion of LGBTI populations in the delivery of public health services within a regional area health service.

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