



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

Workshop 9: What counts as evidence in HIV and hepatitis C social research, program planning and service development?

Thursday 5 May 2005 Dockside @ Cockle Bay

Aims of the workshop:

This workshop will explore:

- ▶ What counts as evidence in public health
- ▶ The different determinants that produce 'health'
- ▶ Different forms of evidence and their varying contribution to public health
- ▶ How to identify intervention effectiveness
- ▶ Strategies to improve the use of evidence in your organisation

Introduction and Framework for the Workshop

The term "evidence informed practice" has increasingly found its way into the everyday language of public health workers. This workshop will explore the growing reliance on different forms of evidence and examine the ways in which they are used to inform practice and policy in the health setting.

The workshop will examine qualitative and quantitative research-based evidence from the NCHSR and NCHECR, TRIBES project educational research and evidence derived from organisational planning and evaluation. We will explore the rationale for each type of research or method of enquiry, what each type of evidence can and cannot say and examine what can be learned from each.

Delegates will also look at their own organisations and discuss how different forms of evidence could be better used in their work.

Who should attend? (Delegate Profile)

The workshop has been designed for people with an active interest in social research, program planning and evaluation in the area of HIV, hepatitis C and injecting drug use. Employees of research centres, area health services and government and non government organisations are welcome to apply.

Cost

There is a registration fee of \$55 (incl GST) per participant per workshop. You may be eligible for funding from NSW Health Workforce Development Program to attend. 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: rodney.mcdonald@unsw.edu.au. Please include your name, job title, the organisation you work for, postal address and contact phone number (work and mobile) in the email.

Please note: there are strictly limited numbers and delegates will be selected on a first come first serve basis contingent on them meeting the delegate profile above. **Registrations open on April 15 and close on April 29 2005.**

Guest Speakers

Professor Sue Kippax has been Director of the NCHSR, since 1995. In 2000, she was elected Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia. She has a PhD in social psychology and has a commitment to interdisciplinary research. Her work in HIV social research has been extensive and ongoing since the development of the first major Australian behavioural study into the practices of gay men in 1986. She currently participates in a number of government and non-government advisory committees including the hepatitis subcommittee of the Ministerial Advisory Committee on AIDS, Sexual Health and Hepatitis, and the New South Wales Ministerial Advisory Committee on AIDS.

Dr Carla Treloar is a Research Fellow at the NCHSR. Carla heads the hepatitis C research stream and manages a range of projects across the spectrum of harm reduction and in the area of living with hepatitis C. Her background is in health psychology and public health.

Dr Garrett Prestage has been involved in gay community life in Australia since the mid-1970s. He was responsible for the first safe sex education campaign in Australia ('Rubba Me') in early 1985, and also helped establish the education work of the AIDS Council of NSW. Since 1992, Garrett has worked at the NCHECR. He has developed innovative approaches to research methodology among gay and non-gay homosexually active men. He was responsible for the management of the Sydney Men and Sexual Health (SMASH) study from 1992–1998. He is Chief Investigator for the Gay Community Periodic Surveys and coordinates the Positive Health (pH) and Health in Men (HIM) cohort studies. He is also a member of the ACON Board.

Michael Lodge is currently the Executive Officer of the NSW Users and AIDS Association. In 1985 Michael completed his Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in Psychology and Sociology. For the past 20 years Michael has worked in the areas of alcohol and other drugs, HIV and HCV. His work has covered community development, individual counseling, professional development, community education, policy and management. Michael is also President of the Australian Injecting & Illicit Drug Users League (AIVL).

Michael Salter is the Community Liaison Officer (HIV) at the NCHSR. Michael works with the NCHSR's community partners in research dissemination and capacity building, and acts as the NCHSR's representative in community-based and government health promotion initiatives. His background is in project management and public policy.

Other speakers We are negotiating with speakers from NSW Health to present on an organisational needs assessment – once they have been confirmed there will be further correspondence so you know who they are.

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