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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HEALTH ISSUES CENTRE

Workshops for Health Professionals

Health Issues Centre is offering a series of workshops for health professionals:

Click on the links below for more information and registration form:

[2009 Workshops](#)

[Register Now](#)

Involving Consumers on Committees

Most health service committees are dominated by health professionals. Involving consumers on committees in your health service will bring new ideas from critical stakeholders to the table and assist in developing ongoing dialogue between consumers and health professionals.

Consulting Consumers

This workshop will cover benefits and the challenges of consumer, carer and community consultation.

Human Rights and Health Care

Human rights principles and practices are relevant to people working in the health sector. This workshop will explore the Victorian Charter for Human Rights and Responsibilities and what this legislation means for public and community health services. It will draw on your own experiences and reflections as health workers and as citizens of the Victorian community.

2009 'Participating in Health – My Story Matters' Conference - UPDATE

Health Issues Centre has been funded by the Victorian Department of Human Services Statewide Quality Branch to organise the 2009 'Participating in Health – My Story Matters' Conference.

Dates : 21-22 September 2009

Venue: Victoria University, Level 12, 300 Flinders Street, Melbourne

General Information, a call for abstracts and registrations will be on our website next week!

For further information, please contact Julia Byford:

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Dianella CH and Royal Children's Hospital Community Asthma Program (CAP) Project Evaluation

Health Issues Centre has been funded by Dianella Community Health to conduct an evaluation of this program. The CAP is a community-based early intervention program aiming to improve health outcomes for children with moderate to severe asthma in the northern suburbs of Melbourne, and reduce unnecessary use of health services, especially the Emergency Department (ED) at the Royal Children's Hospital.

CAP considers the social circumstances of the clients and families, e.g. ethnicity, socio-economic status, mental health and other issues, coordinating a range of health and social services to support families. These in turn assist families to manage their children's

asthma. This evaluation will focus on client outcomes, quality of life and impact on health services and also review of the program model to see whether the stakeholders consider it still the most appropriate and cost effective.

Consumer Participation in Research Project - REMINDER

Health Issues Centre is conducting four sessions on consumer participation in research. (see information in link below). The main aim of the project is to build the skills and knowledge of cancer consumers and carers to work in collaboration with cancer researchers in Victoria.

To participate you need to register by filling in the Registration Form (link below) and submit a brief resume (no more than one page using proforma in the link below) about your advocacy or consumer participation work.

[Consumer participation in research project information](#)

[Consumer participation in research project registration form](#)

[Consumer participation in research project resume](#)

Please contact Tere Dawson for further information:

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Want to find out what else we are working on? Just click on the link below

<http://www.healthissuescentre.org.au/projects/current.shtml>

JOURNAL NEWS

Issue #99 of Health Issues

Issue #99 of *Health Issues* on climate change and health is about to be ready. We received excellent submissions and articles are interesting and very informative. This Issue of the Journal will be available late July 2009.

Issue #100 will celebrate consumer participation and looking into the future.

Reminder and Extension of Submission Deadline

This is a friendly reminder that submissions are welcome for Issue #100 and that the deadline has been extended to **Friday, 17 July 2009**.

To obtain further information, please visit:

<http://www.healthissuescentre.org.au/documents/items/2009/06/281140-upload-00001.pdf>

Authors Guidelines at:

<http://www.healthissuescentre.org.au/documents/items/2009/05/204565-upload-00001.pdf>

CONSUMER PARTICIPATION

Contribute to the National Safety and Quality Framework - Australian Health Ministers' Conference

Consumers and health consumer organisations are encouraged to give feedback to the proposed National Safety and Quality Framework developed by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care on behalf of the Australian Health Ministers' Conference. The framework will guide action to improve the safety and quality of the care provided in all health care settings over the next decade. This consultation phase seeks a wider audience's feedback on the proposed framework, which will be used to prioritise the strategies listed in the discussion paper and to make recommendations.

Consultation closing date: 11 September 2009

To obtain more information and look at the framework, please following web link:

<http://www.qualityhealthcareconversation.org.au/>

Opportunity to Participate in Knee Osteoarthritis Study at La Trobe University

The Musculoskeletal Research Centre, Faculty of Health Sciences at La Trobe University is looking for volunteers who suffer from knee osteoarthritis for a study investigating gait, balance and falls being conducted by the Musculoskeletal Research Centre. You are invited to participate in the study if:

- You are aged 45 years and over and suffer from knee osteoarthritis.
- You are able to walk without the use of an aid (e.g. walking stick/frame).

This research project aims to assess the falls risk of individuals with knee osteoarthritis over a period of one year. If you agree to participate in this project, you will be asked to attend the gait lab (HS3) on one occasion for a testing session which should last no more than 3 hours, and be assessed on a series of simple, non-invasive tests. This study has obtained formal ethics approval.

Interested in participating or would like more information? Contact Dr Pazit Levinger at the Musculoskeletal Research Centre, Faculty of Health Sciences:

Tel: (03) 9479 5260
Email: p.levinger@latrobe.edu.au

* Please note that it is not a Health Issues Centre policy to specifically endorse any given clinical trial.

Draft National Protocol for Donation after Cardiac Death (DCD)

National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), consultation draft of the *National Protocol for Donation after Cardiac Death (DCD)*. Details on how to make a submission as well as obtaining copies of the protocol are available on the NHMRC website: www.nhmrc.gov.au/guidelines/consult/index.htm

Comments on the draft protocol must be received by NHMRC by **5pm on 24 July 2009**.

You can also contact Sue Huckson, Director - Effective Practice Program:

Tel: (03) 8866 0410.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

Navigating Melbourne - How to Read the Melway

To be able to get to a job interview, visit friends, and get to appointments, it helps if you can read a street directory. The Melway is the most popular street directory for Melbourne, but what do all the lines and symbols mean? Come along to one of these workshops to learn how to read the Melway and make it easier for yourself to get around Melbourne. Bookings are essential! Details below:

Tel: (03) 9092 1500
Email: enquiries@multiculturalhub.com.au
Venue: Multicultural Hub, 506 Elizabeth Street (opposite the Queen Victoria Market) Melbourne
Cost: Free!
Workshop 1: Friday, 17 July from 2 - 4pm
Workshop 2: Friday, 28 August from 2 - 4pm
Workshop 3: Friday, 2 October from 2 - 4pm

CONFERENCES

Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth Conference

This Conference will focus on how we can best learn from one another and work together to innovate and take action to improve outcomes for young Australians. The conference aims to build links between international and national experts, researchers, policy makers, practitioners, social entrepreneurs, marketers, business and financiers. It will

explore pathways to success, and showcase preventive innovations that are improving the lives of children and young people.

Please visit the website to view the full speaker listing, Conference aims and the program: www.aracyconference.org.au

Australian Rural and Remote Mental Health Symposium

Call for abstracts now open!

Mental Health Services And Treatments In The Aftermath Of Disaster In Rural And Remote Communities: Lessons From Recent Events

Venue: Canberra ACT

Date: Monday 2 to Tuesday 3 November 2009

Visit the Symposium website: <http://www.anzmmh.asn.au/rmha9>

10th International Mental Health Conference

Conference dates: Wednesday, 12 to Friday, 14 August 2009

Venue: Holiday Inn Surfers Paradise, QLD

For more information, follow the web link: <http://www.anzmmh.asn.au/Conference9/>

POLICY NEWS

New Report from The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Key indicators of progress for chronic disease and associated determinants.

Technical report about the statistics on chronic diseases and their associated determinants enables the monitoring of outcomes of interventions and health programs, and helps to assess the needs for health services in the future. This report describes forty-two indicators developed to measure the progress in prevention of chronic disease in Australia. For each indicator, operational definitions are provided in terms of recommended data sources, availability of data, and the presentation of the indicators.

To view the report, please click on the link: [report](#).

DO YOU WANT TO BE INVOLVED

Consumer Vacancies

St. Vincent's Health: Board Community Advisory Committee

St. Vincent's is seeking people who are interested in contributing to the improvement in the quality, safety and accessibility of our services to join the Board Community Advisory Committee. Members may include past or present patients and their families, carers or friends and members of self-help groups and community networks. St. Vincent's invites applications from people who are interested in providing consumer, carer and community views on our services, planning and policies. The Board Community Advisory Committee meets every two months in the evening commencing at 5pm. The positions are honorary although some assistance with expenses may be available.

For further information or an application form please contact the CAC Resource Officer, Beth Turnbull:

Tel: (03) 9288 2846

Email: [Beth.Turnbull](mailto:Beth.Turnbull@svh.org.au)

Community Advisory Committee Members – Royal Eye and Ear Hospital

Closing date: 20 July 2009

The Eye and Ear Hospital is a statewide specialist hospital treating Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat conditions. We are looking for enthusiastic, committed people to join the Community Advisory Committee in 2009 for a two year appointment.

For further information about this role and a nomination form, please contact Kellie Michel, Community Development Officer:

Tel: (03) 9929 8598

Email: [Eye and Ear Hospital CAC position](#)

Alfred Health Community Advisory Committee

Closing date: 13 July 2009

The Board of Alfred Health is seeking applications from health care consumers and members of the community to join The Alfred Health Community Advisory Committee. The Committee's role includes advising Alfred Health about appropriate structures and processes to ensure effective consumer, carer and community participation at all levels of service planning and delivery. Metropolitan and regional representation from a diverse range of backgrounds is keenly sought. Membership involves attendance at Committee meetings, normally held every second month, and members may also be involved in special interest advisory groups. Reasonable expenses incurred in attendance at meetings will be reimbursed.

Contact Tanya Hendry for further details:

Tel: (03) 9076 2409 or

Email: [Alfred Health CAC Selection Information](#)

Consumer Position CNP090039: Physiotherapy in Victoria Advisory Committee

Closing date: 8 July 2009

The Advisory Committee will oversee a study in Physiotherapy in Victoria. The Committee will provide advice on various aspects of the study including practitioner and patient recruitment, study feasibility and acceptability. The Study has been funded by the Physiotherapy Registration Board of Victoria. The study will obtain data about physiotherapy practice in Victoria by conducting an audit of a random sample of Victorian physiotherapy practitioners and the patients who seek their care.

Follow the links below for further information:

[CNP090039 Physiotherapy in Victoria Advisory Committee Information](#)

[CNP090039 Physiotherapy in Victoria Advisory Committee Application Form](#)

[CNP090039 Physiotherapy in Victoria Advisory Committee TOR](#)

Melbourne Health Pressure Ulcer Prevention Working Group

Closing date: 24 July 2009

Melbourne Health is looking for a consumer to join a Working Group which oversees the organisational wide Pressure Ulcer Prevention Strategy. The role of the consumer is to provide a consumer perspective in the planning, delivery and evaluation of the Strategy.

Contact Linda Mack for further information:

Tel: (03) 9342 7760

To view the position description, click on the link:

[Melbourne Health Pressure Ulcer Prevention Working Group Consumer Member PD](#)

For more information, click on the link [More information about our consumer programs](#)

NEW ON OUR WEBSITE

Following these Links to New Items Posted on the Health Issues Centre Website

[Submission to the National Human Rights Consultation Committee CanNET Victoria](#)

[Consumer Participation Strategy for Difficult to Access Consumers - April 2009](#)

Australian Institute of Health Policy Studies (AIHPS) Publications Available

The following AIHPS resources, Consumer Engagement in Australian Health Policy: Investigating Current approaches and Developing New Models for More Effective Consumer Participation are [now available](#) (click on link).

Health Consumers Find More Help on Web

Mobile devices, doctor review sites and blogs are changing the way millions of health consumers find and share health information, according to a new survey released today by the Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project and the California HealthCare Foundation. To read full article, click on the following link: [read full article](#)

NEW RESOURCES

To access the following reports, click on the links:

[Integrated Chronic Disease Management Fact Sheet](#)

[Improving care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities](#)

[New Resources added for July 2009- Public Engagement](#)

Stepping Out of the Shadows: Reducing Stigma in Multicultural Communities

Multicultural Mental Health Australia has launched a new training package for CALD community workers to educate their communities about mental health to help reduce stigma towards mental illness.

See the details at:

http://www.mentalhealth.org.au/images/modules/newsEventModule/190/1-the_RESOURCES.pdf

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