

SDOHA

NEWS

27 February 2015

Items for Circulation from Members

SDOHA Members Strategic Planning Meeting (Sydney, 19 February 2015)

The above day was well attended by members of SDOHA. The outcomes as provided by the Facilitator will be forwarded to the Management Committee for comment and then distributed to members.

World Social Marketing Conference (Sydney, 19-21 April 2015)

Marketing for Change is offering a discount on registration to the above event. The discount can be obtained by entering "wsmmfc" at registration. Please click [here](#) for conference details.

2015 SDOHA Member Meeting dates

Please pencil in the following dates for the SDOHA Member meetings and Public Forums in 2015:

- Thursday 7 May – Canberra (SDOHA Members Meeting and Public Forum)
- Thursday 13 August – (SDOHA AGM – other details TBA)
- Thursday 15 October – Anti Poverty Week Address (SDOHA Members Meeting and Public Forum) – date and venue TBC

Membership of SDOHA

Full membership is open to organisations that agree with the Alliance's purpose and principles; abide by the Alliance's terms of reference; and consistently and regularly attend Alliance meetings. Individuals can also be listed on the SDOHA website as supporters of the Alliance. Further information is available on the "Who We Are" page of the website at www.socialdeterminants.org.au.

Invitation to contribute to the SDOHA Blog

We are seeking Blog posts – to be published on the website - from member organisations, either commenting on key issues/current events or showcasing work that your organisation is undertaking in relation to the social determinants of health. Please forward Blog posts to Anne Brown, SDOHA Coordinator at accounts@phaa.net.au.

Blog Item

24th February 2015

Time for Health: Time as a social determinant of health & health inequity (The Power to Persuade)

In the modern world, time poverty and income poverty can be closely related, particularly for those without the financial resources to outsource tasks of daily living (cleaning, shopping, childcare). Celia Green reports on the impact of being 'time poor' on health. Click [here](#) for full article.

Items of Interest

Action on the social determinants of health: Views from inside the policy process (Social Science & Medicine)

It is now well documented that many of the key drivers of health reside in our everyday living conditions. In the last two decades, public health has urged political action on these critical social determinants of health (SDH). Click [here](#) for full article.

News Items of Interest

Media items of interest over the past two weeks included:

27 February 2015

PODCAST: Government consults but remains fixed on co-payment (Hospital & Agedcare)

Consumer groups finally had their Medicare co-payment concerns heard by the federal government, when eight advocacy groups against the introduction of the proposed \$5 GP fee met with the Minister for Health, Sussan Ley, earlier this week. Click [here](#) for full article.

23 February 2015

Medicare co-payments: Health Minister Sussan Ley stands firm (Beauresert Times)

The federal government is committed to making non-concession patients pay more to see their GP, Health Minister Sussan Ley has warned ahead of her next meeting with health and consumer groups on Tuesday. Click [here](#) for full article.

19th February 2015

Axing census would cost healthcare dollars (Medical Observer)

PUBLIC health and medical groups are alarmed that any moves to axe the Australian census would come at a cost to healthcare planning. Click [here](#) for full article.

16th February 2015

Better prevention and management of heart failure in Aboriginal Australians (The Medical Journal of Australia)

Heart failure (HF), a common sequel of many cardiovascular diseases and predisposing risk exposures, remains a major health problem despite recent advances in medical therapy. HF in Aboriginal Australians is characterised by a substantial and distressingly familiar excess in incidence morbidity and mortality, particularly at younger ages. Click [here](#) for full article.

Views and opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the members of the Alliance. The Alliance accepts no responsibility or liability for any action arising from the distribution of the contents of this newsletter.