

SDOHA

NEWS

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Items for Circulation from Members

2015 SDOHA Public Forum and Member Meeting dates

Please note the time and venue for our next Public Forum and meeting on 7 May and pencil in the remaining dates for the SDOHA Member meetings and Public Forums in 2015:

- Thursday 7 May – Brassey House, Canberra
Public Forum, 9:30am – 12:30pm: *“Achieving health equity through action on social determinants: challenges and opportunities in Australian health policy”*
to be followed by a light lunch, Members Meeting and Management Committee Meeting. Click [here](#) for further information. **Please RSVP to accounts@phaa.net.au by COB 27 April.**
- 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

Book Launch: A Sociological Approach to Health Determinants, 24 April 2015

Associate Professor Toni Schofield’s book will be officially launched at ‘Gleebooks’ in Glebe NSW on 24 April 2015. For more details on the official launch click [here](#). Associate Professor Schofield will also be speaking at the upcoming SDOHA Public Forum in Canberra on 7 May in Canberra. Click [here](#) for book flyer.

Policy Grand Challenge: Trade Agreements, Health and Access to Affordable Medicines, 29 April 2015

Medicine affordability is a central issue in current public policy debate in Australia, particularly in the context of our engagement in regional trade negotiations such as the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP) and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). At the Menzies Centre of Health Policy at Australian National University’s first Policy Grand Challenge of 2015, leading experts will consider key issues. Click [here](#) for flyer.

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.

News Items of Interest

Media items of interest over the past week included:

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Survey reveals growing needs, challenges faced by health plans serving vulnerable populations (The Medical News)

Health Integrated®, a leader in precision care management solutions, has released the results of an annual health plan survey jointly commissioned with the Association for Community Affiliated Plans (ACAP), a national trade association representing non profit safety net health plans. The survey is administered annually to ACAP member plans to better understand the evolving needs and challenges faced by health plans serving vulnerable populations who are enrolled in Medicaid, Medicare Advantage and Children's Health Insurance Programs (CHIP) in the US. Click [here](#) for full article.

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