

SDOHA

NEWS

24 July 2015

2015 SDOHA Public Forum and Member Meeting dates

Please note the previously advertised AGM in August will now coincide with the Anti-Poverty Week Address.

- October 2015 – Anti Poverty Week Address (Public Forum) – date and venue TBA

Items for Circulation from Members

The Power to Persuade Symposium – Canberra, 17-18 September

The Power to Persuade symposium connects government, academics and the community sector to discuss how to co-create better social policy. This fourth annual symposium will interrogate the arrival of the private (for profit) sector in our midst, from policy advice to policy delivery. Click [here](#) for further information.

National Indigenous Men's & Women's Network Conference – Darwin NT, 28-30 September

After due deliberation, Indigenous Conference Services is pleased to announce successful papers accepted for presentation during the 2015 National Indigenous Men and Women's Network Conference to be held at Hilton Hotel in Darwin, Northern Territory on September 28-30, 2015. Click [here](#) for link.

Anti-Poverty Week – 11-17 October 2015

The National Anti-Poverty Week is being held 11-17 October 2015. Please click [here](#) for "Health Services Workers" flyer for ideas on how to join in the activity.

2015 National Men's Health Gathering – Terrigal NSW, 20-23 October

Men's health and wellbeing is everyone's business. This is the foundation on which the Australian Men's Health Forum - in conjunction with a consortium of leading agencies on the Central Coast of NSW - will be hosting the 2015 Men's Health Gathering. With the theme of Sharing the Knowledge, the 2015 conference promises you an opportunity to contribute, debate and discuss the successful ways that we can all increase men's health and wellbeing. Click [here](#) for further information.

Dropping off the Edge Report (DOTE)

This report released on 21 July 2015 maps disadvantage across the country, based on 22 social indicators including long term unemployment, criminal convictions and domestic violence. It follows on from a previous national report done in 2007 and in NSW/Vic in 2004/1999. Click [here](#) for link.

Southgate Institute and Poche Centre (Flinders University) :PhD Scholarship (CRE-Health Equity)

The Southgate Institute for Health, Society and Equity (Southgate Institute) and The Poche Centre for Indigenous Health and Well-being at Flinders University in Adelaide are offering a three-year PhD scholarship for full-time research within a National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Centre for Research Excellence on the Social Determinants of Health Equity (CRE-Health Equity). Click [here](#) for further details.

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Integrating Social Services for Vulnerable Groups (OECD)

All OECD countries have vulnerable populations in need of multiple social service supports. This book looks at how services are integrated, vulnerable groups are defined and populations compare, and at the benefits of integrating services. It identifies good practice and promising common approaches. Click [here](#) for link.

OECD Employment Outlook 2015

The OECD Employment Outlook 2015 reviews recent labour market trends and short-term prospects in OECD countries, looking at: recent labour market developments, especially around minimum wages; skills and wage inequality; activation policies and inclusive labour markets; and job quality. Click [here](#) for link.

New OECD Health Work

Click [here](#) for OECD Health Update Summer 2015.

News Items of Interest

Media items of interest over the past week included:

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Western Sydney Local Health District warning about diabetes (Parramatta Sun)

AN expert has indicated that people living in western Sydney are at a high risk of being diagnosed with the diabetes.

That's the message from Western Sydney Local Health District endocrinologist Glen Maberly (pictured) during Diabetes Week last week. Click [here](#) for full article.

Ministers and Indigenous leaders discuss mental health issue (Byron Shire News)

FEDERAL government ministers Indigenous community leaders met today in the nation's capital to discuss issues surrounding Indigenous mental health. Federal Health Minister Sussan Ley, Assistant Health Minister Fiona Nash and Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion joined Indigenous leaders and mental health advocates in Canberra today to consider ways of improving the social and emotional well-being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. Click [here](#) for full article.

Experts comment on mental health issues facing Indigenous Australians (medianet)

Indigenous health expert Aunty Kerrie Doyle has warned that Aboriginal suicide rates will continue at "heart-breaking" levels unless Australians address issues of racism surrounding our first people. Associate Professor of Indigenous Health at RMIT University, Doyle is available to comment on a meeting of experts who will canvas issues surrounding Indigenous health, including suicide rates almost triple the national average. Click [here](#) for full article.

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Is Victoria up to tackling the big public health issues? (Crikey)

A public health forum in Melbourne next week will look for answers about future investment in preventative health programs in Victoria, amid concerns that the landmark Healthy Together Victoria initiative – which has attracted international attention – is set to lapse. Click [here](#) for full article.

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Thanks for helping to make some #JustJustice – wrapping up the crowdfunding campaign (Crikey)

In coming months, Croakey hopes to bring you stories from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from across the country about the impacts of over-incarceration – upon individuals, families, and communities – and about related issues. Click [here](#) for full article.

The ACA is here to stay, but that doesn't mean the fight for health care reform is over (Business Daily and other sources)

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Supporters of the Affordable Care Act celebrate after the Supreme Court upheld the law in a 6-3 vote at the Supreme Court in Washington June 25 2015. Joshua Roberts/Reuters

One of the biggest cases the Supreme Court decided this term upheld a key provision of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The King v Burwell ruling averted the possibility that Obamacare would be torpedoed by restrictions on insurance subsidies in states that had not established their own health insurance exchange. Click [here](#) for full article.

10 July 2015

Evaluating public health interventions: an urban regeneration case study (Crikey Blogs)

This is the third article in a series covering the Centre of Excellence in Intervention and Prevention Science (CEIPS) seminar series. Previous article in this series can be found here. Click [here](#) for full article.

Membership of SDOHA – Renewal period open

Membership pledges are being sought for the 2015-16 financial year. For more information please contact Anne Brown on accounts@phaa.net.au. 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.