

SDOHA

NEWS

27 June 2014

Items for Circulation from Members

SDOHA submission on the Australian National Preventive Health Agency (Abolition) Bill 2014

SDOHA's submission to the Senate Standing Committees on Community Affairs on the Australian National Preventive Health Agency (Abolition) Bill 2014 is now available on the Committee's [website](#). Committee hearings on the ANPHA Abolition Bill are being scheduled for next week in Canberra.

Wider public health workforce is critical in tackling health inequalities and promoting health of the public - report

A new report published by the Royal Society for Public Health (UK) is calling for greater investment and better understanding of the impact of the "wider public health workforce" - people who are not professionally qualified public health practitioners, but have the ability or opportunity to positively impact public health in their community. The [report](#) argues that this "wider workforce" could be instrumental in reducing the burden of health inequalities.

RSVP REMINDER: Social Determinants of Health Research Forum: 1pm-3:30pm, Monday 14 July 2014, Canberra

Just a quick reminder that [RSVPs for the Forum are due by Friday 4 July to \[accounts@phaa.net.au\]\(mailto:accounts@phaa.net.au\)](#). Numbers are limited, so please hurry up if you don't want to miss out! The Research Forum will be followed at 3:30pm by afternoon tea and the SDOHA members meeting. See flyer on the SDOHA website – www.socialdeterminants.org.au - (Media & Events page) for further information.

The Research Forum is being held in conjunction with this year's ***National Health Reform Summit: 15-16 July 2014, Canberra***. Click [here](#) for further information about the Summit.

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.

SDOHA meeting dates for 2014

The other meeting dates (after 14 July meeting) for the remainder of 2014 are:

- Wednesday 20 August (National Press Club event, Canberra – to be followed by SDOHA AGM); and
- Thursday 13 November (topic and destination to be determined).

News items of interest

Other media items of interest over the past week included:

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Politicians & NGOs gather to help Australians most in need (National Complex Needs Alliance)

Around fifty representatives from health and community sector organisations from around the country – and politicians from across the political spectrum - are coming together in Canberra today for the meeting of the National Complex Needs Alliance. Member organisations include a range of national, state/territory and local groups focused on improving services and outcomes for some of the most marginalised and disadvantaged Australians. Click [here](#) for media release.

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Dig deeper: health's not a headline (Medical Observer)

A comprehensive analysis of almost 2000 medical news items published in the US by print, online and television outlets between 2006 and 2013 was undertaken by the media watchdog Health News Review, and recently published in JAMA. Melissa Sweet's article concludes that "Perhaps those who understand the importance of public health, prevention and the social determinants of health need to do a much better job of capturing the headlines." Click [here](#) for article.

Good practice in social care: The views of people with severe and complex needs and those who support them (Brotherhood of St Laurence)

This paper reports findings drawn from a study of good practice in English social care for adults with disability and older people with severe and complex needs. Click [here](#) for article.

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