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Items for Circulation from Members

Bret Hart: Parting dark clouds (MJA InSight)

Article by Dr Bret Hart – a public health physician practising in WA with the Unity of First People of Australia Health Programs – who is also a member of SDOHA. The article talks about Closing the Gap, social determinants, intergenerational trauma and suicide and self-harm among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Click [here](#) for article.

Glossary for the implementation of Health in All Policies (Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health)

Health in All Policies (HiAP) is becoming increasingly popular as a governmental strategy to improve population health by coordinating action across health and non-health sectors. The purpose of this glossary is to present concepts and terms useful in understanding the implementation of HiAP as a cross-sectoral policy. Click [here](#) for article.

Making fair choices on the path to universal health coverage (Bulletin of the World Health Organization)

Universal health coverage is at the centre of current efforts to strengthen health systems and to improve the level and distribution of health services. The compelling case for universal health coverage derives principally from the values of fairness and equity, and these values are also critical on the path to that goal. Click [here](#) for article.

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

The Research Forum will be followed at 3:30pm by afternoon tea and the [SDOHA members meeting](#). Numbers are limited – RSVP by Friday 4 July to accounts@phaa.net.au. 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.

Equity @ the Centre: Action on Social Determinants of Health - social media

The Australian Health Promotion Association, Northern Territory Chronic Diseases Network and Northern Territory Medicare Local are partnering to jointly deliver the 22nd AHPA National Conference and the 18th Annual CDN Conference in Alice Springs between 4-5th September 2014. Organisers are promoting and engaging participants before and during the conference utilising social media. Click [here](#) to participate.

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).

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

Other media items of interest over the past week included:

16 June 2014

How Australia is advancing unfairly (Sydney Morning Herald)

A relatively egalitarian society until the end of the 1970s, our nation as a land of equal opportunities for all is disappearing, according to Dr John Hewson. Click [here](#) for article.

Australian National Preventive Health Agency (Abolition) Bill 2014 (Parliamentary Library Bills Digest)

An analysis of background and context to the Bill, prepared by the Social Policy Section of the Parliamentary Library. Click [here](#) for PDF.

Aboriginal community controlled health services: leading the way in primary care (MJA)

The article puts the case that to achieve the best returns, the current mainstream Closing the Gap investment should be shifted to the community controlled health sector. Click [here](#) for article.

What can circle sentencing courts tell us about drug and alcohol problems affecting Aboriginal communities? (MJA)

The article contends that the greatest achievements of the circle sentencing courts have been bringing down the barriers between the courts and the Aboriginal community, gaining mutual respect and also gaining a great deal of knowledge around the root causes of crime within Aboriginal communities, especially as it relates to alcohol and drug misuse. Click [here](#) for article.

Reports indicate that changes are needed to close the gap for Indigenous health (MJA)

Letter contends that an increased role for ACCHOs is one of the keys to Closing the Gap. Click [here](#) for letter.

The shape of things to come: visions for the future of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research (MJA)

In 2013, the Lowitja Institute embarked on a project using futures thinking to consider how research might best contribute to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing in the year 2030. Click [here](#) for article.

Cost of best-practice primary care management of chronic disease in a remote Aboriginal community (MJA)

This article concludes that barriers to optimal care included inadequate funding and workforce issues. Reduction of avoidable hospital admissions and overall costs necessitates adequate funding of primary care of chronic disease in remote communities. Click [here](#) for article.

13 June 2014

The Health Wrap: Co-payments, COAG and cutting costs; racism is unhealthy; health-environment ties; tobacco tussles (Croakey)

The release of the COAG Reform Council's final health report could not have been more timely, given the ongoing Budget fallout and debate around the proposed \$7 co-payment. Click [here](#) for article.

11 June 2014

The Federal Budget delivers a “gloomy” prognosis for rural health (Croakey)

A rather devastating critique of what the Federal Budget means for the health of rural people and communities. Click [here](#) for article.

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