

SDOHA

NEWS

31 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

Fundamentals of Writing a Policy Brief (Menzies Centre for Health Policy) – 12 August 2015

The above workshop is to be conducted in the Seminar Room, Building 62 RSPH (ANU). Click [here](#) for further information or email Laura.Ford@anu.edu.au.

Catholic Health Australia 2015 National Conference

Catholic Health Australia's National Conference will be held in Canberra on the dates **24-26 August 2015**. This year themed, **Together Towards Tomorrow: Collaboration, Advocacy & Action**. The brochure outlining all sessions and key speakers is attached. Click [here](#) for further information.

Second National Complex Needs Conference

Just a quick heads up that **early bird registration CLOSSES TODAY (Friday 31 July) for the Second National Complex Needs Conference** – being held in Canberra on 17-18 November 2015. You can register via the conference website [here](#).

Dropping off the Edge Report (DOTE)

State briefings of the recently released Dropping off the Edge Report 2015 will be held as follows: 6 August (Adelaide), 12 August (Melbourne), 14 August (Perth), 17 August (Whyalla), 18 August (Canberra), 21 August (Sydney), 27 August (Darwin), 31 August (Wagga Wagga), 2 September (Cairns). Click [here](#) for further information.

News Items of Interest

Media items of interest over the past week included:

30 July 2015

Innovative course helps make medical students more confident about dealing with health disparities. (News Medical)

An innovative three-month elective course has helped make some first-year medical students at Albert Einstein College of Medicine more confident about dealing with health disparities they'll likely encounter as physicians, according to a follow-up study published online today in the journal *Academic Medicine*. Click [here](#) for full article.

28 July 2015

Report highlights health disparity (Bendigo Advertiser)

RELATED: [Health in the balance](#) in Central Goldfields; Bendigo suburbs the '[most disadvantaged](#)'

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A number of health priority areas disproportionately affecting regional, rural and remote communities have been highlighted in a report released by the Garvan Institute of Medical Research. Click [here](#) for full article.

27 July 2015

The five hot topics of the ALP Conference (ABC The Drum)

Bill Shorten and the ALP conference navigated a minefield of policy areas over the weekend. Here, a panel of experts examines the five hot topics and what the outcomes mean for Labor. Click [here](#) for full article.

ALP national conference: experts respond (Crikey Blogs & other sources)

Bill Shorten survived an internal push for a future Labor government to ban turning back asylum seeker boats at the ALP's three-day national conference, which concluded in Melbourne on Sunday. The Conversation's experts were watching the conference with an eye across key policy areas, including health. Click [here](#) for full article.

24 July 2015

Calling for justice reinvestment and safer communities: #JustJustice #ALPconf2015

#ChangeTheRecord (Crikey Blogs)

The need to address the over-incarceration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will feature at the ALP National Conference in Melbourne over the weekend. Click [here](#) for full article.

20 July 2015

Poverty's Most Insidious Damage (Jama Network)

Because the brain is the organ from which all cognition and emotion originates, healthy human brain development represents the foundation of our civilization. Accordingly, there is perhaps nothing more important that a society must do than foster and protect the brain development of our children. 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 .

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