

## Workshop 4 Where we've been, where we are, what's in the future? Working with Aboriginal communities to improve HIV, STI and BBV outcomes: access, respect, partnership and success

Thursday 2 June 2011 10.00am–3.30pm Galleries 1 & 2, The John Niland Scientia, The University of New South Wales

### Introduction to the workshop

The third national strategy to address blood-borne viruses (BBVs) and sexually transmissible infections (STIs) among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people was released in 2010. In 2011, NSW Health will release the implementation plan to address these issues using the indicators developed in the national process. Building on two previous successful workshops, this day will aim to examine the broader policy environment and its impact on day to day practice. In particular, we will explore how mainstream organisations can better meet the indicators in these areas and improve their engagement with Aboriginal clients, services and communities.

This workshop will discuss epidemiological data, policy environments and context of NSW health services, focusing on the areas of BBV and STI prevention and treatment. We will examine strategies that have been successful in engaging Aboriginal people, and delegates will have the opportunity to pose questions and develop strategies relevant to their own organisations. The program will feature stories from workers talking of successful practice in this area.

### Aims of the workshop

- To reflect on progress over the last decade in improvements to outcomes for Aboriginal people in NSW in programs, policy and research for STIs and BBVs.
- To explore perceived barriers to, and facilitators of, service access for Aboriginal people as well as solutions for improving access to both mainstream and Aboriginal community controlled health services.
- To showcase examples of successful practice and to encourage further innovation.

### Delegate Profile: who should attend

This workshop is designed for people involved with HIV, hepatitis C, drug use and sexual health issues, seeking to improve Aboriginal people's access to, and engagement with, their services. Employees of research centres, local health networks, government and non-government organisations in clinical, health promotion/education, sexual health, drug treatment or needle and syringe program settings should apply.

### Keynote speaker

**James Ward** Head, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Program, The Kirby Institute for infection and immunity in society, the University of New South Wales

James is an Aboriginal man of Pitjantjatjara and Nurrunga descent from central and south Australia. He is a member of the NSW

Ministerial Advisory Committees on STIs and HIV and has worked in public and sexual health in both the Aboriginal community controlled and mainstream health services for over twenty years.

### Presenters

**Anna McGowan**, Aboriginal Women's Project, HARP (HIV and Related Programs) Health Promotion Team, Sexual Health Service, Sydney Local Health Network

**Natalie Beckett** Aboriginal Hepatitis Liaison Officer, HARP Unit, NSW Health

**Dina Saulo** Sexual & Reproductive Health Project Officer, AH&MRC

**Kristie Harrison** NSW ADAN Project Officer, AH&MRC

**Monique McEwan** Harm Minimisation Project Officer, AH&MRC

**Bruce Cherry** Education and Development Project Officer, Hepatitis NSW

### Facilitators

**Peter Patterson** NSW Aboriginal Sexual Health Workforce Development Coordinator, Hunter New England Area Health Service

**Norman Booker** an independent consultant working in the fields of planning and evaluation, change management, facilitation and professional learning has been involved with Consortium workshops since their inception.

### Cost

There is a registration fee of \$55 (gst inc.) per person.

### Registration

Registrations are now open and close on **Tuesday 24 May 2011**. If you have any queries please contact Ann Whitelaw by email ([a.whitelaw@unsw.edu.au](mailto:a.whitelaw@unsw.edu.au)) or by telephone (02 9385 6776).

Click here to **REGISTER** now.

Numbers are limited and delegates will be registered on a first-come first-served basis.

The Workshop begins at 10.00am and registration opens at 9.00am with morning tea being served from 9.15am. As we have a full program it is vital that you arrive early, ready to start promptly at 10.00am. Lunch is provided and the workshop ends around 3.00pm when afternoon tea is served. The workshop venue can be found at map reference G19 on the Kensington campus map ([http://www.facilities.unsw.edu.au/Maps/pdf/Kensington\\_Accessibility\\_Map.pdf](http://www.facilities.unsw.edu.au/Maps/pdf/Kensington_Accessibility_Map.pdf))

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