

Welcome to the March edition of the *NCOSS Health News Update*,
a compilation of health related news, publications, training and events in NSW and Australia for the social and community services sector in NSW.

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NCOSS Health Policy & Advocacy

NSW 2011 Election watch: health policy

March 2011

Health has been a hot topic this election. To see what the two major parties have committed to so far, NCOSS has compiled a [log of health policy announcements](#), with a brief commentary. NCOSS has also published a special [NSW Election e-issue of NCOSS News](#) with an analysis of the major party's commitments in relation to our election platform, [Vote 1 Fairness NSW](#). A full analysis of the implications of the election outcome for social policy will be published in the April edition of NCOSS News.

New NCOSS webpage on health reform

March 2011

NCOSS has a new *Hot Issues* [webpage on national health reform](#)! The page is designed to provide the NGO sector with up-to-date and accessible information about the implementation of health reforms, including current developments (national and NSW), resources (NCOSS and Government), and relevant links. The page will continue to be updated and we welcome your feedback as it is developed.

See: <http://www.ncoss.org.au/content/view/4773/111/>.

NCOSS analysis of health reform agreement

February 2011

NCOSS has prepared a briefing paper and factsheets on the new COAG health reforms agreement made in February 2011, and they key changes from the NHHN Agreement made last April. See:

[NCOSS Briefing Paper – Analysis of Heads of Agreement on National Health Reform](#)

[NCOSS Factsheet: COAG Heads of Agreement on National Health Reform](#)

[NCOSS Factsheet: National Health Reform - what's changed? \(February 2011\)](#)

NCOSS Forum on national health reform

3 March 2011

NCOSS held a forum on the implications of national health reform for the NSW health and community non-government sector earlier this month. There were presentations by the Chief Executive of the Health Reform Transition Office (DoHA), the Deputy Director-General of NSW Health and the CEO of General Practice NSW, followed by a robust Q&A session with participants.

A [report](#) from the Forum is available on the [NCOSS website](#), along with the [speaker's presentations](#).

Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care

4 March 2011

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care will become a permanent, independent body from 1 July 2011, following the passage of legislation in the Senate.

Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy Communiqué

25 February 2011

Ministers responsible for illegal and legal drugs met to discuss the harms caused by drugs and alcohol. Outcomes from the meeting include approval of the *National Drug Strategy 2010-2015*, additional funding for the development of the National Pharmaceutical Misuse Strategy and the development of National Clinical Guidelines and Policy on Opioid Substitution Treatment.

COAG had agreed on 13 February 2011 that the Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy should not continue as a Council of COAG beyond 30 June 2011. The officials-level Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs will continue.

[http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/3288E4D5F93376B1CA257842001AA53B/\\$File/mclds250211.pdf](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/3288E4D5F93376B1CA257842001AA53B/$File/mclds250211.pdf)

Australian Health Ministers' Conference Communiqué

17 February 2011

Ministers discussed the COAG reforms; Organ and Tissue donation rates; natural disasters; Australian National Preventive Health Agency; the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care

[http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/4435B0C42C5B848BCA25783A00103010/\\$File/ahmc170211.pdf](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/4435B0C42C5B848BCA25783A00103010/$File/ahmc170211.pdf)

Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council Communiqué

17 February 2011

Health Ministers discussed a range of issues particularly around access and registration processes, during the transition to the new National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for health practitioners. They agreed to provide additional support and expertise to assist AHPRA and endorsed the fast tracking processes for health practitioners whose registration had lapsed and for enhancement of the on line applications and tracking process. The Commonwealth will consider ex-gratia or Act of Grace payment for a period of time so that patients are not disadvantaged by lapsed registration of their health care practitioner who is still practising.

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/mr-yr11-dept-dept170211a.htm>

New COAG Agreement on Health Reform

13 February 2011

The Commonwealth and all State and Territory Governments reached a new in-principle agreement on national health reform at the COAG meeting in February 2011. Under the new [Heads of Agreement](#), the Commonwealth will fund half of hospital efficient growth costs and commits to \$16.4 billion in funding over the next decade. All hospital funding will be paid into a single pool administered by independent national body from 1 July 2012. The full details are still to be finalised and the formal Agreement is due to be made at the next COAG meeting in mid-2011.

See: [Communiqué](#) issued by the Council of Australian Governments

Medicare Locals (MLs)

February 2011

The Australian Government has released the [guidelines](#) for the establishment and initial operation of Medicare Locals (MLs). The first group of up to 15 Medicare Locals will begin operating from 1 July 2011 and will be drawn from high performing Divisions of General Practice. A further 15 will be established from January 2012, with the remainder commencing in mid 2012. The guidelines state that the overarching objective of MLs is to 'coordinate primary health care delivery to address local needs and service gaps'. It also outlines the strategic objectives and functions of MLs.

[http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/grantITA2491011/\\$FILE/Medicare Locals Guidelines and Information for applicants.doc](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/grantITA2491011/$FILE/Medicare%20Locals%20Guidelines%20and%20Information%20for%20applicants.doc)

NSW Health NGO Review

10 February 2011

The final meeting of the NGO Review Reference Committee was held on 10 February 2011. Over six months since the final Recommendations Report was released, NSW Health reported progress includes:

- A draft Implementation Plan has been developed
- An NGO Quality Working Group has been established
- Quality Management Services (QMS) is developing an NGO Quality Framework.
- An internal NSW Health working group has been convened to review NGO Program policies and procedures
- The NGO Advisory Committee will reconvene from May 2011 and an Expression of Interest process to seek additional NGO representation will open shortly.

NCOSS wrote to NSW Health in December 2010 raising concerns about the lack of progress and limited consultation with the NGO sector. NCOSS remains concerned about the implementation process, and is seeking to work collaboratively with NSW Health to ensure an effective NGO Program.

The Great Election Debate: Public Health in NSW

9 February 2011

A public health election debate between the major parties was hosted by the Public Health Association of Australia (NSW), Menzies Centre for Health Policy and Australian Health Promotion Association (NSW) in early February. Each candidate gave an opening address and outlined their policies on prevention; Aboriginal health and social disadvantage; alcohol and mental health; climate change; and 'Health in All' policies and health reform. During the audience Q&A, NCOSS raised the engagement of NGOs in health reforms and governance. The Shadow Health Minister Jillian Skinner agreed to further discuss this issue with NCOSS should they win office.

<http://blogs.crikey.com.au/croakey/2011/02/25/what-the-nsw-opposition-doesnt-want-you-to-know-about-its-health-policies-and-more-from-the-great-nsw-health-debate/>

'My Right to Choose' campaign for abortion law reform in New South Wales

NSW Greens

The Greens are seeking video, photos and comments to use in the campaign for abortion law reform. The Greens are joining with women and women's organisations across NSW to call for the Crimes Act to be amended to remove all sections which make administering or procuring an abortion a criminal offence.

<http://catefaehrmann.org/2011/03/my-right-to-choose/>

Consultations & Submissions

Draft Report on Disability Care and Support

Productivity Commission

The draft Productivity Commission report on the disability support system has found that it is underfunded, unfair, fragmented, and inefficient. The Report proposes two schemes to address these

issues. The first is a National Disability Insurance Scheme similar to Medicare that would fund long-term care and support for people who acquired a significant disability. A second smaller scheme is based on widening and strengthening existing state and territory schemes that would cover people's lifetime care and support needs if they acquired a catastrophic injury from any accident.

Public submissions to the draft report are due by **30 April 2011**.

<http://www.pc.gov.au/projects/inquiry/disability-support/draft>

Inquiry into mental health barriers to education, training and employment participation

Australian Government

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Education and Employment will investigate how to assist Australians with mental ill health, overcome barriers to their education, training and employment participation. Submissions for the inquiry close on Friday 29 April 2011

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ee/mentalhealth/>

Environmental Health Risk Assessment Guidelines

Australia's Environmental Health Committee (enHealth)

Public comment is invited on the draft documents: *Environmental Health Risk Assessment Guidelines* for assessing health risks from environmental hazards and its companion document *Australian Exposure Factor Guidance*. Please forward comments to enHealth.Secretariat@health.gov.au by 23 May 2011.

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/enhealth-public-comments>

Policies and strategies

NSW Refugee Health Plan (2011-2016)

NSW Health

The Plan will build on the significant progress already made in NSW to meet refugee health needs and outlines a best practice model of refugee health care based on a commitment to human rights, equity and social justice. Each Local Health Network across NSW will be asked to develop an implementation plan for refugee health improvement appropriate to their individual refugee populations and profiles and consistent with the State Plan.

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/policies/pd/2011/pdf/PD2011_014.pdf

National Drug Strategy 2010-2015

Australian Government

The Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy has approved the National Drug Strategy 2010-2015.

<http://www.nationaldrugstrategy.gov.au/internet/drugstrategy/publishing.nsf/Content/nds2015>

National Palliative Care Strategy

Australian Government

The new *National Palliative Care Strategy: Supporting Australians to Live Well at the End of Life* has been released to guide palliative care policy development and service delivery across Australia.

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/palliativecare-strategy.htm>

Reports

Public health expenditure in Australia 2008-09

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)

Expenditure on public health in Australia grew by 5.5% in 2008-09 to \$2.3 billion, an increase of \$120 million on what was spent the previous year. The report also shows that spending on public health as a proportion of total health expenditure was 2.1%, slightly down on the previous year's figure of 2.2%.

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/hwe/52/12199.pdf>

Aspects of Disability and Health in Australia, 2007-2008

Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)

The Australian Bureau of Statistics publication contains data from the National Health Survey 2007/08, comparing people with profound/severe disability and those without a disability by chronic disease; health risk factors; health professional consultations and health insurance.

<http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/4367.02007-2008?OpenDocument>

Improving primary health care for all Australians

Department of Health and Ageing

The paper broadly outlines the roles of Medicare Locals, and their central role in improving the primary health care system.

[http://www.yourhealth.gov.au/internet/yourHealth/publishing.nsf/Content/improving-primary-health-care-for-all-australians-toc/\\$FILE/Improving%20Primary%20Health%20Care%20for%20all%20Australians.pdf](http://www.yourhealth.gov.au/internet/yourHealth/publishing.nsf/Content/improving-primary-health-care-for-all-australians-toc/$FILE/Improving%20Primary%20Health%20Care%20for%20all%20Australians.pdf)

Australian Social Trends report

Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)

While overall our life expectancy continues to climb and our educational attainment increases, gaps remain between the health and education outcomes of Australians living in cities and those living elsewhere. Health outcomes differ between those living outside major cities and those living within them. In 2008, people who lived outside major cities were more likely than people in major cities to die from certain causes.

<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/4102.0?OpenDocument>

Australian health expenditure by remoteness

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

The report looks at selected health services for the financial years 2001-02, 2004-05 and 2006-07 and examines the way these services were delivered across Australia.

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=6442475421>

Australia's health system needs re-balancing: a report on the shortage of primary care services in rural and remote Australia

National Rural Health Alliance

This document has been prepared by the NRHA to complement the AIHW report, *Australian health expenditure by remoteness*. It summarised the AIHW's reports findings, re-interprets some of the conclusions and makes estimates of the geographical distribution of the 44% of recurrent costs not included in the AIHW report.

<http://nrha.ruralhealth.org.au>

Substance use among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

There has been a small decline in smoking rates among Indigenous Australians in recent years, although rates remain high at about two and a half times that of non-Indigenous Australians. While a greater proportion of Indigenous Australians abstain from drinking alcohol than their non-Indigenous counterparts, the rate of binge drinking is a concern.

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/11503>

How! Not How Much: Medicare Spending and Health Resource Allocation in Australia

Jeremy Sammut, The Centre for Independent Studies

This report traces the evolution of Australian health policy and its consequences across half a century. The public hospital 'crisis,' is a legacy of the health policy upheavals of the 1970s and early 1980s, which culminated with the start of Medicare in 1984. Long waits for hospital treatment in Australia are caused by the structural funding inefficiencies at the heart of Medicare, which is a 'reverse insurance' system that provides 'inverse care' for Australians

<http://www.cis.org.au/images/stories/policy-monographs/pm-114.pdf>

Research and articles of interest (Australia)

Croakey: Analysis of the Medicare Locals plans

February 2011

Health policy commentators share their views about Medicare Locals following the release of the invitation to tender.

http://blogs.crikey.com.au/croakey/2011/02/28/a-mega-wrap-of-analysis-of-the-medicare-locals-plans/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+CrikeyBlogs%2FCroakey+%28Croakey%29

Consumer Engagement and Participation in Medicare Locals: Consumers as strategic partners

Consumers Health Forum of Australia

CHF has prepared this document to assist potential Medicare Locals addressing the Australian Government's Invitation to Apply (ITA) to think about how consumer participation can be integrated to add value in their governance and operation.

<https://www.chf.org.au/our-health-our-community-medicare-locals.php>

Policy failures in health care for the important early years

Dr Daniel McAullay, APHCRI

Vodcast of APHCRI PhD graduate lecture "Policy failures in health care for the important early years".

<http://www.anu.edu.au/aphcri/index.php>

Poverty and disadvantage: both stressful and sickening

Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health

Evidence has found that disadvantaged groups are more likely to engage in binge drinking. Separate research finds that people battling other addiction problems are at increased risk of cancer. These findings illustrate how poverty and disadvantage can make you sick. Interestingly, the findings indicate that stress associated with social inequality may contribute to problematic alcohol and other drug use. Unfortunately, they also show how using alcohol and other drugs as a way of coping can lead to more serious health problems down the track.

For copies contact Peta Neilson on 03 9329 3535 or anzjph@substitution.com.au

Using Microeconomic Reform to Deliver Patient-Centred Health Care

Business Council of Australia

This paper argues for using a microeconomic reform perspective to add to the current health reform debate. It should be read with the companion paper Selected Facts and Statistics on Australia's Healthcare Sector. Both papers are available online.

<http://www.bca.com.au/Content/101797.aspx>

RESEARCH ROUNDup: Meeting the primary health care needs of refugees and asylum seekers

PHC RIS

The December 2010 edition of *RESEARCH ROUNDup* looks at the challenges in providing primary health care for refugees and asylum seekers and outlines recent Australian research in this area and some promising developments.

<http://www.phcris.org.au/download.php?id=8342&spi=14&typ=full>

Research and articles of interest (international)

Interim first report on social determinants of health and the health divide in the WHO European Region

Sir Michael Marmot, Chair, European Social Determinants and Health Divide Review

The WHO Regional Office for Europe commissioned a regional review of the health divide and inequalities in health from July 2010 to 2012 in order to inform the new health policy for the Region. The first phase of the review is assessing levels of inequalities in health across the European Region and identifying the barriers to and opportunities for reducing these.

http://www.euro.who.int/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/124464/E94370.pdf

European Parliament resolution on reducing health inequalities

European Parliament

Resolution from the European Parliament underlines that everybody should have access to healthcare systems and affordable healthcare. The specific needs of vulnerable groups such as women, older patients, undocumented migrants, ethnic minorities, need to be taken better into account.

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P7-TA-2011-0081+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN&language=EN>

Inequalities in Health System Performance and Their Social Determinants in Europe - Tools for Assessment and Information Sharing

WHO Regional Office for Europe and the European Commission – March 2011

The following products which are now available as part of a project on inequalities in health-system performance and their social determinants in Europe

- 1. An interactive system of atlases** of health inequalities in Europe <http://bit.ly/gf78AO>
- 2. A web-based resource** of examples of health system action that can be taken to tackle SDHI as part of an overall approach to the health system *putting its own house in order*. <http://bit.ly/g5oQsw>
- 3. A companion publication** which aims to show how to systematically use and generate evidence-informed options for action from the knowledge contained in a selection of the examples available on the web-based resource. <http://bit.ly/htchvN>
- 4. Six policy issues briefings**

<http://194.255.1.165/Project2006WHO03/>

Priorities for research on equity and health: Implications for global and national priority setting and the role of WHO to take the health equity research agenda forward

World Health Organization (WHO) Task Force on Research Priorities for Equity in Health

This paper aims to stimulate further thinking, debate and refinement of strategic approaches focusing WHO support and collaborations to advance global research on equity and health. It sets forth broad parameters for a global research agenda on equity and health, taking stock of contemporary efforts, stakeholder discussions, relevance to Member States and expected innovations

<http://bit.ly/hX0t68>

Social conditions, health equity, and human rights

Health and Human Rights: An International Journal, North America, 12 14 12 2010

This paper explores connections between human rights and health equity, focusing particularly on the implications of current knowledge of how social conditions may influence health and health inequalities, the metric by which health equity is assessed

<http://www.hhrjournal.org/index.php/hhr/article/view/367/563>

Urban Physical Environments and Health Inequalities

The Canadian Population Health Initiative (CPHI),

This report explores two aspects of the urban physical environment known to negatively affect health: outdoor air pollution and heat extremes. It shows that those who are already more vulnerable to poor health may be at increased risk of being exposed to the effects of air pollution and heat extremes because of the areas in which they live.

<http://bit.ly/eWXRpw>

Health Promotion – achieving good health for all

Norwegian Directorate of Health

The purpose of this report is to discuss the main challenges and identify strategies to boost health promotion and thus also improve public health.

http://www.helsedirektoratet.no/vp/multimedia/archive/00313/IS-1846E_Health_Pro_313559a.pdf

The Impact of eHealth on the Quality and Safety of Health Care: A Systematic Overview

PLoS Medicine

Presents the findings of a systematic overview that assessed the impact of eHealth solutions on the quality and safety of health care. Found that there is a large gap between the postulated and empirically demonstrated benefits of eHealth technologies. In addition, there is a lack of robust research on the risks of implementing these technologies and their cost-effectiveness has yet to be demonstrated

<http://www.plosmedicine.org/article/info:doi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pmed.1000387>

Telemedicine – Opportunities and developments in Member States

World Health Organisation

This second volume of the Global Observatory for eHealth series examines trends in the uptake of telemedicine, from the well established to newly emerging telemedicine applications. With an emphasis on the needs of developing countries, it looks to the future with an analysis of the strategic actions required to support and strengthen telemedicine in countries

http://www.who.int/goe/publications/goe_telemedicine_2010.pdf

Health and Well-Being in the Home: A Global Analysis of Needs, Expectations, and Priorities for Home Health Care Technology

RAND Health

A global study of the needs, priorities, and expectations of key stakeholders regarding home health care in six countries (China, France, Germany, Singapore, the United Kingdom, and the United States) revealed that, despite their potential, such technologies face a number of barriers to adoption.

http://www.rand.org/pubs/occasional_papers/OP323.html

Resources

Guides to implementing the Australian Safety and Quality Framework for Health Care

Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care

The Commission has issued four getting started guides aimed at staff involved in health care including: The Healthcare Team, Policy Makers, Health Service Executives and Board Members, and Managers. The Australian Safety and Quality Framework for Health Care describes a vision for safe and high-quality care for all Australians, and specifies three core principles. These are: care is consumer centred, driven by information, and organised for safety.

<http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/Content/DocumentTypeList>

Mental health clinical practice guidelines

National Health and Medical Research Council

The NHMRC has approved guidelines addressing depression and related issues developed by beyondblue. One guideline deals with the effective treatment of depression amongst adolescents and young adults aged 13 to 24 years. The second will assist primary and maternity care health professionals provide care to those in the perinatal (around birth) period.

www.nhmrc.gov.au

New websites to encourage children and older people to be active and healthy

NSW Health

NSW Health has published two new health promotion websites. [Healthy Kids](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/) website will make it easier for parents, teachers and health professionals to access resources to help children eat healthier and be more active. [Active and Healthy](http://www.activeandhealthy.nsw.gov.au/) website will enable older people and health professionals to conveniently access exercise programs in their local community that promote a healthy lifestyle.

<http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/>

www.activeandhealthy.nsw.gov.au

New Climate and Health Alliance website

Climate and Health Alliance

This website will provide a current and relevant resource for the health care sector and the wider community on research, evidence and policy issues related to climate change and health. Please visit the site, provide us with feedback about what's there so far, and send in any links to important research or useful resources that would be useful for CAHA to display on the site.

www.caha.org.au

Funding Opportunities and EOIs

EOI for members of the Guardian ad Litem Panel

NSW Department of Justice and Attorney General

Applications from people with qualifications or experience in law, social work, health or a related discipline for the Guardian ad Litem Panel (GAL Panel). Membership is a casual paid volunteer position for a period of up to 3 years. Applications must address the [section criteria](#) available on the website.

http://www.gal.nsw.gov.au/Lawlink/lsb/ll_lsbnsf/pages/gal_index

Call for Reviewers for the *Australian Health Review*

Australian Health Review

The AHR is a peer reviewed journal. We are expanding our reviewer base and are seeking interest from people to review submissions and to provide feedback to AHR editors about the merits of submissions in terms of quality and contribution to the field. To volunteer for this position, please send an e-mail and attach a brief CV to Dr. Andrew Wilson andrew.wilson@qut.edu.au

Click [here](#) to find out more about the AHR.

Call for nominations to Editorial Board

Australian Journal of Primary Health

The Australian Journal of Primary Health is seeking nominations from people with a background in comprehensive primary health care interested in positions on the Journal's Editorial Board. For further information or to nominate, please email Jenny Macmillan, Journal Executive Officer at j.macmillan@latrobe.edu.au attaching a current CV. Nominations close 22 April 2011

EOI for trials of an individual support budget self-management tool

Social Enterprise Partnerships

Web2Care is a web-based tool for self-managing a support budget in chronic illness, mental illness and aged care. The tool integrates planning, budgeting, employment of support workers, financial management and reporting functions in a format applicable to consumers who are directly managing a support package. Expressions of interest are invited from consumers with a chronic illness or mental illness, and consumers/families in aged care, in trialling Web2Care. Expressions of interest are also sought from organisations in [chronic illness](#), [mental health](#) and [aged care](#) interested in supporting these trials.

<http://www.partnerships.org.au/Update0211.htm>

Conferences and Events

11th International Health Impact Assessment HIA conference

14-15 April 2011.

Granada, Spain

First announcement for the [11th International HIA conference](#) in *Crisis Times, Healthier Ways*

More information on [the conference website](#).

Local health governance for rural and remote communities (*NEW!*)

18 April 2011

Rydges Lakeside Canberra

This AHHA Policy Think Tank will focus on the **distinct governance issues** facing rural and remote health services, including hospitals, community health, primary and aged care facilities.

Contact the AHHA on 02 6162 0780 or by email at admin@aushealthcare.com.au.

<https://promo-manager.server-secure.com/ch/5425/rv12xb/342938/7a1a9nstr.html>

Health Outcomes Seminar Series with Dr John Ware (*NEW!*)

2 May 2011

Sydney

Dr John Ware is an internationally recognised leader of the field of health care outcomes assessment and a member of the Institute of Medicine (IOM), National Academy of Sciences. During his visit to Australia Dr Ware will deliver seminars on 'Advances in Health Outcomes Assessment' and conduct workshops on 'The Application and Interpretation of Patient Reported Health Outcome Measures.'

Contact: Peter Stanley, ph: 6205 0869 or contact@treonic.com

http://www.phcris.org.au/eventsdiary/documents/john_ware_flyer.pdf

AHHA NATIONAL HEALTH REFORM SIMULATION EVENT (*NEW!*)

18-19 May 2011

Canberra

The AHHA is convening a National Health Reform Simulation Event to test the Commonwealth and state governments' health reform plans and will play a major role in contributing to their effective implementation. The Simulation is based on the NHS/Kings Fund Rubber Windmill experience. Find out more about this experience [here](#).

BECAUSE PLACES WILL BE LIMITED PLEASE SEND EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO admin@aushealthcare.com.au.

Consumers Reforming Health International Conference

18-20 July 2011

Melbourne

This is the inaugural international conference for community engagement in healthcare. Abstract submission is currently open and closes on 18 March 2011.

<http://consumersreformhealth.asnevents.com.au/>

Patient Centred Care - Sharing the Experience from Three Great Brands: Disney, da Vita and Duke University

19 July 2011

Sydney, NSW

This toolkit Master Class is an interactive, workshop-style session that will highlight innovations and equip participants with skills directly relevant to the workplace

http://www.changechampions.com.au/program/Bill_Shannon_Flyer_D8.pdf

Consumers Reforming Health International Conference

18-20 July 2011

Melbourne

<http://consumersreformhealth.asnevents.com.au/>.

Building Leadership in Patient Based Care Seminar 2011

22 July 2011

Sydney

The Clinical Excellence Commission and Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care will jointly host a free one day seminar focussing on *Building Leadership in Patient Based Care*. The Seminar is aimed at Chief Executives, Senior Executive Managers, Clinical Governance Directors, Quality Managers and Clinical Leaders and will focus on strategies for building leaders in this important area of health care quality.

For enquiries about this event please contact: Karen.Luxford@cec.health.nsw.gov.au

12th International Mental Health Conference

24- 26 August 2011

Gold Coast QLD

Personality Disorders: Out of the Darkness - This conference presents a unique opportunity to bring

together Australia's and New Zealand's leading Academics, Practitioners and other Mental Health Professionals. The focus will be on new clinical developments, treatments, programs and studies in meeting the challenges faced by people with Personality Disorders.

Website: <http://www.anzmfh.asn.au/conference2011/>

2011 National Men's Health Gathering

19 to 22 September 2011

Perth, Western Australia

The 2011 National Men's Health Gathering provides a chance for delegates to participate in strengthening the advancement of male health in the Australasian region and beyond through effective strategic planning and knowledge management. The Gathering will incorporate the 6th National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Male Health Convention, the 5th National Men and Family Relationships Forum and the 9th National Men's Health Conference

www.workingwithmen.org.au

PHAA 41st Annual Conference 'Sustainable Population Health'

26-28 September 2011

Brisbane Convention Centre, Brisbane

Call for abstracts now open

<http://www.phaa.net.au/41stPHAAAnnualConference.php>

The Great Healthcare Challenge 2011 (*NEW!*)

11 – 14 October 2011

Sofitel on Collins Melbourne

This Conference is being convened by a vital new Healthcare Collaboration - comprised of four of Australia's peak health organisations. The conference theme achieving patient-centred outcomes, reflects the challenges of delivering integrated healthcare in the current reform environment, including Governance; Information Management and E-Health; Clinical Leadership; Appropriateness of Care; Safety and Quality and the need for Patient-centred Outcomes.

www.healthcollab.org.au

Youth Health 2011: It's totally important! (*NEW!*)

9 – 11 November 2011

Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre

Australian & New Zealand Adolescent Health Conference. The Call for Abstracts is now open and the closing date for submissions is Monday, 20 June 2011.

www.youthhealth2011.com.au

3rd Rural & Remote Mental Health Symposium

14 – 16 November 2011

Ballarat

<http://www.anzmfh.asn.au/rrmh11/>

Do you have any comments, feedback or items for inclusion in the *NCOSS Health News Update*?

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