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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HEALTH ISSUES CENTRE

A New CEO at Health Issues Centre

Welcome to Michael Janssen, our new CEO, who starts with Health Issues Centre on Monday, 4 May. Michael comes with diverse and very relevant experience and background. Most recently, he was the Deputy CEO at the Continence Foundation of Australia. Previously, he has been a Patient Advocate at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, and a Principal Adviser for the Australian Divisions of General Practice. Earlier in his career, he was a minister of religion at a parish in the northern suburbs, after starting out as a trained youth worker.

We look forward to working productively with Michael and wish him well on his HIC journey.

EVENTS

Forum on the Australian Health Care System

Presented by the Public Health Association of Australia (VIC Branch) and Health Issues Centre

'Making sense of the health system: how does it all fit together... or not?'

Come and join in two hours of interactive fun unravelling one of the most complicated health systems in the world! Listen to experienced key insiders give explanations of their diverse corners of the system, and then make your own contributions to a lively exploration of how it all fits together... or perhaps not.

To download the forum flyer: </documents/items/2009/04/276474-upload-00001.pdf>

To download a registration form: </documents/items/2009/04/276474-upload-00001.dot>

JOURNAL NEWS

Call for Contributors

Call for contributors to a special edition of Health Issues Centre Journal on climate change and health, and human rights and health – two critical issues of our time. We encourage you to consider submitting an article, opinion piece, consumer experience, book review or news item on these important issues that will affect us all in the future.

Please visit: [Call for Papers Health Issues Centre Journal #99](#)

Deadline for submission of contributions: Friday, 22 May.

CONSUMER PARTICIPATION

Consumer Positions - Austin Health Community Advisory Committee

- Consumer Position CNP09034 -Emergency Access Reference Committee
- Consumer Position CNP090035- Cardiac Clinical Network
- Consumer Position CNP090036 -Enhancing Best Practice in Residential Aged Care

- Infection Control project Steering Committee (EBPRAC)
- Consumer Position Number CNP090032- Australian Sonographers Association Focus Group
- Consumer Position CNP090031-The DHS Victorian Committee on Infection Control
- Consumer Position CNP080030-Southern Health Technology/Clinical Practice Committee (TCPC)

For more details see the link below: <http://www.healthissuescentre.org.au/participate/>

Survey about Consumer Participation in Research

Health Issues Centre invites you to respond to a survey about consumer participation in research.

What is the project about? The Victorian Cancer Agency has funded Health Issues Centre to develop and deliver a training program on consumer participation in research for people affected by cancer (cancer consumers and carers). The main aim of the project is to build the skills and knowledge of cancer consumers and carers to work in collaboration with cancer researchers in Victoria.

To find out more please click on the link below:

<http://www.healthissuescentre.org.au/documents/items/2009/04/275366-upload-00001.pdf>

Deadline for responses: Tuesday, 5 May.

CONFERENCES

10th National Rural Health Conference in May, Cairns QLD

Registrations for the 10th National Rural Health Conference are now open. To register, please visit the website at: www.ruralhealth.org.au

POLICY NEWS

Supplementary Paper from the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission (NHHRC)

The National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission (NHHRC) today released a supplementary paper to its Interim Report, which outlines the Commission's support for person-controlled electronic health records for every Australian. According to recent research commissioned by the National Electronic Health Transition Authority (NEHTA), 82 per cent of consumers in Australia support the establishment of an electronic health record.

The NHHRC supplementary paper, *Person-controlled Electronic Health Records*, is available on the NHHRC website at www.nhhrc.org.au under Interim Report of the NHHRC. Alternatively, just click on the link below:

[http://www.nhhrc.org.au/internet/nhhrc/publishing.nsf/Content/BA7D3EF4EC7A1F2BCA25755B001817EC/\\$File/Person-controlled%20Electronic%20Health%20Records.pdf](http://www.nhhrc.org.au/internet/nhhrc/publishing.nsf/Content/BA7D3EF4EC7A1F2BCA25755B001817EC/$File/Person-controlled%20Electronic%20Health%20Records.pdf)

Contact: John Flannery,
 Email: talkhealth@nhhrc.org.au
 Tel: 0419 494 761 or (02) 6200 0305

Deadline for feedback: Friday, 8 May.

DO YOU WANT TO BE INVOLVED

Type 2 Diabetes, Cardiovascular Disease and Complementary Medicine

A study based at Monash University is underway to look at the use of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) practitioners by people with Type 2 diabetes and/or cardiovascular disease. This study provides an opportunity for people with Type 2 diabetes and/or cardiovascular disease to provide information to the researchers to better understand their perspectives and needs.

Interested consumers are invited to participate in an interview or focus group. The required characteristics of participants are as follows:

- Aged between 55 and 74 years - based in Victoria (metropolitan or regional)
- Diagnosed by a doctor at least 12 months ago to have Type 2 diabetes or/and cardiovascular disease (including hypertension controlled by medication)
- Advised by doctor to manage the condition(s) through diet, exercise and/or oral medication
- Visited any type of CAM practitioner since the diagnosis to help address the related health concerns.

All participants will remain anonymous in the research findings Interviews will be for about one hour and held at a convenient place for the participant. If expenses are incurred for taking part (car parking, taxi or public transport), reimbursement of up to \$20 is available upon presentation of receipts.

Further information

If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Rachel Canaway at Monash University:

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NEW ON OUR WEBSITE

Participate in Health - New Resources

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