Introduction to the workshop

With people in custodial settings being identified as a key population group in each of the newly released national strategies in HIV, hepatitis C, hepatitis B and sexually transmissible infections, it is timely to review current research in this area as well as to survey activities aimed at preventing and managing the impact of blood-borne infections among people in correctional settings. Among this group Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders are over-represented and specific efforts to address this imbalance are underway.

This forum will explore the prison environment and its dynamic inmate population, examine a range of research data informing health and welfare responses, and showcase several initiatives targeting people in custodial settings that aim to better address the prevention and management of HIV, viral hepatitis and sexually transmissible infections.

Aims of the workshop

- To learn what current research reveals about the health of NSW prisoners, particularly in relation to blood-borne viruses
- To explore models of care and health management in relation to blood-borne virus (BBV) infection currently operating within NSW prisons and to understand the role of Corrective Services NSW, Justice Health and other players within the prison system
- To understand the nature of the population of people who are under the authority of Corrective Services both in prison and in the community
- To profile initiatives aimed at improving the health of people in contact with, or recently released from, NSW prisons
- To identify and explore opportunities for collaborative work.

Delegate Profile: who should attend

Health and welfare workers who have dealings with people in custodial settings, on probation or parole, or with families of people currently in, or recently released from, custodial settings will find this workshop of interest. Healthcare workers in Area Health Services aimed at preventing and managing the impact of blood-borne infections among people in correctional settings, on probation or parole, or with families of people currently in, or recently released from, custodial settings will find this workshop of interest. Healthcare workers in Area Health Services and NGO settings, wanting to gain a better understanding of the roles and functions of Corrective Services NSW and Justice Health and the relationship of these institutions to delegates’ workplace roles, are encouraged to attend. Researchers and policy makers with an interest in these settings will also benefit.

Confirmed Guest speakers

Robert Barco, Member, Board of Governance, Hepatitis NSW
Alison Churchill Chief Executive Officer, Community Restorative Centre (CRC)
Jenny Douglas CNC Sexual Health/Hepatitis C, Population Health Team, Justice Health
Sue Henry Edwards Principal Advisor, Alcohol and Drugs and Health Promotion, Corrective Services NSW
Luke Grant Assistant Commissioner, Offender Services and Programs, Corrective Services NSW
Maureen Hanly Executive Director, Clinical and Nursing Services, Justice Health
Professor Andrew Lloyd Department of Pathology, School of Medical Sciences, The University of New South Wales
Stuart Loveday Executive Officer, Hepatitis NSW
Mark C-een and Heard speaker, Hepatitis NSW
Denise Monkley A/Service Director, Population Health, Justice Health
Annette Slater Aboriginal Hepatitis Treatment Access Coordinator, Population Health Unit, Hunter New England Area Health Service

Facilitator

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

Cost

There is a registration fee of $110 (GST inc.) per person.

Registration

Registration is now open and closes on Monday 12 July 2010. If you have any queries please contact Ann Whitelaw at NCHSR by email (a.whitelaw@unsw.edu.au) or telephone (02 9385 6776).

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

The Workshop begins at 10.00 am and registration opens at 9.00 am with morning tea being served from 9.30 am. As we have a full program it is vital that you arrive early, ready to start promptly at 10.00 am. Lunch is provided and the workshop ends around 3.30 pm 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)