

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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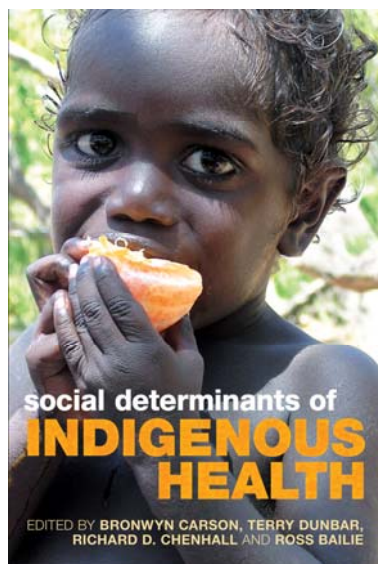
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### SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF INDIGENOUS HEALTH

*Edited by Bronwyn Carson, Terry Dunbar, Richard D. Chenhall & Ross Bailie*

The opportunities and comfortable lifestyle available to most Australians have been denied to generations of Indigenous people. As a result some of Australia's original inhabitants suffer from what has been described as 'Fourth World' standards of health. This is out of place in a country that prides itself on egalitarianism and a fair go for all.

Shifting the focus - from individual behaviour to the social and political circumstances that influence people's lives and ultimately their health - helps us to understand the origins of poor health. It can also guide action to bring about change. **Social Determinants of Indigenous Health** offers a systematic overview of the relationship between the social and political environment and health.

*See attached flyer for more details, including table of contents, background on authors and an order*

## **REMINDER - FORUM ON GLOBAL HEALTH - MONASH UNIVERSITY**

*Building Research Capacity to Improve Global Health - Lessons and Challenges*

4th April 2007, 8.30am to 5pm

Coppin Hall - Royal Freemasons Homes of Victoria, 313 Punt Rd, Prahran, Victoria

Organised by Monash University, this forum will consider the challenges of conducting public health research in low- and medium- resource countries and will explore different models for addressing these in ways which will achieve improved health outcomes. These approaches often involve individuals from many different disciplines and organisations with different missions and diverse perspectives working in partnership on the issues they are addressing together. There is a need to better understand how to mobilise, build, strengthen and sustain such partnerships.

*See attached flyer for more details or alternatively please go to the following website:*

<http://www.med.monash.edu.au/epidemiology/iphu/symposium.html>

## **ETHICS AND PUBLIC HEALTH: MODEL CURRICULUM RELEASED**

### **Associations of Schools of Public Health**

The much anticipated Ethics and Public Health: Model Curriculum is now available for use by SPH faculty. The project was a collaborative effort between ASPH, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and The Hastings Center. The concept for the model curriculum grew from a rising interest in the ethical, legal, and social aspects of public health policy and practice. With this interest came a demand for the teaching of ethics in SPH and for the resource materials to support it. Ethics education is needed both in pre-professional degree and certificate programs, and in settings of continuing professional education. The Curriculum is intended as a resource to enhance and encourage thoughtful, well informed, and critical discussions of ethical issues in the field of public health.

The project brought together teachers of ethics from nearly every school of public health, other experts in ethics and public health, and representatives of the government and the public health practice community. The curriculum consists of self-contained units or modules, each written by a leading expert on the topic in question, and each containing resources for classroom use--an analysis of the ethical question, several case studies with commentary for discussion, resources for further study and research, and the like. For more information, email [MStadtler@asph.org](mailto:MStadtler@asph.org).

Download entire curriculum - <http://www.asph.org/UserFiles/EthicsCurriculum.pdf>

Download individual modules - <http://www.asph.org/document.cfm?page=782>

## 2007 SHAPE SYMPOSIUM - FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR HEALTH SERVICES MANAGERS



Thursday 12th and Friday 13th July, 2007 (Sydney, Australia)

Given the pressure on health resource provision, issues around health care leadership and increasing demands and scrutiny on academic programmes, the higher education sector needs to be prepared to meet these demands and produce students that can play active roles in the management of health services. The Symposium aims to provide an opportunity to discuss and explore new options and ideas to address these emerging issues.

This Symposium will explore issues around:

- Health service management education and research,
- Health Service management and leadership pedagogy
- Management of long term conditions/chronic disease
- Skill sets for health service managers
- Workforce, accreditation and licensing issues and its implications for health service managers

Those persons interested in presenting papers on these or other current issues in health service and aged care management education are requested to forward their abstract:

- Provide a brief abstract of the presentation that should be no more than 150 words.
- Provide title of presentation
- Provide name, organisation, and postal address of presenting person
- Include the full names of each author
- Provide contact details including full postal address, email address, telephone and facsimile

Email the abstract to [L.Heap@uws.edu.au](mailto:L.Heap@uws.edu.au) by 30th April 2007

Please see website for more information - <http://www.shape.org.au/Symposium%202007/symposium2007.htm>

# Workforce Planning Models for Civilian Disaster Medical Response Teams

Introduction - At the face-to-face ANAPHI meeting in November 2006 it was suggested by representatives present that in 2007 the ANAPHI newsletter should have a section devoted to the speciality areas of the different representatives and membership institutions of the ANAPHI. This is the second of these such sections devoted to an area of speciality, and it is focused on the PHERP project "Workforce Planning Models for Civilian Disaster Medical Response Teams" and it was contributed by Peter Legget, at James Cook University.

*We hope that you enjoy this change to the newsletter format throughout the year. If you have any comments please let me know. Penny Smith, Secretariat*

## **PHERP Project Overview - WORKFORCE PLANNING MODELS FOR CIVILIAN DISASTER MEDICAL RESPONSE TEAMS**

*Anton Breinl Centre for Public Health and Tropical Medicine, James Cook University, and the Health Protection Group, Western Australian Department of Health*

Australia does not have a significant history of deploying civilian medical teams into international disaster areas. This has remained the domain of military operations as seen following the Papua New Guinea tsunami in 1998 and the Bali bombing in 2002. Recent world events, and in particular the 2004 Boxing Day tsunami and the earthquake in Java have resulted in the deployment of civilian medical teams from Australia at short notice to these disaster areas. The deployment of these teams with the inherent challenges associated with both operational activity and logistic support and the operational review following this have promoted continuing discussion about the optimum workplace model and logistic support for future deployments.

The Public Health Education and Research Program (PHERP) have recognised this and through the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) have funded the project for "Workplace Planning Models for Rapid Deployment of Civilian Disaster Medical Response Teams". The successful tender team has come from the Anton Breinl Centre for Public Health and Tropical Medicine at James Cook University and the Health Protection Group of the Western Australian Department of Health. This collaborative approach has been able to combine educational and academic expertise with significant levels of experience in both domestic and international disaster preparedness and response.

The Australian Health Protection Committee (AHPC), a subcommittee of the Australian Health Ministers Advisory Council, is charged with national coordination of response to health emergency both within Australia and the region. The AHPC has been generous in their support of the project which has contributed to the participation and representation at the symposium component. The AHPC is currently considering a range of issues in the formation, preparation and deployment of disaster medical assistance teams. It is hoped that the outcomes of the PHERP DMAT project, with development of workplace planning models for rapid deployment of civilian DMATs will greatly assist AHPC consideration of appropriate directions for such teams in Australia.

The project has been completed in a series of phases as described below:

<b>Phase 1</b>	Consultation and Planning
<b>Phase 2</b>	Information Gathering and Review Literature Review Parallel Program Review Benchmarking Exercise Policy and Legal Review
<b>Phase 3</b>	Experience Analysis and Problem Solving National DMAT Survey National DMAT Symposium Perth 27-28 November 2007
<b>Phase 4</b>	Development of Potential Models
<b>Phase 5</b>	Feedback, Consultation and Review
<b>Phase 6</b>	Final Report

The program has allowed information and evidence to be collected from a variety of sources including the international literature, websites, the experience of those deployed from Australia and the lessons learned from international deployment of both DMAT and parallel programs of deployment.

While still not able to be described as possessing statistical significance given the lack of 'hard science' in the disaster medicine literature the consensus of information achieved by this triangulation process from a variety of sources adds strength to these findings as recommendations rather than collected opinions.

The development of a national workforce planning model for the development of disaster medical response teams is seen as a necessary and achievable goal by this review. We are in the process of reporting to the Commonwealth and we are hopeful that recommendations made from this project will be made available soon.

The Anton Breinl Centre, James Cook University, has been able to combine its considerable educational and research expertise in public health, disaster health management and communicable disease control with the clinical and preparedness expertise of various government and non-governmental organisations in the development of a Disaster Health and Crisis Management Group. Having already been involved since 1995 in the delivery of a program in Refugee Health in conjunction with Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), winner of the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1999, it was a logical progression to development of a full suite of postgraduate subjects and programs in Biosecurity, Disaster Preparedness and crisis management, including the establishment of a Postgraduate Certificate program in Disaster and Refugee Health in 2003 and a Master of Public Health endorsed in Biosecurity and Disaster Preparedness in 2006.

For further information:

Group: <http://www.jcu.edu.au/school/sphtm/antonbreinl/centers/disaster/index.htm>

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## **AUSTRALIAN HEALTH NEWS RESEARCH COLLABORATION (AHNRC)**

Since May 2005, Simon Chapman at the School of Public Health at the University of Sydney has been building a digital archive of all health and medical TV news, current affairs and "infotainment" broadcast out of the 5 Sydney free-to-air stations. He now has nearly 10,000 items. An excel file listing all of these can be found here:

<http://tobacco.health.usyd.edu.au/share/TV.xls>> (Warning -- large file!)

Simon is hoping to develop a national network of collaborating researchers the Australian Health News Research Collaboration (AHNRC) interested in examining any aspect of the ways in which health issues are depicted in the media, how particular consumer and decision-making groups deconstruct these messages, and what the consequences of this are for public health. A short description of the project can be found here:

[http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/186\\_06\\_190307/letters\\_190307\\_fm-8.html](http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/186_06_190307/letters_190307_fm-8.html)

Several groups are already actively involved in the collaboration. Enquires to Simon at the address below:

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### **IMPORTANT DATES!**

- The next ANAPHI newsletter will be sent on Thursday, 26th April 2007 (ANZAC day is the day prior). All contributions for this newsletter will need to be sent to the ANAPHI Secretariat, Penny Bisset, by COB Friday, 20th April.
- The next ANAPHI Executive teleconference is Wednesday, 18th April at 3pm (EST).