

## NEWS, NOTICES & CONFERENCES

### The Australian Community Health Association to Lose Federal Funding

Health Minister Michael Wooldridge has decided ACHA will no longer receive funding from the Community Sector Support Scheme from 30 September 1997.

ACHA is one of five organisations that have been defunded. Others are:

- Australian Pensioners and Superannuants Federation;
- Family Planning Australia;
- Australian Catholic Welfare Commission - Natural Family Planning Secretariat; and
- Association of Civilian Widows.

Four other organisations, GROW, Australian National Association for Mental Health, Australian Psychiatric Disability Coalition, and National Youth Coalition for Housing have been put on interim funding until 30 June 1998.

ACHA sought some explanation from the Minister's office for this decision, and it was told that it is a matter of priorities. ACHA is awaiting a written response. Without Community Sector Support Scheme (CSSS) funds, it is very difficult for ACHA to maintain staff and its national secretariat. ACHA will be seeking alternative funds, but core funds these days are difficult to find.

Australia has just produced its contribution to the World Health Organization's Third Evaluation of the Health for All Strategy. Australia's document says this country is committed specifically to 'support for a strong primary health care system that is integrated into the broader health system'. Yet the government has defunded the one organisation with a national perspective on primary health care issues.

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## September

**The Ninth Casemix Conference in Australia.** Conference themes: Quality, Continuity, Cost-effectiveness. Venue: Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, Brisbane, Qld. This Conference will be of interest to health professionals, health administrators, clinicians and consumers. Chair: Professor Peter Phelan. For further information, contact Casemix Conference Secretariat, c/- Conference Logistics, PO Box 505, Curtin, ACT 2605, Fax: (06) 285 1336, Brisbane, 7-10 September.

**Challenging Our Successes - Pathways to the Future.** 4th Australian National Hospice Palliative Care Conference. 17-19 September. National Convention Centre, Canberra. Enquiries: Conference Solutions, PO Box 135, Curtin, ACT 2605. Tel: (06) 285 2373; Fax: (06) 285 3001.

**Twenty Fifth AASW National Conference: Social Work Influencing Outcomes.** Canberra, ACT. 21-24 September 1997. Restructuring, deregulation and globalisation herald a changing context for social work practice in Australia. What is the role for social work in this environment? How does the diverse social work profession influence outcomes? Enquiries: Conference Secretariat Tel: (06) 281 6624, Fax: (06) 285 1336. Web site: <http://www.aasw.asn.au>

## October

**Collaborative Partnerships Seminar. Barwon Human Resources Alliance and VHA,** Geelong Conference Centre, 10-11 October 1997. Enquiries: Rutna Djeng, Conference Unit, VHA. Tel: (03) 9696 2799.

**Information Seminar: Cultural Perspectives on TB.** Wednesday 15 October Venue: Centre for Culture, Ethnicity & Health, 23 Lennox Street, Richmond, VIC 3121. Time: 6.00-9.00 pm. Cost: \$55 per person (includes light meal). For further information, contact Tonina Gucciardo-Masci or Helen Chambers, Tel: (03) 9427 8766; Fax: (03) 9427 8363, (03) 9428 2269; Email: [et@ceh.org.au](mailto:et@ceh.org.au)

**Rights to Health.** 29th Annual Conference of the Public Health Association, Melbourne. 5-8 October. Enquiries, PHA Conference Secretariat, GPO Box 2204, Canberra, ACT 2601. Tel: (06) 285 2373, Fax: (06) 285 5438.

**Second National Men's Health Conference.** 29-31 October. Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle, WA. Enquiries: Australian Convention and Travel Services. Tel: (06) 257 3299; Fax: (06) 257 3256.

## **November**

**Australian Council of Social Services Congress.** 41st Annual ACOSS Congress. Melbourne, 5-7 November. Contact: Gill Whan, Tel: (02) 9332 4355; Fax: (02) 9332 1515; email: [acoss@merlin.com.au](mailto:acoss@merlin.com.au)

**One-day Training Seminar: Culture & Health Care.** Friday 14 November. Contact Professional Education & Training Manager-CEH Tel: (03) 9427 8766; Fax: (03) 9427 8363, (03) 9428 2269; Email: [et@ceh.org.au](mailto:et@ceh.org.au)

**Sixth Australasian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect.** Adelaide, SA 20-23 October 1997. Theme: Dialogue, Dreaming, Decisions. Enquiries: Conference Secretariat, Festival City Conventions, PO Box 949, Kent Town, SA 5071. Tel: (08) 8363 1604, Fax: (08) 8363 1604, Email: [fcceaton@ozemail.com.au](mailto:fcceaton@ozemail.com.au)

**Child and Welfare National Conference - 'The Cutting Edge.'** Melbourne, 24-26 November. Hosted by the Children's Welfare Association of Victoria. Tel: (03) 9602 3073; Fax: (03) 9642.

## **December**

**Information Seminar: Crosscultural Issues in Child Immunisation.** Wednesday 3 December. Venue: Centre for Culture, Ethnicity & Health, 23 Lennox Street, Richmond, VIC 3121. Time: 6.00-9.00 pm. Cost: \$55 per person (includes light meal). For further information, contact Tonina Gucciardo-Maschi or Helen Chambers, Tel: (03) 9427 8766; Fax: (03) 9427 8363, (03) 9428 2269; Email: [et@ceh.org.au](mailto:et@ceh.org.au)

## **January 1998**

**The Second International Conference on Health and Mental Health.** Melbourne, Victoria 12-15 January 1998. Enquiries: Conference Manager, Sarah Markey, International Convention Management Services Pty Ltd., 84 Queensbridge Street, Southbank, Vic 3006. Ph: (03) 9682 0244; Fax: (03) 9682 0288. Email: [2icsw@icms.com.au](mailto:2icsw@icms.com.au); Associate Professor Alun Jackson, School of Social Work, University of Melbourne. Fax: (03) 9484 3689.

## **RECENT PUBLICATIONS**

**An Easeful Death? Perspectives on Death, Dying and Euthanasia.** Morgan, J. 1996. Leichardt NSW: Federation Press.

**The DNA Mystique. A Guide to Working with Young People who are Refugees.** 1996. Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture Inc.

**Health Policy in Australia.** Heather Gardner (editor). 1997. Melbourne: Oxford University Press.

**General Practice in Australia: 1996 (Reprinted March 1997); Supplementary Tables: 1997.** General Practice Branch, Commonwealth Department of Health and Family Services. Available from CDH&FS, General Practice Branch, Mail Drop 29, GPO Box 9848, Canberra, ACT 2601.

**Questioning the Solutions. The Politics of Primary Health Care and Child Survival (with an in-depth critique of Oral Rehydration Therapy).** Werner, D & Sanders, D (with Weston, J., Babb, S. & Rodriguez, B.). Palo Alto CA: Healthwrights.