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Themes

1. Access to health services from consumer and/or provider perspectives.
2. Cancer prevention, screening, and/or management for lesbian and bisexual women.
3. Drug and/or alcohol use, control, motivators, supports.
4. Creation and maintenance of lesbian and bisexual women's health and wellbeing

Recipients

1. Jane Edwards and Truffy Magginis– University of SA

“Determining access to and satisfaction with mental health services for lesbian/bi women using interviews with ten women and five health care providers.”

This grant was not given due to unforeseen circumstances.

2. Adele Murdolo - Multicultural Centre for Women's Health, Melbourne

The aim of this package was to develop a one day training package on Australian lesbian and bisexual women's health issues. Once developed the package was available to bilingual health educators in Australia.

The package was developed and during 2010, the training program for the **“Understanding Sexuality Project”** was delivered to thirteen health workers at the Multicultural Centre for Women's Health in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

Report citation:

Poljski C. 2011. Coming out, coming home or inviting people in? Supporting same-sex attracted women from immigrant and refugee communities. MCWH: Melbourne. Website: www.mcwh.com.au

Conference:

ALMA conference presentation by Adele Murdolo – Woodend, July 2012

3. Catriona Bradshaw, Marie Pirotta, Katherine Fethers, Ruth McNair, Kit Fairley – Melbourne Sexual Health Centre/Uni of Melbourne

“Bacterial vaginosis (BV) among women who have sex with women (WSW)”.

This is a pilot study in 100 WSW to determine the proportion with BV, the proportion with same sex partners who would be willing to participate in BV research, and concordance of vaginal flora within same sex partnerships.

Conference presentations:

ALMA conference – Woodend – July 2012

“Characteristics and Behaviours associated with Bacterial Vaginosis in Women who have Sex with Women”, presented by Catriona Bradshaw

Primary Health Care Research Conference – July 2013

“Frustrated by poor GP knowledge: Women’s experiences of living with Bacterial Vaginosis” presented on behalf of the project team by Assoc Prof Meredith Temple-Smith.

Paper published in a peer reviewed journal:

Bilardi J, Walker S, Temple-Smith M, McNair R, Mooney-Somers J, Bellhouse C, Fairley CK, Chen MY, Bradshaw C. The burden of bacterial vaginosis: Women's experience of the physical, emotional, sexual and social impact of living with recurrent bacterial vaginosis. PLOS One, 8(9): e74378. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0074378.