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### **Creating Synergy between hospital and community through HKEC Symposium on Community Engagement**

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#### **Introduction**

As we all know, hospital and community partners are serving the same client in the same community. To promote communication and collaboration among clinical department and partners, especially welfare agencies, are recognized as favorable strategies in optimizing our services under limited resources, and in achieving better patient care. The HKEC Symposium on Community Engagement has been organized to promote communication, collaboration, and to create the synergy between hospital and community, towards the share vision of partnership.

#### **Objectives**

- To enhance partnership with community partners by engaging them in the organization of Symposium
- To promote the shared vision of collaboration between clinical and community
- To share innovative practice from hospital or community partners for integration
- To initiate new collaboration projects through inspirational presentation

#### **Methodology**

1. Engage clinical from different hospital and departments among HKEC and community partners from different services, for example, elderly, rehabilitation, mental health, cancer, family and GPs in organizing committee for the Symposium
2. Apart from discussing the main theme and inviting HK-wide expert to share their vision with us in the morning, all members were divided into different seminar groups based on their specialty, their innovative practice or services will be shared
3. Participants of Symposium included all HA staff, non-government organization in HKEC, GPs, patient associations, District Council, local bodies etc.
4. Feedback from participants was collected afterwards and evaluation meeting among all Organizing team members to be held for program evaluation.

#### **Result**

The organizing committee is formed by clinical from HA and community partners, in 2016, there were totally 31 OC members, whereas 16 members were from 15 community partners. The other 15 members were HKEC clinical from different hospitals, departments and professionals.

In Symposium 2016, there were 564 enrollments from HA staff, NGO staff, Patient Associations, District Councils, Government bodies, educational sector, GPs, local bodies and HGC. A total of 472 attendances were recorded.

Feedback evaluations were collected to measure the effectiveness of the Symposium. Over 90% of participants agreed that the Symposium was able to promote medical social collaboration among clinical, community and patients.

Innovative practices from hospital and community partners were shared during Seminars. Participants found them inspirational and simulative. Some of the innovative ideas were put into reality and practice.

#### Conclusion

The HKEC Symposium on Community Engagement has been an effective means to promote partnership and was very helpful for Creating Synergy between hospital and community