Podium Presentation

Targeting Wellness, Examining the Scourge: Views from the Academe on HIV/AIDS

Mirasol C. Famador
Mauro Allan P. Amparado

Abstract

This study explored the knowledge and attitudes of the teaching and non-teaching staff of University of Cebu Lapu-Lapu and Mandaue on HIV/AIDS. Specifically, this study determined the knowledge of the informants in terms of the causative factors, mode of transmission, and prevention of HIV/AIDS. It also ascertained the attitudes of the informants towards persons living with HIV/AIDS.

The study utilized the mixed method design. This study collected quantitative data first. Then qualitative data was collected and analyzed. The quantitative data was taken from 144 teaching staff and 42 non-teaching staff. The study was conducted at the University of Cebu Lapu-Lapu and Mandaue, Mandaue City, Cebu, Philippines. For the qualitative method, ten informants were interviewed using a structure interview guide.

The findings revealed that a majority of the informants attained excellent scores in the aspects of causative factors and modes of transmission. However, the scores were categorized as very good in the aspect of prevention. The following themes emerged: I see persons living with HIV as normal; HIV is a contagious disease; Persons living with HIV should seek professional help; HIV affects one's social relationships; I pity them; I will not dine with them; PLHIVs have shorter life span; I will think I would be angry if I get infected with HIV; Live life positively; I am eager to learn more about HIV/AIDS.

Recommended citation: Famador, M. C. & Amparado, M. A. P. (2018, March). Targeting Wellness, Examining the Scourge: Views from the Academe on HIV/AIDS. Paper presented at the 2018 University of Cebu Research Congress, Cebu City, Cebu, Philippines, 12(1), 21.