

Formal Reference Groups, Committees and Meetings

Advocacy and representation		
Lead agency and meeting	Meeting summary	NADA and sector representative
NSW Ministry of Health NGO Advisory Committee	Provide advice to the Ministry and LHDs regarding NGO priorities, emerging issues, and gaps in service delivery, from which the Ministry can consider in planning, funding and investment decisions.	Larry Pierce
NSW Ministry of Health NGO Advisory Committee Working Group – Strategic Purchasing	Provide input and guidance on the contribution of the NGO sector, as a key partner in the delivery of priority health services, within a strategic purchasing framework, from 2015/16	Larry Pierce
NSW Ministry of Health Centre for Population Health, AOD Branch Drug and Alcohol Program Council	Forum for broad NSW Health drug and alcohol program development and issue management. Includes senior MHDAO managers, LHD drug and alcohol directors, NADA and several other NGO representatives. Meets quarterly.	Larry Pierce Robert Stirling
NSW Ministry of Health Centre for Population Health, AOD Branch Program Council Quality in Treatment Subcommittee	Advice and development of NSW clinical treatment and services plans, policies and guidelines. Meets bi-monthly.	Suzie Hudson Garth Popple (Board member)
NSW Ministry of Health MHDAO Drug and Alcohol Data Coordinators Forum	Coordinated by InforMH with LHD Data Coordinators and NADA as members. Primary purpose is to lead and manage drug alcohol MDS collection and reporting. Meets bi-monthly.	Suzie Hudson
NSW Ministry of Health AOD Branch Community Engagement and Action Program Advisory Committee	Provide strategic advice to the Community Engagement and Action Program, including support the direction of Community Drug Action Teams. Meets three times per year.	Victoria Lopis

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NSW Ministry of Health Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network Community Reference Group	Facilitates community and stakeholder input into the JH&FMHN operations to support the Board and Executive in achieving the best health outcomes for people in contact with its service. Meets quarterly.	Ciara Donaghy
NSW Ministry of Health Agency for Clinical Innovation Drug and Alcohol Executive Committee	The purpose of the Drug and Alcohol Network Executive Committee is to provide leadership, strategic direction, advice and guidance for the activities of the Drug and Alcohol Network. Meets Quarterly.	Suzie Hudson
	Innovation Working Group A Connected System Working Group Primary Health Networks Working Group	Suzie Hudson Sianne Hodge Robert Stirling

Partnerships and collaborations

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Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council of NSW NSW Aboriginal Residential Healing Drug and Alcohol Network (NARHDAN)	NARHDAN consist of NSW Aboriginal community controlled residential service providers. The group meet to share information, network, participate in organisational and capacity development and are a source of advice and expertise on matters relevant to working with Aboriginal drug and alcohol clients and workforce. NARHDAN members are also members of NADA. Meets quarterly.	Ciara Donaghy
ACHS and NADA Partnership Meeting	Irregular forum to develop communication and collaboration for the purpose of supporting NADA members engaged in ACHS EQuIP. Meets quarterly to six monthly.	Sianne Hodge
Commonwealth Department of Health	Regular meeting to discuss national projects, Sector Capacity Building Program and issues affecting the	Robert Stirling Ciara Donaghy

(NSW/ACT office) Partnership Meeting	sector. Meets bi-monthly.	
DAMEC Research Sub Committee	Provides advice on the development of research into access and treatment for multicultural populations in AOD. Meets bi-monthly.	Suzie Hudson
Family and Community Services NGO Housing Partners Reference Group	Provides advice and coordinate NGO homelessness services across the health and social services sectors. Meets quarterly	Larry Pierce
Family and Community Services Clinical Issues Unit, OSP & NADA Partnership Meeting	Provides opportunity for information exchange and discussion of collaborative activities with the aim to improve the way NGO AOD and FaCS work together. Meets quarterly.	Ciara Donaghy Suzie Hudson
Hepatitis NSW & NADA Partnership Meeting	Regular meeting to discuss the collaborative activities described in the MoU. Meets quarterly.	Robert Stirling Sianne Hodge
Inner City Health Program NGO Partnership Group	Lead by the St Vincent's Hospital Inner City Health Program, the network looks at drug and alcohol, mental health and homelessness issues in the inner city area. Meets bi-monthly, NADA's attendance based on the relevancy of the agenda.	Sianne Hodge Victoria Lopis
The Lyndon Progress Program (Re-Pin Project) Advisory Group	Aims to inform the establishment of the RE-PIN Project (Receive, Encode, Process and Integrate) drug and alcohol treatment strategies for people with a cognitive impairment. The project aims to develop an AOD program that will cater for individuals with cognitive impairment while not excluding those without. The group meet via teleconference quarterly.	Ciara Donaghy
MHCC and NADA CMHDARN Research Network Project Reference Group	Provides advice on the development, implementation and evaluation of MHCC and NADA's the Community Mental Health Drug and Alcohol Research Network (CMHDARN). Meets quarterly.	Sianne Hodge Suzie Hudson
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Steering Committee	Meets quarterly.	
Mental Health Commission of NSW Community Sector Reference Group	The role of the Group is to ensure the Commission remains in touch with the views of community sector on the mental health reform agenda and to provide the Commission with advice about the development of enhanced community responses to support people with mental health conditions. Meets quarterly.	Larry Pierce
National Drug and Alcohol Peaks Capacity Building Network	Facilitate cross jurisdictional collaboration, knowledge and information sharing, reduce duplication and further common strategic interests in relation to the DoH funded Sector Capacity Building Project. Monthly teleconference and twice yearly face-to-face.	Victoria Lopis Sianne Hodge
National Drug and Alcohol Peaks CEO Group	Alliance of state and territory drug and alcohol peaks to identify and respond to policy and service delivery issues at a national level. The group focuses on government reform process, drug and alcohol program development and NGO grant funding. Provides opportunity to discuss local issues impacting on the sector, seek advice and share resources. Monthly teleconference.	Larry Pierce Robert Stirling
National Drug and Alcohol Peaks Network and Research Centre Collaboration	Collaboration between the peaks network and the three national AOD research centre's to look at opportunities for collaborative research, identify and inform research priorities and share information. Quarterly teleconference.	Larry Pierce Robert Stirling
National Drug Research Institute Experiences of Addiction, Treatment and Recovery Advisory Group	Social Studies of Addiction Concepts Research Program advisory group meeting. Providing advice and facilitating access to NSW services.	Robert Stirling
NSW Council of Social Service (NCOSS) Forum of Non Government Organisations (FONGA)	Facilitated by NCOSS on behalf of the broader NGO health and social services sector in NSW, it acts as a lobbying group in relation to NSW government policy and programs. FONGA is also used by government as a consultation forum. Meets bi-monthly.	Ciara Donaghy
NCOSS Health Policy Advisory Group (HPAG)	Facilitated by NCOSS, this group discusses broad health policy matters and makes submissions to government on key health program and service	Larry Pierce

	<p>delivery issues. HPAG contributes to the development of health component of the NCOSS pre-budget submission to the NSW government.</p> <p>Meets quarterly.</p>	
<p>NCOSS Sector Development Forum</p>	<p>Forum to focus on sector/industry development within NCOSS and the NSW community sector.</p> <p>Meets bi-monthly.</p>	<p>Sianne Hodge</p>
<p>NUAA & NADA Partnership Meeting</p>	<p>Regular meeting to discuss the collaborative activities described in the MoU.</p> <p>Meets quarterly.</p>	<p>Robert Stirling Sianne Hodge</p>
<p>Public Health Association of Australia National Complex Needs Alliance</p>	<p>The National Complex Needs Alliance (NCNA) objective is to promote and support partnerships and collaboration in service delivery to achieve better long term outcomes for people with complex needs. The Alliance meet at least twice per year.</p>	<p>Ciara Donaghy</p>
<p>QIP and NADA Partnership Meeting</p>	<p>Meets six monthly to develop communication and collaboration for the purpose of supporting NADA members engaged in QIP quality programs.</p>	<p>Sianne Hodge</p>
<p>University of Newcastle Tackling Nicotine Together Investigators Group</p>	<p>Monthly teleconference to discuss progress of Tackling Nicotine Together intervention.</p>	<p>Robert Stirling</p>
<p>University of Newcastle and NDARC Alcohol Treatment Centre Study</p>	<p>Treatment Centre Recruitment Working Group supports the recruitment of services to the study. Measure Development and Data Collection Working Group informs the use of measures and data collection.</p>	<p>Robert Stirling Suzie Hudson</p>