

March 2016

Policy contributions and submissions

- NADA and AOD Peaks Network provided a submission to the Drug Strategy Branch and state and territory Health Officers on PHN Commissioning of AOD Treatment
- NADA wrote an article for the [PHAA newsletter](#) on the Women's AOD Services Development Program
- CMHDARN wrote an article for the [CREMS Newsletter](#) on the Mentoring Program. The issue also featured an article on the partnership with NDARC on the Suicide Assessment Kit

Advocacy and representation

- NADA met with sector funders: Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Office, NSW Ministry of Health, the NSW/ACT office of the Australian Government Department of Health
- NADA attended a NSW Government, Drug Roundtable at NSW Parliament House with the NSW Deputy Premier, Troy Grant and Assistant Minister for Health, Pru Goward
- NADA and the Women's Network welcomed NSW Minister Goward highlighting issues relevant to working with women in treatment
- NADA met with Minister Goward to discuss drug and alcohol service system planning
- NADA CEO, Larry Pierce, spoke at the inaugural National Family Drug Support Day at NSW Parliament House
- NADA and AOD Peaks Network met with the Assistant Secretary of the Drug Strategy Branch, the Co-Chair of the Inter-Governmental Committee on Drugs and Senator Nash to discuss national funding, including PHN commissioning
- NADA and the AOD Peaks Network formed a collaboration with the 3 national AOD research Centre's and held their first teleconference
- NADA met with the NSW PHN CEOs group to discuss commissioning of AOD treatment. Initial meetings have commenced with individual NSW PHNs
- NADA met with the Kirby Institute re responses to Hepatitis C in AOD treatment
- NADA had regular meetings with partners: MHCC, Hepatitis NSW, NUAA

- NADA represented the sector at the following committees/meetings:
 - NSW Health: Partnerships for Health - Drug and Alcohol Reference Group
 - NSW Health: Drug and Alcohol Program Council
 - NSW Health: Quality In Treatment Committee
 - NSW Health: Methamphetamine NGO Project Working Group Meeting
 - NSW Health: Drug and Alcohol Service Clinical Outcome and Quality Indicator (COQI) Framework Advisory Committee
 - AOD Peaks Network: Peaks CEOs Network meetings
 - AOD Peaks Network: Peaks Capacity Building Network meetings
 - ACI Drug and Alcohol Executive Committee meetings
 - AH&MRC: NSW Aboriginal Residential Healing Drug and Alcohol Network (NARHDAN)
 - NCOSS: Forum of Non Government Organisations
 - NCOSS: Sector Development Forum
 - NSW Family and Community Services Clinical Issues Unit regular meeting
- NADA attended the following events:
 - Sydney Drug Law Reform Roundtable at NSW Parliament House
 - The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners Domestic/Family Violence Roundtable at NSW Parliament House

Sector development activity

- NADA held Expert Advisory Groups for the following projects:
 - NGO AOD Treatment Service Specifications with DPMP
 - NSW NGO AOD Workforce Development Plan with NCETA
- NADA hosted the following events:
 - Hepatitis NSW Get Bloody Serious: A workshop (mostly) about Hepatitis C
 - Enhanced Performance Management training workshop with the Women's AOD Services Network
 - Working with Women Engaged in AOD Treatment Pilot
 - CMHDARN hosted a webinar looking at models of care to respond to comorbidity.
 - Young people and methamphetamine use workshop
- NADA hosted the following network meetings:
 - NADA Practice Leadership Group (1)
 - Women's AOD Services Network (2)
 - First meeting of the NADA Strategic Communication Committee