

September 2016

Policy contributions and submissions

- NADA provided comments on the next iteration of the NSW Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Plan
- The AOD Peaks Network provided a submission to the Productivity Commissions public inquiry into Human Services.

Advocacy and representation

- The Hon. Pru Goward, Assistant Health Minister and Minister for Mental Health held an industry briefing in partnerships with NADA at the NSW Parliament House on the new NSW Drug Package
- NADA and AOD Peaks Network met with Drug Strategy Branch at the Department of Health to discuss NGOTGP/SMDSGF funding, PHNs, and national drug policy
- NADA attended the Harm Minimisation Summit at the NSW Parliament House
- NADA continues to meet with sector funders: Centre for Population Health at the NSW Ministry of Health, the NSW/ACT office of the Australian Government Department of Health, and the NSW Primary Health Networks
- NADA attended a workshop hosted by the University of Sydney and University of New South Wales that explored potential collaborative research projects in the area of mental health and addiction co-morbidity
- Discussions with PHNs across NSW to discuss planning and commissioning of AOD services has continued, both collectively and individually
- NADA was invited to present on NADAbase at the SANDAS Outcomes Forum in Adelaide
- NADA's Clinical Director was on the panel for the ACI Drug and Alcohol Innovation Forum
- NADA was invited to join the Justice and Forensic Mental Health Community reference Group and has attended the first meeting
- NADA has attended its first Sydney Women's Homelessness Alliance meeting and will go on to be a regular attendee in the future.

Sector development activity

- The NADA Workforce Development Plan received in principle support from the Drug and Alcohol Program Council of NSW Ministry of Health
- NADA has provided methamphetamine capacity building sessions to the new regional NGO methamphetamine services and their partners in Dubbo and Goulburn (with Wagga Wagga coming up in October)
- Changes to NADAbase: NADA has made important changes to NADAbase to incorporate new items on gender and sexuality
- NADA has held training on domestic violence screening on AOD treatment services
- NADA has held Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training for members, facilitated by Felicity Ryan.
- Following an application and assessment process, NADA has allocated workforce development grants, to support training within member organisations, for the July – December 2016 period.