

December 2017

Policy contributions and submissions

- NADA provided a submission to the Inquiry into the provision of drug rehabilitation services in regional, rural and remote New South Wales.
- The AOD Peaks Network provided a position statement on the draft quality standards that have been proposed by the Department of Health.
- NADA provided a submission to Family and Community Services (FaCS) on the discussion paper [Shaping a Better Child Protection System](#).
- NADA completed a position paper on outcome measurement in the NGO specialist AOD sector.

Advocacy and representation

- NADA, and the AOD Peaks Network, met with the Department of Health Drug Strategy Branch and Primary Health Network Branch in Canberra to discuss national consistency and the national quality framework.
- NADA represented the sector on a number of meetings with the NSW Ministry of Health, including the Family Support Advisory Group.
- NADA attended the NSW/ACT PHN AOD Network meeting to discuss opportunities for consistency in contracts and reporting.
- As a follow on from the above meeting, NADA met with Odyssey House and four NSW Primary Health Networks to discuss an approach to reduce reporting burden on organisation that have multiple PHN contracts.
- NADA attended the first meeting of the new national peak, Australian Alcohol and other Drug Council.
- NADA attended the board meeting of the new National Centre for Clinical Research on Emerging Drugs on behalf of the AOD Peaks Network.
- NADA's clinical director was invited to be part of the Clinical / Expert Roundtable for responding to domestic and family violence (DFV) in AOD services, hosted by ATODA in the ACT.

Sector development activity

- The NADAbase self-administrator functionality went live on October 16 for all members that have programs in NADAbase. This change increases efficiency and security practices through the management of user logins.
- The inaugural practice network meetings were held in the Hunter New England Central Coast regional, in partnership with HNECCPHN, CCLHD and HNE LHD.
- The inaugural CMHDARN Research Ethics Consultation Committee was held with a further meeting conducted to finalise processes for supporting members and researchers with ethical approaches to people engaged in AOD treatment.
- The Health and Wellbeing of the Workforce survey has closed, with over 270 staff from NADA members completing the survey.
- A session was held on 'Working with women in AOD treatment', including using the DV screener in NADAbase.
- Six youth-oriented organisations have been granted funding for the Quality Improvement Incentive Program. The program provides youth-oriented services in NSW access to one-off funding to improve access, engagement and support for young people.
- NADA has opened the application round for the January to June 2018 Workforce Development Training Grant Program to support professional development.