

March 2018

Policy contributions and submissions

- NADA provided a submission for the Consultation Draft of the National Alcohol Strategy 2018–2026.
- The AOD Peaks Network provided:
 - feedback on the ALP's National Platform on Health policy
 - a brief to the Drug Strategy Branch on workforce development
 - a brief to the Drug Strategy Branch on the National Quality Framework
 - a brief to Minister Hunt on applying the Drug and Alcohol Service Planning (DASP) Model and implementation of the National Workforce Development Strategy.

Advocacy and representation

- NADA is representing the sector on the NSW Ministry of Health, NGO Contracting Working Group. See the December issue of [Sector Watch](#) [PDF] for more information. The most recent work has focused on defining a state-wide service, proposed accreditation standards for the sector and draft KPIs.
- NADA, and representatives of the AOD Peaks Network, met with Minister Hunt to discuss the above brief on applying the DASP.
- NADA has issued a brief to all PHNs, and negotiations continue, to achieve consistency regarding data reports and timeframes.
- NADA is representing the sector on the NSW NGO Housing Partners Reference Group to work with the wider human services sector to improve housing for our clients.
- NADA participated in the Mental Health Peaks Forum regarding the Impacts of Mental Health Reforms and the NDIS.
- NADA attended the NSW Ministry of Health, Family Support Advisory Group meeting, and received an update on the family projects in development, including development of information for families affected by AOD, online service directory and workforce training.

Sector development activity

- The HNECC AOD Practice Networks held a series of planning workshops.
- A user agreement in NADAbase has gone live, requesting all new and existing users accept and are aware of their role and responsibilities towards the client when collecting information.
- The second round of training for the Women: Choice and Change program took place with seven services participating.
- NADA has allocated funds for the January to June 2018 Workforce Development Training Grant Program to support professional development.
- NADA held the training session, 'Healing the effects of trauma on children and young people: a creative whole body approach,' concerned with the psycho-biology of trauma in young people.