

## Formal Reference Groups, Committees and Meetings

Advocacy and representation		
Lead agency and meeting	Meeting summary	NADA and sector representative
<b>NSW Ministry of Health</b> 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. Meets three times per year.	<b>Larry Pierce</b> <b>Co-Chair</b>
<b>NSW Ministry of Health</b> <b>Centre for Population Health, AOD Branch</b> 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.	<b>Larry Pierce</b> <b>Robert Stirling</b>
<b>NSW Ministry of Health</b> <b>Centre for Population Health, AOD Branch</b> Program Council Quality in Treatment Subcommittee	Advice and development of NSW clinical treatment and services plans, policies and guidelines. Meets bi-monthly.	<b>Suzie Hudson</b> <b>Garth Popple</b> <b>(Board member)</b>
<b>NSW Ministry of Health</b> <b>Centre for Population Health, AOD Branch</b> NGO Contracting Working group	Provide input and guidance on: approaches to ensuring improved accountability and governance structures; methods to ensure quality and safety considerations are built into contractual agreements; ways to streamline contract processes; and the development of common KPIs for service contracts. Meets monthly.	<b>Larry Pierce</b> <b>Robert Stirling</b> <b>Suzie Hudson</b>
<b>NSW Ministry of Health</b> 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.	<b>Suzie Hudson</b> <b>Cass McNamara</b>
<b>NSW Ministry of Health</b> <b>Agency for Clinical Innovation</b>	The purpose of the Drug and Alcohol Network Executive Committee is to provide leadership, strategic direction, advice and guidance for the	<b>Suzie Hudson</b> <b>Fiona Poeder</b>

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Drug and Alcohol Executive Committee	activities of the Drug and Alcohol Network. Meets Quarterly.	
<b>NSW Ministry of Health Centre for Population Health, AOD Branch</b> Working group – landscape analysis and consultation with NSW youth services	The purpose of the working group is to provide advice on a landscape analysis and consultation of NSW Youth Services. The group will meet on three occasions.	<b>Sianne Hodge</b>
<b>NSW Ministry of Health Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network</b> 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.	<b>Rubi Montecinos</b>
<b>Australian Government Department of Health</b> National Treatment Framework Reference Group	This time limited reference group will oversee the development of the Commonwealth's National Treatment Framework that seeks to facilitate a sustainable D&A treatment system Nationally.	<b>Larry Pierce</b>
<b>Australian Institute of Health and Welfare</b> AODTS Data Development Reference Group	The Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services Data Development Reference Group (AODTS RG) has been established to support exploring existing measures of alcohol and other drug (AOD) treatment outcomes and waiting times and any related development work that is planned or underway in Australia as well as developing specifications for agreed data items to be collected nationally.	<b>Suzie Hudson</b>
<b>NSW Family and Community Services</b> Ministerial Advisory Group (MAG) on Vulnerable Children, Young People and Families	The MAG has been established to provide input directly to the Minister Prue Goward in regard to the government's reform agenda to improve lives for vulnerable children, young people and families that are known to or at risk of being known to the children protection system. The MAG provides a platform for the NGO sector to provide advice on existing reform and propose ideas and solutions for future policy.	<b>Michelle Ridley</b>
<b>National Centre for Clinical Research on Emerging</b>	The Centre supports clinical treatment interventions across the AOD spectrum from prevention to	<b>Robert Stirling</b> Board member

<p><b>Drugs of Concern</b> Board – NGO AOD Peak representative</p>	<p>dependence at all levels of severity and for all population groups. The Centre integrates its work with other relevant professional and academic bodies, relevant governments and communities. Meets quarterly.</p>	<p><b>Suzie Hudson</b> Conjoint Lecturer</p>
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## Partnerships and collaborations

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<p><b>Aboriginal Health &amp; Medical Research Council of NSW</b> NSW Aboriginal Residential Healing Drug and Alcohol Network (NARHDAN)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p><b>Suzie Hudson</b></p>
<p><b>Alcohol &amp; Drug Foundation</b> Community Engagement and Action Program Advisory Committee</p>	<p>Provide strategic advice to the Community Engagement and Action Program, including support the direction of Community Drug Action Teams. Meets three times per year.</p>	<p><b>Vicky Lopis</b></p>
<p><b>Clinical Outcome Quality Indicator (COQI) Data Management Group</b></p>	<p>Provide expert advice on the clinical elements of the framework including but not limited to feedback on framework metrics from a clinical perspective, implications for clinical pathways, clinician training and dashboard indicators.  COQI Framework Clinical Consultation Group Meets 3 times over the course of the project</p>	<p><b>Suzie Hudson/ Cass McNamara</b>  <b>Suzie Hudson/Cass McNamara</b></p>
<p><b>Australian Government Department of Health (NSW/ACT office)</b> Partnership Meeting</p>	<p>Regular meeting to discuss national projects, Sector Capacity Building Program and issues affecting the sector. Meets bi-monthly.</p>	<p><b>Robert Stirling Larry Pierce</b></p>
<p><b>EveryMind</b></p>	<p>Provides advice to positively influence the quality of</p>	<p><b>Larry Pierce</b></p>

<i>Mindframe</i> Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Group	reporting on drug and alcohol issues in the media in an effort to improve community attitudes towards people living with drug and alcohol issues; and increase help-seeking behaviour by people experiencing such problems	
<b>Family and Community Services</b> NGO Housing Partners Reference Group	Provides advice and coordinate NGO homelessness services across the health and social services sectors. Meets quarterly	<b>Michelle Ridley</b>
<b>Hepatitis NSW &amp; NADA</b> Partnership Meeting	Regular meeting to discuss the collaborative activities described in the MoU. Meets quarterly.	<b>Robert Stirling</b> <b>Sianne Hodge</b>
<b>Homelessness NSW</b> Sydney Women's Homelessness Alliance	The Sydney Women's Homelessness Alliance (SWHA) is a cross agency sector collaboration aimed at assisting and improving a woman's journey through the complexity of the service system within the inner city. SWHA aims to identify emerging service gaps, segmentation and inequities in terms of service provision for women. Meets monthly.	<b>Michelle Ridley</b>
<b>MHCC and NADA CMHDARN Research Network</b> 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.	<b>Sianne Hodge</b> <b>Suzie Hudson</b>
<b>MHCC and NADA CMHDARN Research Network</b> Steering Committee	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.	<b>Larry Pierce</b> <b>Robert Stirling</b>
<b>MHCC and NADA CMHDARN Research Network</b> Ethics Consultation Committee	Provides consultation and advice to members and academics on research aimed at NGO MH & AOD services and their service users. Meets quarterly.	<b>Suzie Hudson</b>
<b>Mental Health Commission of NSW</b> Review of Headline Indicators to Monitor Mental Health Reform Commission	This Project Steering Committee is tasked to conduct a fit for propose review of the Commissions existing headline indicators of its Living Well Strategic Plan. It will monitor the review of the current progress of the Overall Mental Health reform process in NSW.	<b>Larry Pierce</b> <b>Michelle Ridley</b>

of NSW  Key enablers for building effective localized community based services and supports Project Steering Committee	This Project Steering Committee is to build effective localized community based services and supports. Seeks to identify large or small communities that have delivered outstanding outcomes for people living with or at risk of developing a mental illness and of which demonstrate most of the qualities listed above. The project will investigate and identify the key enablers that allowed these services and supports to develop and flourish.	<b>Michelle Ridley</b>
<b>National Drug and Alcohol Peaks</b> 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.	<b>Vicky Lopis</b> <b>Sianne Hodge</b>
<b>National Drug and Alcohol Peaks</b> 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.	<b>Larry Pierce</b> <b>Robert Stirling</b>
<b>National Drug and Alcohol Peaks Network and Research Centre Collaboration</b>	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.	<b>Larry Pierce</b> <b>Robert Stirling</b>
<b>NSW Council of Social Service (NCOSS)</b> 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.	<b>Cass McNamara</b>
<b>NCOSS</b> Health Equity Alliance	Facilitated by NCOSS, this group discusses broad health policy matters and makes submissions to government on key health program and service delivery issues. HPAG contributes to the development of health component of the NCOSS pre-budget submission to the NSW government.	<b>Larry Pierce</b> <b>Robert Stirling</b>

	Meets quarterly.	
<b>NUAA &amp; NADA</b> Partnership Meeting	Regular meeting to discuss the collaborative activities described in the MoU. Meets quarterly.	<b>Robert Stirling</b> <b>Sianne Hodge</b>
<b>Open Colleges</b> Youth AOD Mental Health Industry Advisory Committee	The aim of the Committee is to provide advice and guidance in regards to industry directions, service delivery, course offerings and learning and assessment strategies. Meets bi-annually.	<b>Sianne Hodge</b>
<b>Primary Health Networks</b>	Regular meeting to discuss statewide planning and coordination  Regional PHN committees Central & Eastern Sydney Community Council Hunter New England D&A Expert Reference Group Murrumbidgee MHDA Expert Reference Group Nepean Blue Mountains Advisory Group South West Sydney DA Working Group WentWest (Western Sydney) AOD Advisory Group	<b>Larry Pierce</b> <b>Robert Stirling</b>  Larry Pierce Robert Stirling Suzie Hudson Suzie Hudson Suzie Hudson Cass McNamara
<b>University of Newcastle and NDARC</b> Alcohol Treatment Centre Study	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.	<b>Robert Stirling</b> <b>Suzie Hudson</b>
<b>University of Wollongong</b> Aftercare Advisory Committee	Advice to a randomised controlled trial of a continuing care telephone intervention following residential substance abuse treatment.	<b>Robert Stirling</b> <b>Michelle Ridley</b>