



NADA Advocacy Sub-Committee Terms of Reference

Establishment Date	March 2018
Chairperson	Larry Pierce
Updates To:	NADA Board
Terms of Office:	2 Years
Secretariat:	NADA
Next Review	March 2019
Review Process	The NADA Advocacy Sub-Committee will review the TOR on initial convening and then on an annual basis.

Rationale

Advocacy is a core process of all publicly funded NGOs and peak bodies in particular. NADA's formal advocacy role has largely focused on systemic sector advocacy through formal representation of NADA in all appropriate committees, councils and meetings in the Alcohol and other Drugs (AOD) sector and more widely within the health space. NADA is an active and well represented organisation in all such formal processes. We have also maintained a network of advocacy relationships with senior bureaucrats at state and federal levels; ministers and staff at state and federal levels; cross sector peak at state and federal levels; research organisations; and a wide range of partner organisations in the AOD, mental health and broader health area. NADA also advocates on behalf of its members and the AOD sector more broadly through its public submissions to all state and federal AOD government review and inquiry processes.

Purpose

The primary function of the Advocacy Sub-committee will be to focus on the external communications and media management role of NADA in relation to government policy and related AOD issues.

Responsibilities and functions

Committee members will be responsible for:

- Providing advice to the NADA Board of Directors on the range and scope of advocacy activities and make recommendations in relation to our advocacy processes and activities.
- Acting as a forum for determining appropriate advocacy responses to issues relating to AOD that arise in the public domain.
- Making recommendations on the messenger (e.g. member, Board president, CEO), content and delivery mechanism of public advocacy messaging by NADA.
- Reviewing annual member feedback on NADA communications and make recommendations to the NADA Board.
- Oversee development of prepared NADA positions/message statements on key D&A issues/policies as identified

It is expected that all members will work together in a collaborative, respectful and collegiate way.

Meeting frequency

The committee will meet formally two to three times per year. However, will also meet through teleconference or via email as public advocacy issues arise.

Quorum

A quorum is required for all meetings representing 50% of the membership plus one.

Decision making

Decisions will be reached by consensus. If this is not possible, then at least a two thirds majority agreement of meeting attendees is required—at the discretion of the Chair.

Privacy and confidentiality

Where discussions and/or information are tabled at a meeting that are of a sensitive nature they will be held in the strictest confidence—Chatham House Rules will apply.

Conflict of interest

It is the responsibility of all committee members to make any conflict of interest known to the Chair. Where a committee member is deemed to have a real or perceived conflict of interest in a matter that is being considered at a meeting, the committee member may be excused from discussions and deliberations on the issue.

NADA's responsibilities

NADA has responsibility for providing secretariat support, communication and coordination of activities.

Reporting relationships

An update of activity will be provided to the NADA Board as a standard agenda item.

Method of evaluation

Annual review of Terms of Reference and committee outputs.

Membership

The membership will be made up of key NADA staff, three (3) board representatives and two (2) NADA Practice Leadership Group (NPLG) representatives.

The committee may also seek feedback from other board, NPLG, or other NADA members based on the service type or population they represent, or skills and experience in a particular content area.

Current members

Name	Position	Organisation	Email
Gabriella Holmes	Board member	MA – Triple Care Farm	HolmesG@missionaustralia.com.au
Mark Buckingham	Board member	Kedesh	mark@kedesh.com.au
Gerard Byrne	Board member	Salvation Army – Recovery Services	Gerard.byrne@aue.salvationarmy.org
Carolyn Stublely	NPLG member	WHOS	carolyns@whos.com.au
Michele Campbell	NPLG member	Lives Lived Well – Lyndon	Michele.Campbell@liveslivedwell.org.au
Mary Harrod	member	NUAA	maryh@nuaa.org.au
Larry Pierce	CEO	NADA	larry@nada.org.au
Robert Stirling	Deputy CEO	NADA	robert@nada.org.au
Suzie Hudson	Clinical Director	NADA	suzie@nada.org.au
Sharon Lee	Communications Officer	NADA	Sharon@nada.org.au

Term

In order to both allow for continuity and new participation, members will be engaged for a 2-year term, with a request for confirmation of continued involvement at 18 months. Expressions of interest for new members will be requested through the NADA board and NPLG.

Consultation with members related to specific areas

Area	Group/network	Member
Aboriginal health	NARHDAN	
AOD policy	NADA Board	
Children	Women's Network	Holyoake
Criminal Justice	MERIT funded members	Community Restorative Centre
Family support		Family Drug Support

Homelessness		Haymarket Foundation, The Station, Lou's Place, WAGEC
LGBTI health		ACON Health, Gender Centre
OTP		WHOS, The Buttery, St Vincent's Hospital, NUAA
Rural health	Rural member list	
Therapeutic approaches	Practice Leadership Group	
Women's health	Women's Network	
Youth health	Youth Network	