

Policy and Advocacy Update

December 2018

Policy contributions and submissions

- NADA provided a brief to the NSW Shadow Health Minister, Hon. Walt Secord in support of a NSW drug summit and enhancing the capacity and sustainability of the NSW AOD workforce
- NADA endorsed a media release from Just Reinvest NSW calling on the Federal Government to provide a formal response to the recommendations contained in the Australian Law Reform Commission's Pathways to Justice report
- AOD Peaks Network provided Shadow Health Minister, Hon. Catherine King MP, with a list of national priority areas

Advocacy and representation

- NADA held a joint forum with the NSW Ministry of Health, with residential rehabilitation providers to
 consult on pathways to treatment, standardised KPIs, and a consultation on a review of the *Drug & Alcohol*Treatment Guidelines for Residential Settings. A communique has been provided back to sector on the
 outcomes
- NADA and AOD Peaks Network met with the Department of Health, the Department of Social Services, the
 Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet regarding a range of issues on behalf of the sector. A <u>Sector</u>
 <u>Watch Update</u> was provided on the outcomes
- NADA asked a question on responding to unmet treatment need <u>at The Great Debate on Health in NSW</u> held by the PHAA at the University of Sydney
- Ministerial meetings: NSW Minister for Health, Hon Brad Hazzard MP, and NSW Shadow Health Minister, Hon Walt Secord MLC
- NADA is participating in the Ministerial Advisory Group (MAG) on Vulnerable Children, Young People and Families that involves meeting monthly with the Hon. Pru Goward MP to discuss ways to improve whole of life outcomes for children and young people
- NADA participated in workshops for Their Futures Matter (TFM) Access System Redesign, which is a key
 initiative for TFM and the NSW Government to develop evidence based, multi-agency system that enables
 vulnerable children, young people and families to access suitable supports and services in a timely manner
- NADA attended the National Treatment Framework consultation to inform the development of the framework
- NADA attended the AODTS NMDS working group and provided an update on data collection in the NGO specialist AOD treatment sector

Sector development

- NADA held sector capacity building workshops on Family and Significant Other Inclusive Practice, Hepatitis
 C, Aboriginal Cultural Awareness and practice methods to engage clients using feedback informed
 treatment by Scott D. Miller PhD
- NADA held a Continuing Coordinated Care (CCC) forum that included a range of presenters for all the CCC workers across the state to meet, network and engage in professional development