

## June 2019

### Policy contributions and submissions

- NADA provided a [submission](#) to the NSW Health Minister and NSW Ministry of Health calling for a doubling of the number of beds in NSW based on DASMP calculations.
- NADA provided a submission to the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug 'Ice'.
- NADA is part of a group of AOD leaders that provided a media release: *Alcohol and other drug treatment services desperate for Federal Budget relief (29/3/19)*. Resulting media in SMH [here](#).
- The AOD Peaks Network provided a submission to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) to express its support for the Australian Government to list the Naloxone Nasal Spray as a reimbursed medication in Australia on the PBS.
- NUAA and NADA sent a joint letter to NSW Ministry of health re NGO involvement in state-wide rollout of the Overdose Response and Take-Home Naloxone project.

### Advocacy and representation

- Ministerial meetings: NSW Ministry of Health, Department of Health, Department of Social Services
- NADA staff have been attending the NSW Ministry of Health consultation workshops on the Clinical Care Standards for AOD Treatment Services
- A staff member attended the Clinical Incident Management Training provided by the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards with the NSW Ministry of Health AOD Branch.
- A NADA update was provided at the NSW Aboriginal Residential Healing Drug and Alcohol Network (NARHDAN) meeting.
- NADA is participating in Quarterly Sector Roundtable on Families and Communities with Minister Ward and other agencies such as; FACS, ABSec, Uniting, The Smith Family, ACWA, NCOSS, MHC, FAMS, YFoundations, Barnardos and other Out of Home Care Providers.
- NADA attended the launch of Mindframe for AOD, a new strategy to support the media and other stakeholders to communicate safely, respectfully and responsibly about AOD.
- NADA met with researchers from the University of Sydney and University of NSW to discuss upcoming projects involving young people who use AOD.
- NADA is providing clinical advice to the review of the Withdrawal Management and Psychosocial Guidelines reviews
- NADA presented at the Family Drug Support International Day.

### Sector development

- NADA held a one-day consultation workshop about exploring healthy relationships in the context of AOD service delivery. This workshop is the first stage of a new project that aims to support our members around working with their clients regarding healthy relationships and family and domestic violence.
- Workshops focused on working more inclusively with families in AOD services were delivered.