

Policy and Advocacy Update

March 2019

Policy contributions and submissions

- NADA and DPMP held a consultation with residential rehabilitation and withdrawal management providers
 to review updated population data in the Drug and Alcohol Service Planning Model. DPMP will provide
 NADA will a report that will be used to inform a proposal to Minister Hazzard and the NSW Ministry of
 Health.
- The AOD Peaks Network provided a <u>media release</u> calling for a \$1B funding boost to AOD treatment services. It is part of a broader campaign with a network of AOD services that have also provided a <u>federal budget submission</u>.

Advocacy and representation

- Ministerial meetings: Minister for Health, Hon Greg Hunt MP, the Shadow Health Minister, Hon. Catherine King MP, and NSW Shadow Health Minister, Hon Walt Secord MLC.
- NADA met with the Commissioner and team from the <u>NSW Special Commission of Inquiry into ice</u> (crystal methamphetamine) and provided formal feedback on the terms of reference.
- NADA met with the Department of Health and the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet to discuss performance measures for the provision of AOD treatment.
- A special working group has been established to look at standardising data and reporting requirements for NSW PHN funded NGO AOD services.
- NADA and AOD Peaks Network met with the Department of Jobs and Small Business to discuss issues
 related to clients on employment benefits. A <u>template</u> has been provided to members to advise
 employment providers about clients in their care.
- NADA attended the NSW National Treatment Framework consultation workshop to inform the next stage in the development of the framework.
- NADA is involved with the Ministry of Health Stigma and Discrimination Working Group
- NADA attended the Launch of the 2018 Women in NSW report and the 2019 Their Futures Matter Conference: Improving Outcomes Together

Sector development

- NADA presented Health of the Workforce project outcomes at the VAADA conference and Quality in Treatment meetings showcasing the ABCs of Self Care and How Are you Going posters.
- NADA and QNADA piloted an NMDS training package in ACT, NSW and QLD that will be rolled out nationally.