

## September 2024

### Policy and submissions

- NADA provided input to draft of the NSW AOD Primary Prevention Framework
- NADA provided feedback to the Department of Health and Aged Care on the Draft Drug and Alcohol Program Research Strategy
- Review of the FARE Alcohol submission, alignment with National NGO AOD Peak
- Partnered with Unharm, NUAA and DPMP on the [Synthetic Opioids Preparedness Plan](#)
- Provided comment on Justice Reform Initiative "Drug Use and the Criminal Justice System" discussion paper.
- Provided a submission to the Alcohol Consumption in Public Places (Liberalisation) Bill and was subsequently asked to provide evidence at a NSW Parliamentary hearing.

### Advocacy and representation

- NADA has a regular meeting with the NSW Health Minister's Office and the Centre for Alcohol and other Drugs to discuss the NSW Drug Summit.
- NADA was part of a consultation by Ernst and Young on the review of National Drug Strategy.
- NADA is on the Secure Jobs and Funding Certainty Leadership Group led by DCJ and is involved in workings groups on long term funding arrangements and Community Services Funding Framework.
- NADA attended meetings with DVNSW, Fams and No To Violence to discuss strategies on how the sectors can work better together.
- DCJ Roundtable membership has been finalised and the structure revised to consist of an executive committee and three working groups; Aboriginal Families in Focus, Youth in Focus and Parents in Focus. Meetings are held quarterly with membership consisting of Department of Communities and Justice, Ministry of Health, Mental Health and the Centre for Alcohol and Other Drugs and a range of NADA member representatives.
- **NADA continues to represent the sector with key stakeholders:** NSW Ministry of Health; Department of Health and Aged Care; DSS Community Grants Hub; NIAA; PHNs; ACDAN; ADARRN; AADC; AOD Peaks Network; ATCA, NUAA, ACI,; DPMP; MHCC; NCOSS; NCETA; USyd Matilda Centre, UQ, UoW, UNSW, TAFENSW, HumanAbility Jobs and Skills Council.
- **Ongoing meeting representation:** NSW Ministry of Health AOD NGO Reference Group; DAPC, QIT Sub Committee, CAOD Values Based Health Care Advisory Group and working groups, Living and Lived Experience Workforce Steering Committee, ACI D&A Executive Committee; AADC Members Council; AADC Policy Officers Network, NCOSS: Peaks CEO Meeting; FONGA; NCOSS Health Equity Alliance, HumanAbility Community Services Industry Advisory Committee, CMHDARN Operations Meeting, Edith Collins Aboriginal Reference Group, Aboriginal Strategic Collaboration Group CAOD, MoH Strategic Research and Evaluation Advisory Group, Secure Jobs and Funding Certainty Leadership Group, Ministry of Health AOD Charter Co-design, Clinical Care Standards Working Group, WentWest PHN Communities of Practice,

South Western Sydney Interagency meeting, CESPNN Strategy Workshop, NSW Hepatitis C Strategy Implementation Group, consultation on CRMAF (DFV) with UNSW, Clinical Care Standards Workforce Development training package: suitability for the Aboriginal AOD workforce, Hepatitis C Implementation Committee Meeting.

- NADA senior staff have attended with the COAD at the Clinical Care Standards Roadshow workshops across NSW including Illawarra Shoalhaven, Western Sydney, Murrumbidgee, Far West, St Vincents Hospital, Northern Sydney, Hunter New England.
- The Ministry of Health ran ATOP training for the CCCP and the new Hubs which was also attended by NADA staff.
- **NADA staff presented at:** Australian Winter School; AIHW NMDS Working Group; Working with Women in AOD treatment training; AADC Webinar on gender-based violence; TheMHS in collaboration with the Matilda Centre on the capability building project, Women's Community Shelters on Minimising Risk for better client outcomes.

Information on NADA's policy and advocacy work, including Sector Watch and the meetings that NADA represents its members, is available on the NADA website [here](#).