

December 2024

Policy and submissions

- Commonwealth Inquiry into the health impacts of alcohol and other drugs as well as contribution to the AADC submission
- Inquiry into prevalence, causes and impacts of loneliness in NSW
- Signed open letter to the NSW Premier on the impact of strip searches to young people, led by Redfern Legal Centre in the lead up to the Summit
- Prepared papers to ahead of the NSW Drug Summit, including a [Position Paper](#) supplementary papers on [NGO funding asks](#), [outcomes](#) achieved by the NGO sector and [wait times](#) to access NGO treatment services. NADA also developed a paper to establish an [education centre](#) for the AOD and neighbouring sectors. NADA built a dedicated [webpage](#) as a hub of relevant info and resources for the Summit.
- NADA CEO represented members in a range of media: ABC 7.30, ABC News, SBS News, a number of radio programs, as well as The Guardian, SMH, ABC, Croakey and a range of other print/online media.

Advocacy and representation

- Regular meeting with the NSW Health Minister's Office and the Centre for Alcohol and other Drugs to discuss the NSW Drug Summit. NADA also met with the NSW Police Minister, Leader of the Opposition, the Shadow Health Minister, and a number of other key stakeholders to support the sectors positions.
- 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.
- Attended peak body consultation workshop on the NSW Portable long service leave scheme to refine the proposed regulation.
- Held meetings with DVNSW, Fams and No to Violence to discuss strategies on how the sectors can work better together.
- DCJ Roundtable membership and structure is finalised and includes an executive committee and three working groups; Aboriginal Families in Focus, Youth in Focus and Parents in Focus. Quarterly meetings are held with members including DCJ, MoH, 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; NSW Dept of Community Service; NIAA; PHNs; ACDAN; ADARRN; AADC; ACOSS; AOD Peaks Network; ATCA, NUAA, ACI,; DPMP; MHCC; NCOS; NCETA; DVNSW; DACRIN; 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 and Expert Advisory Groups; ACI D&A Executive Committee; State and Territory Peaks Network; AADC Members Council; AADC Policy Officers Network; NCOSS Peaks CEO Meeting; FONGA; NCOSS Health Equity Alliance, NSW Health NGO Advisory Committee; HumanAbility Community Services Industry Advisory Committee & Technical 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 Stigma and Discrimination Working Group; Clinical Care Standards Working Group; WentWest PHN Communities of Practice; South Western Sydney Interagency meeting; consultation on CRMAF (DFV) with UNSW; Clinical Care Standards Workforce Development training package: suitability for the Aboriginal AOD workforce; Hepatitis C Implementation Committee Meeting; HMHA Steering Committee; NSW Education in Addiction Advisory Group; Take Home Naloxone Advisory Group; National Practice Standards Steering Committee; Advisory Group to inform development of resources for families and carers (Ministry); Humanability NSW Roadshow consultation; NSW Strategy Implementation Workshop for NSW Strategy for Young people's health and wellbeing 2025-35;

- 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, SESLHD region (Kogarah and Surry Hills), Westmead Hospital (youth services).
- The Ministry of Health ran ATOP training for the CCCP and the new Hubs which was also attended by NADA staff.
- NADA staff participated in the NSW Drug Summit in Griffith, Lismore and Sydney

NADA staff presented at: Lisbon Addictions Conference; APSAD; ACDAN Symposium; Working with Women in AOD treatment training; Women's Community Shelters on Minimising Risk for better client outcomes, delivered face-to-face and on-line Working with People with cooccurring AOD use and mental health training with MHCC.

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](#).