



NADA MEMBER EMAIL UPDATE 11 AUGUST 2010

This is a fortnightly email update for NADA members

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NOTICE BOARD

► NADA 2010 Creating Synergy Drug and Alcohol Conference Attendance/Participation Reimbursement Grants

Applications Closing Soon! 1st September

NSW Health is supporting NADA members to attend the 2010 Creating Synergy Drug and Alcohol Conference.

You can apply to NADA for a Conference Participation Reimbursement Grant once your abstract has been accepted, or if you would like to attend the conference, you can apply to NADA for a Conference Attendance Reimbursement Grant. Click [here](#) for more details or contact [Mahlia](#).

► Clinical supervision scheme for postgraduate psychology placements in AOD services

The scheme administered by the Australian Psychological Society (APS), places postgraduate psychology students in 40 day placements at non government alcohol and other drug (AOD) services, whilst funding clinical supervisors for the placements and offering incentives to the hosting service. Recruitment of non government AOD services to host placements is currently taking place. For more information please visit the [APS website](#).

► Equal remuneration case for social and community sector workers

This Australian Council of Social Services (ACOSS) article aims to 'resource all social and community sector workers about the national equal remuneration pay case and the campaign for funding of the anticipated recommendations'. The article offers links to the online resource kit developed by ACOSS for sector organisations to lobby government and non-government sources of funding. Click here to read more: [Equal remuneration case for social and community sector workers](#)

► Working with traumatised clients in AOD services: Worker Survey

The National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC), in collaboration with the National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction (NCETA), is looking for AOD workers from across Australia to participate in a study which aims to examine the impact of working with traumatised clients. Participation would involve completion of an anonymous online survey that would take approximately 15 minutes to complete. For further information [click here](#).

► Mental Health Matters Awards

Nominations Closing Soon! 5pm Friday 20 August 2010

The Mental Health Matters Awards are designed to recognise the achievements of individuals and organisations who have worked to improve understanding, awareness, service provision and the general betterment of the mental health of our community, over the past 12 month. For further information click [here](#).

► Rural Health Continuing Education Program Grants Open

Closing 20 August 2010

The Rural Health Continuing Education (RHCE) program supports qualified health professionals living and working in rural and remote Australia to undertake continuing professional development activities. For more information, click [here](#). Or contact the [RHCE program management team](#) on (02) 6162 3374/ Freecall 1800 987 440.

► The Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme

Applications close 20 August 2010

The scheme aims to help address the underrepresentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in health professions and assist in increasing the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with professional health qualifications. For more information click [here](#).

► Community Relations Commission - 2011 Community Development Grants Program

Applications close 10 September

Not for profit incorporated organisations can apply to receive up to \$5,000 for annual festivals or major cultural events scheduled no earlier than 1 December 2010. Click [here](#) to download the application form or visit the [website](#)

► **Accreditation/quality improvement support grants from OATSIH**

Applications close 15 September 2010

Eligible organisations are those that receive the majority of their recurrent funding for health service delivery, as their core business, from the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH). For more information, visit [OATSIH website](#).

► **AERF: Innovative Project and Conference Attendance Grants**

Applications close 30 September 2010.

The Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation Ltd currently has two grants rounds open, one for Innovative Projects (capped at \$20,000 per grant) from organisations introducing distinctly new initiatives to the sector and another for organisations seeking to enhance the professional expertise of their staff for financial assistance to attend conferences during 2010 and 2011. Click [here](#) for more information.

CALENDAR

NADA EVENTS

► **NADA Health Promotion Forum: Community Engagement**

22 September, 10:30am-12:30pm (followed by a networking lunch) at NADA

This practical forum will provide participants with: an introduction to community engagement in the drug and alcohol sector, information about working with the media and an interactive hypothetical situation based on binge drinking / poly drug use. Please RSVP to [Sarah](#) on 02 8113 1308 by **Friday 17 September 2010**.

► **A Tale of Two Systems: Alcohol and Other Drug and Mental Health Co-occurrence. National Improved Services Initiative Forum 7 and 8 October 2010**

The Shores, West Beach SA

The Forum will provide an opportunity for all recipients of the Improved Services Initiative funding to come together to: showcase examples of best practice in capacity building; hear from experts in the field; discuss the outcomes, success and challenges experienced; explore opportunities for sustainability. Registration forms and more information will be sent out shortly. Contact [Robert](#) for more information.

► **NADA/MHCC Conference 2010, including NADA AGM - Save the Date**

6 and 7 December 2010

Novotel Sydney Manly Pacific

More details to follow in the coming months.

OTHER EVENTS

► **Informing Reflective Practice Series Tutorials**

Every Friday

Lyndon Withdrawal Unit, Bloomfield Campus, Orange NSW.

For more information or to confirm your attendance contact Rod MacQueen on 02 6362 5444

► **SMART Recovery facilitator training**

RSVP by 13 August 2010

DUBBO 24 August 2010, BROKEN HILL 26 August 2010

The SMART Recovery program focuses on changing irrational thinking and behaviours and achieving a healthy lifestyle balance. To register click [here](#), or contact [Josette Freeman](#) for more information.

► **Safer Injecting Workshop – Sydney Medically Supervised Injecting Centre**

25 August 2010

Enrolment is now open for a half-day course instructing workers in the practical aspects of safer injecting within a harm-minimisation model. For more information please contact [Rohan Glasgow](#) or click [here](#).

► **ACON Workshops: Building and Maintaining a GLBT Affirmative AOD Service**

August – September 2010

To register, click [here](#) or contact Jeff Johnston on 02 4927 6808 for more information.

► **Consultation on Drug and Alcohol Issues (convened by the Australian National Council on Drugs)**

19 August 2010

Rydges World Square, Sydney

The ANCD offers an opportunity to voice your concerns on drug and alcohol issues in the community. For more information and to register, contact 02 6166 9600 or ancd@ancd.org.au

► **Generation Next seminar: The mental health and wellbeing of young people 2010**

10 September 2010

Mathews Lecture Theatre - UNSW, Sydney

For more information click [here](#) or phone 1300 797 794.

► **How to Intervene Effectively with Hard to Hold Clients**

21 and 22 September 2010

VIBE Hotel North Sydney

For more information contact 02 6628 2901 or sally@ppleducation.com.au. For registration details, click [here](#).

► **An Introduction to Working with Individuals Who Self Abuse**

Thursday 23 and Friday 24 September 2010

Zimmerman House, Newcastle

Click [here](#) to view the Safe in Oz website or contact Annie Slocombe – 0433 085 367 or Di Wines – 0417 303 505

► **Hepatitis for Health Care Workers - On-line Course**

5 October - 19 November 2010

This 7 week course provides an overview of current information on viral hepatitis with a focus on hepatitis C. For enquiries or to register, contact the [Albion Street Centre](#) on 9332 9720

ADVOCACY AND POLICY

► **Discussion paper on Health reform in NSW**

NSW Health has released a discussion paper proposing the establishment of 17 Local Health Networks (LHN) in NSW. There is a 4 week consultation period. The [Discussion Paper](#) proposes 15 LHNs comprising a group of hospitals with geographical or functional links which will work closely with new Medicare Locals to ensure better integration of services. In addition there will be 2 specialist networks – the Sydney Children’s Hospitals Network (Randwick and Westmead) and Forensic Services. The paper gives an outline of the responsibilities and governance arrangements of LHNs. NADA will be preparing a response to this paper that will seek to clarify the place of the non government drug and alcohol sector in these arrangements.

Details about NADA’s policy activity are available from our [website](#).

MEDIA

► **NADA Media Release**

Recognition and resources for comprehensive mental health and drug and alcohol services

Following the disturbing episode of *Four Corners* titled *Hidden voices*, NADA is calling for a renewed focus on the state of the mental health and drug and alcohol service systems and the current approaches that perpetuate a focus on hospital beds and acute, crisis-driven services. Click [here](#) to read the full media release.

► **NADA Advocate**

The NADA ADVOCATE (Vol 3, Issue 3) is available from the [NADA website](#)

NADA PROJECT UPDATE

► **New project: Research Network**

NADA and the Mental Health Coordinating Council (MHCC) have recently commenced a new partnership project, the NGO Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Research Network. The Research Network aims to build the capacity of non government mental health and drug and alcohol services to engage in research and develop more strategic and long term relationships with researchers. The three year project will involve a variety of activities to engage NGOs in research including: workshops, forums, resources, discussion groups and a seeding grants program.

► **Welcome to the New Research Coordinator**

We would like to welcome [Ian Flaherty](#) to the role of Research Network Coordinator. Ian has been conducting social research at the University of Sydney over the past six years and working with mental health service providers in policy. More recently he was involved on a research project with DAMEC as part of the NSW Health NGO mental health and drug and alcohol research grants program. Look out for a brief profile on Ian on our website in coming weeks and be sure to introduce yourself at the next available opportunity.

RESOURCES

▶ **Voices on choices: working towards consumer-led alcohol and drug treatment**

This study, authored by Anglicare Tasmania, explores approaches towards consumer engagement in drug and alcohol treatment services. Click [here](#) to read the report

▶ **Finding the right help: Pathways for culturally diverse clients with cannabis and mental health issues**

DAMEC and NCPIC recently completed a qualitative study examining the experiences of those with co-existing issues engaging with mental health or alcohol and other drug services. [Click here](#) to download the full report.

▶ **Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet Website**

Indigenous Health Workers Plain Language section has been developed to provide Indigenous Health Workers with up to date easily accessible information on a range of health conditions. [Click here](#) to visit the site.

Indigenous Health – Criminal Justice Web Resource is a 'one-stop info-shop' for people working, studying or interested in the health of Indigenous people involved in the criminal justice system. [Click here](#) to view.

▶ **The integration of homelessness, mental health and drug and alcohol services in Australia, *Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute***

This recently released paper aims to increase understanding of ways in which homelessness, mental health and drug and alcohol services could be integrated to provide services to homeless people, click [here](#) to view the paper.

▶ **Not For Profit Risk Survey 2010**

This study provides a snapshot of how not for profit participant's view their risk management practices. Click [here](#) to view the report.

▶ **New - Web Resource launched by Hepatitis Australia**

Visit the new web resource - www.loveyourliver.com.au - for information on hepatitis and how to help care for your liver.

▶ **Hep C IDU harm reduction posters (NSW only)**

Hepatitis NSW has released their latest six harm reduction posters. Click [here](#) to view or If you would like a set of six (or several sets), email pharvey@hep.org.au with your postal address to have copies sent free of charge.

▶ **The Drug Policy Modelling Program “Australian (illicit) drug policy timeline 1985-2010” has been updated**

A complete list of events from this and previous periods is available through the DPMP website [here](#). Comments or suggested inclusions are welcomed by [Caitlin Hughes](#)

▶ **Of Substance July 2010**

The July issue includes an article on Drug and Alcohol Recruitment: innovation the solution [attracting and retaining AOD workers] by J. Tinworth (pp 26-28). Click [here](#) to view the current issue online.

▶ **CentreLines**

The latest issue of CentreLines is now available on the NDARC website. Click [here](#) to view.

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