

INVITATION

You are invited to attend a stakeholder forum to provide input into the:

“preferred option for funding the Alcohol and Other Drug NGO sector”

On: Thursday 22nd October, 2009

At: 9.30 am – 4.00 pm

Where: Mary MacKillop (Lochaber Centre), 7 Mount St, North Sydney

RSVP by Monday 12th October, 2009

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Aim of the stakeholder forum

The purpose of the stakeholder forum is to present the funding options paper that has been developed with reference to information drawn from previous stakeholder workshops and associated consultations. We aim to gain stakeholder input into the preferred option for funding AOD NGO residential treatment, non-residential treatment and non-treatment services. There will also be discussion about the future role of the AOD NGO sector and how best it can work with public sector AOD services as input into a future direction paper that is being prepared for presentation to the second stakeholder forum.

Issues to be discussed at the stakeholder forum

Issues that we expect to discuss in the workshop and receive stakeholder input on include:

- the options presented for funding AOD NGO residential treatment, non-residential treatment and non-treatment services;
- the relative strengths and weaknesses of each option as presented in the options paper in the context of the range of services provided by AOD NGOs;
- the data including performance indicators that might be exchanged as part of AOD NGO funding arrangements;
- directions for continuing refinement of the AOD NGO funding model; and
- the future role of the AOD NGO sector and how it can best work with public sector AOD services.

Outcome of the stakeholder forum

The intention of the forum is that a preferred option for funding AOD NGO services in each category will emerge. Following the stakeholder forum we will refine our funding options paper to finalise our recommendations on the funding approach as well as formulating strategies for implementation of the recommended funding approach. We will then draft a future direction paper that will examine options for how the AOD NGO sector can best work with the public sector AOD services that will be used as the basis for the second stakeholder forum to be held on November 19th to receive stakeholder input and comment on the paper.