

ACT AOD Sector Project

Monthly Summary Report

October - November 2008

This document outlines key outputs of the ACT AOD Sector Project from mid October – mid November 2008.

Key ACT AOD Sector Project activities:

- From 17 October – 16 November 2008 the AOD Sector Project website has received 182 visits from 135 unique visitors. There have been 530 page views, the most popular being the AOD eBulletin and Directory pages.
- The November AOD Sector eBulletin was compiled, edited and distributed to subscribers on Wednesday 5 November 2008. AOD Sector eBulletin subscribers have increased from 364 to 377.
- A Workers' Group meeting was held on Thursday 13 October 2008. Key items that were discussed included the Workforce Development Initiative and planning for 2009. 13 workers attended from the following services:
 - ACT AOD Sector Project Team
 - Alcohol and Drug Foundation ACT (ADFACT)
 - Alcohol and Drug Program, ACT Health
 - AOD Policy Unit, ACT Health
 - Canberra Alliance for Harm Minimisation and Advocacy (CAHMA)
 - Gagan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation
 - Lesleys Place, Toora
 - Sobering Up Shelter, Centacare Canberra
 - WIREDD, Toora
- An end of year lunch was held on Thursday 13 October for the AOD Workers' Group and Comorbidity Strategic Working Group, to thank workers for their involvement in progressing project activities in 2008.
- Katrina Champion has been hired as a member of the Project Team to progress the Workforce Development Initiative.
- A final draft of the Year 2 Guiding Values, Project Principles, Aim and Objectives was circulated to the Executive Directors group for endorsement.
- A final draft of the Phase Two Project Evaluation has been submitted by David McDonald to the Youth Coalition of the ACT.

Some key items to arise include:

- The Project Team and the Workers' Group have, and will continue to, review Key Project Documentation for Year 2 of the Project. The development of key documentation will be delayed until endorsement is received from the Executive Directors Group for the Year 2 Guiding Values, Project Principles, Aim and Objectives.

Key Comorbidity Project activities:

- The ACT Improved Services Grant Recipients' Network was held on Tuesday 28 October 2008. Items discussed included:
 - Planning opportunities for sharing and collaboration between Grant Recipients in implementing project activities; and,
 - Planning project activities for 2009.
- The ACT Comorbidity Strategic Working Group meeting was held on Thursday 13 November 2008. This meeting included a joint lunch with the ACT AOD Workers Group. Items discussed included:
 - Further development of a response to the draft *ACT Mental Health Services Plan 2008 - 2013*;
 - Identifying key needs relating to comorbidity for consumers, workers and services; and
 - Identifying and planning activities for 2009.
- Progression of the Comorbidity Mapping Resources template to identify existing resources relating to comorbidity in the ACT.
- Progression of the Comorbidity Needs Assessment, which will be implemented with grant recipients and the ACT AOD Sector.
- Continued participation in the Comorbidity Coordinators Networking Group, with two national teleconferences held.

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