



Western Queensland Primary Health Network

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

2025/26 – 2028/29 Activity Work Plan

ACTIVITY: AOD - 1 - DATS-NIASOP&M-1 (26-27) NIAS OPERATIONAL AND MAINSTREAM FUNDING

Activity Priorities and Description

PROGRAM KEY PRIORITY AREA

Alcohol and Other Drugs

AIM OF ACTIVITY

That people living in the WQPHN region seeking drug and alcohol support have access to both mainstream and Indigenous-specific treatment services tailored to their needs.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

Continue to work with specialist/accredited drug and alcohol treatment service providers to ensure integration with the primary health system with the goal to improve referral pathways, joined-up care and coordinated efforts between primary health care, specialist (e.g. substance use disorder) services and research/training institutes.

Support and expand the adoption of evidence-based integrated assessment tools and referral pathways to improve prevention, care coordination and recovery, including through better integration with mental health and psycho-social care providers and other networks.

Support community engagement/education and AOD-related stigma and discrimination reduction designed to; improve community awareness of the NHMRC Alcohol Guidelines and; harm reduction, reduced or healthier substance use and earlier help seeking for AOD concerns.

Continue to engage and work with primary and general practice, with a focus on building greater confidence and capacity to offer evidence-based screening, assessment, care and referral for client/patient with AOD concerns and promote awareness of, and access to, locally based specialised services and where appropriate shared care planning pathways to promote more effective referral and care, particularly for those with dual diagnoses and/or requiring out-of-region residential detox/rehab.

Participate in national dialogues planned to improve and collect meaningful First Nations AOD data, and monitor and review AOD data and health intelligence to inform joint planning and evaluation of services and support commissioned service providers to work within the stepped care approach.

Needs Assessment Priorities

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

WQPHN JRHNA 2025-2026

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Activity Demographics

TARGET POPULATION COHORT

People at risk of developing problematic or harmful alcohol and drug issues, or living with diagnosed substance use disorders in communities across the WQPHN catchment.

Activity Consultation and Collaboration

CONSULTATION

- Clinical and Consumer Advisory Committees
- Queensland Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies (QNADA)
- Local Mental Health Networks
- Regional Mental Health and AOD Round Tables
- WQPHN MH Consortia (broad sector organisational membership)
- AOD Capacity Building Networks
- Nukal Murra Alliance
- HHSs - SW, CW, NW
- ADIS
- QPHNs
- Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC)
- Queensland Network and Alcohol and Drug Agencies (QNADA)
- Clean Slate Clinic
- Primary Practices – HHS, Private and ACCHO

COLLABORATION

- Commissioned service providers (Lives Lived Well, DrugARM, North Western Remote Health, Clean Slate Clinic)
- Nukal Murra Alliance (Goondir Health Services, Gidgee Healing, Charleville and Western Areas Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Community Health (CWAATSICH), Cunnamulla Aboriginal Corporation for Health (CACH)
- Queensland Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies (QNADA)
- Ngarnal Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service
- HHSs - SW, CW, NW
- Local Government Organisations
- Local Drug Action Teams

Activity Milestone Details/Duration

ACTIVITY START DATE

01/07/2024

ACTIVITY END DATE

30/06/2027



ACTIVITY: AOD - 1 - DATS-CDAOP-1 (26-27) CORE AOD AND OPERATIONAL

Activity Priorities and Description

PROGRAM KEY PRIORITY AREA

Alcohol and Other Drugs

AIM OF ACTIVITY

To increase access to drug and alcohol indigenous specific treatment services in the North West region which includes the Lower Gulf and Mt Isa and surrounds, in collaboration with AICCHS.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

Commission the provision of services by North West Remote Health (NWRH) in Doomadgee, continue to support Gidgee Healing and Ngarnal, including supporting workforce capacity to provide alcohol and other drug services within a culturally appropriate wider Social and Emotional Wellbeing (SEWB) model of care.

Continue to commission and implement a Primary Care telehealth-based Alcohol Detoxification Service with Clean Slate Clinic through clinical partnerships with primary health practices, ACCHOs, and other relevant service providers, delivering home-based detoxification for suitable clients referred through a range of established pathways, including regional recovery and accommodation centres, primary care, alcohol and other drug services, hospitals, and community-based health and social support services.

Alongside other AOD-specific workforce capacity building support, refine and continue support for training and integration of the Men-zies School of Health Research e-Mental Health Stay Strong application to increase screening, health coaching and goal setting within a stepped care referral construct, and to support team care arrangements, including; referral to Clean Slate Clinic home-based tele detox and out-of-region residential rehabilitation services; regional recovery and accommodation centres and/or Clean Slate Clinic for assessment for need/suitability for telehealth detox support and; promote wider wellbeing through General/Primary Practice and ACCHO pathways.

Coordinate with commissioned ACCHO partners to offer training, integration and better use of the available and suitable culturally appropriate applications to support quality, consistency and alignment of SEWB/AOD programs across the WQPHN region, and linkage supported to stepped care approaches and integration of tools with both the ACCHOS model of care and each agencies individual record keeping/reporting systems.

Continue to support a culturally sensitive service co-design process in collaboration with Gidgee Healing, Ngarnal and other First part-ners on Mornington Island, and Doomadgee and enable alignment with the WQPHN Joint Regional Mental Health, Suicide Prevention and Alcohol and Other Drugs Plan, Nukal Murra Social and Emotional Wellbeing Framework and Commissioning Frameworks.

Needs Assessment Priorities

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Activity Demographics

TARGET POPULATION COHORT

People living with or with high risk factors for problematic substance use issues and/or diagnosed substance use disorders.

Activity Consultation and Collaboration

CONSULTATION

- Nukal Murra Alliance Members (CWAATSICH, Gidgee Healing, CACH, Ngarnal & Goondir)
- North West Remote Health Wellbeing activities
- Hospital and Health Services (CW, NW & SW)
- Mt Isa Recovery Centre - Salvation Army
- Normanton Recovery Centre - Gidgee Healing
- Mornington Island and Doomadgee Health Council
- Local Indigenous Elders Groups and cultural authorities
- Mornington Shire Council
- Doomadgee Community Council
- Mount Isa Council
- Clean Slate Clinic
- Queensland Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies (QNADA)

COLLABORATION

- Nukal Murra Alliance Members (CWAATSICH, Gidgee Healing, CACH, Goondir and Ngarnal)
- Hospital and Health Services (CW, NW & SW)
- Mornington Island Health Council
- NWRH
- RFDS

Activity Milestone Details/Duration

ACTIVITY START DATE

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30/06/2027



ACTIVITY: AOD - 1 - DATS-NIASIND-1 (26-27) NIAS ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE

Activity Priorities and Description

PROGRAM KEY PRIORITY AREA

Alcohol and Other Drugs

AIM OF ACTIVITY

Co-design and implement Indigenous-specific drug and alcohol services in collaboration with AICCHS to support greater companion social and emotional wellbeing services to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People across the region.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

Commission culturally competent and responsive AOD treatment support services through the implementation of the Nukal Murra So-cial and Emotional Wellbeing Framework and integration of the Menzies eMental Health Stay Strong App (SSA) within a primary mental health model of stepped care.

Coordinate support and work with Nukal Murra Alliance members to ensure that commissioned drug and alcohol services are integrated within primary health systems including local stepped care approach through universal culturally appropriate methods, tools and assessments, low intensity support, including prevention, treatment and recovery support, and the enhanced management of dual di-agnoses through team care and better access to specialist substance use disorder services.

Support Nukal Murra Alliance members to develop their capacity and confidence, and adopt referral pathways, to improve treatment, care coordination and recovery through better integration with wider social and cultural care provider networks.

Strengthen and enhance the workforce, including development and maintenance of relationships between mainstream and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health services.

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TARGET POPULATION COHORT

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people directly or indirectly at risk of, or living with, substance use issues or substance use disorders in communities across the WQPHN catchment.

Activity Consultation and Collaboration

CONSULTATION

- Clinical and Consumer Committees
- Queensland Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies (QNADA)
- Queensland Aboriginal & Islander Health Council (QAIHC)
- Mental Health Network
- Regional Mental Health and AOD Round Tables
- WQPHN MH Consortia
- AOD Capacity Building Networks
- Nukal Murra Alliance
- HHSs - SW, CW, NW
- Clean Slate Clinic

COLLABORATION

- Nukal Murra Alliance (Goondir Health Services, Gidgee Healing, Charleville and Western Areas Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Community Health (CWAATSICH), Cunnamulla Aboriginal Corporation for Health (CACH), Ngarnal Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service (NACCHOS))
- Queensland Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies (QNADA)
- HHSs - SW, CW, NW

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