



Key Themes from Tuesdays with Nexus **10 November 2020 - 9.30am**

This week is 'Always was, always will be' NAIDOC week

16 people attended this session – Thank you for your participation.

Presenters:

Lachlan McKenzie, Health promotion Officer, and Kelly Preece, Financial Counsellor how to support clients coming out of lockdown – Gamblers Help Team Banyule Community Health – see slides attached.

Keryn Ralph- Update from Uniting Care ReGen on AOD treatment services and responses during the pandemic.

Change in past 2 weeks of non-attendance but also more calls for Intake – seeking face to-face and outreach, increased FV intake (25 % increase sec consults through Pandemic but this has remained stable – single session approach), Increase rate of female clients esp alcohol use, Increased substance use overall, overdose prevention team saw increase in demand, Catalyst day program increase attendance via zoom online 6 week program – this has enabled a statewide attendance, aware of opportunity for people who can't travel but also containment of behaviours that might be problematic in Face-to-face group service, Residential waitlist has increased due to staffing limitations and restrictions due to COVID-19 as not able to have rolling intake through out the week. Increases in prices noted early in pandemic but recently increases in polysubstance use has been noted. More recently increases in sick leave of staff have been noted.

Naming and profile focus change: Previously Uniting Care – Regen to be phased out and becoming Uniting for MH and AOD (Dual Diagnosis focus for service provision moving into the future).

Currently undergoing structural changes at Uniting.

Links shared:

https://gamblershelp.com.au/get-help/find-support/?gclid=Cj0KCQIA7qP9BRCLARIsABDaZzgiS73ITlbCpBXAYopBUUFyDA_vrv1fACYN3otN2ZO4uO7eWvPdGuEaAn0IEALw_wcB



NAIDOC Week:

NAIDOC week <https://www.naidoc.org.au/get-involved/naidoc-week-events>

Webinar

'Always was, always will be' NAIDOC week Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Residential Rehabilitation Network model of care 12 November 2020, 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Join NADA Aboriginal Program Manager, Raechel Wallace and members from the [Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Residential Rehabilitation Network](#) (ADARRN) to celebrate NAIDOC week and explore their journey in the development of the ADARRN model of care and the incorporation of the ADARRN in the NSW Alcohol and other Drugs specialist treatment sector.

Key learning outcomes of this webinar are:

- understanding the significance of Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations in the provision of AOD treatment for Aboriginal people
- understanding what a culturally specific Model of Care is and how it informs the treatment process
- make links with the NADA Workforce capability framework domains 2 Communication and engagement, 3 Access and equity and 4 Ethical, safe and responsible practice.

Register now

See our other resources

- **Alcohol and other drugs treatment guidelines for working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people – in a non-Aboriginal setting** [Learn more](#)
- **Aboriginal inclusion tool** [Learn more](#)

Extra Resources

Turning Point are screening a show on SBS 10 November 2020 – “Addiction” (lived experience profiles)



ABOUT THE SBS SERIES

[Addicted Australia](#) is a four-part SBS documentary series set to air weekly at 8.30pm from Tuesday 10 November 2020. It will provide a unique insight into addiction, stigma and treatment by following ten clients, their clinicians, peer support group and families and friends as they take part in a six-month treatment program designed by Turning Point. The series will be rated Mature Audience (MA15+) and is not suitable for people aged under 15 years.

The series will cover alcohol, gambling and drug addiction, treatment (including peer and family support) as well as address the social issues that worsen the stigma and isolation associated with addiction.

ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN TO RETHINK ADDICTION

The large national audience expected for the series will provide an unparalleled opportunity to reshape the public discourse around addiction and its treatment. To seize this opportunity, Turning Point has facilitated the establishment of [Rethink Addiction](#), an independent group of like-minded organisations that are calling for a shift to Australia's attitude to addiction and treatment.

The campaign seeks to educate the general public about the real stories of addiction so that the damaging stigma around addiction and treatment can be removed. It is also calling on key decision makers to commit to making addressing addiction a national priority.

While Rethink Addiction is under the auspices of Turning Point, it remains a wholly collaborative initiative to educate and mobilise the general public so that we can demonstrate the national priority to state and federal governments. The campaign does not actively promote Turning Point services or serve to fundraise.

HOW THIS WILL IMPACT THE SECTOR

We expect that there will be increased community awareness about addiction as a result of the series and associated campaign which is likely to result in a significant increase in people seeking information, treatment and support from helplines, primary care and the AOD and gambling sectors.

GETTING INVOLVED IN THE CAMPAIGN

We would welcome the opportunity for your organisation to join the campaign to Rethink Addiction and there are a number of ways to get involved.

1. Become a Rethink Addiction partner for change

Join the campaign and have your organisation's logo in the 'About' section of the campaign website. Partnerships will help further the reach of the campaign and strengthen our call for change. See our current partners [here](#).

2. Help spread the word



Promote the campaign and the upcoming series among your networks and through social media channels (see links below). The campaign team can assist by providing talking points and collateral for promotion through your networks.

[Facebook](#)

[Twitter](#)

[Instagram](#)

3. Content creation

Help the campaign source and create content that de-stigmatises addiction. This can take the form of [sharing stories of addiction](#), drafting blog/vlog posts, a sit-down interview with experts or any other activity that will encourage the general public to visit our website.

Please contact the campaign manager, Andrew Stewart on 0423 939 733 or at andrew@michelsonalexander.com.au for further information and to discuss how to get involved in the campaign.

Turning Point's Virtual Open Day on Homelessness

Posted to ENews on behalf of Turning Point

Turning Point clinical teams are inviting our sector partners, colleagues and clinicians to join us in this series of informal online events, a space to share, network and connect around better ways of working.

Our first Virtual Open Day on Homelessness is on Tuesday 10 November. It is an opportunity to meet with, and share stories with, other services that work in the AOD sector, including:

- Launch Housing
- Justice Connect
- Turning Point - Ready 2 Change
- Turning Point - AOD Pathways

Program

12:30pm - Welcome & introduction

12:35pm - 2-3 min presentations from services



1:00pm - Breakouts

1:30pm - Guest speaker – Dr Shalini Arunogiri (Women’s Voice – supporting women at risk of homelessness)

2:00pm - Event concludes

To register please visit: <https://virtualopendayhomelessness.eventbrite.com.au>

Victorian AOD Service Provider’s Conference October-November 2020: Adaptations and Innovations in the AOD Sector

COVID-19 and the AOD Consumer

Date: Thursday 12th November 10:30am – 12:30 pm, Register [here](#)

This two-part webinar will investigate how COVID-19 has impacted AOD consumers.

Part one

COVID-19 and AOD Treatment: Between 21 May and 9 June this year the [Association of Participating Service Users](#) (APSU) interviewed 32 Victorians who had accessed AOD treatment across 17 different organisations since the COVID-19 restrictions were put in place.

In this presentation, Edita Kennedy will talk about some main findings that came out of this consultation: how service users experienced the changes in service delivery, what were the main challenges for them during this period, and what are their expectations from the AOD services. The presentation will be followed by an expert panel discussion.

Part two

COVID-19, AOD, and the lockdown of the public housing towers: 15:00 on 4 July 2020 saw some 3,000 residents of the public housing towers in Flemington, Kensington and North Melbourne undergo a "hard lockdown", prohibiting anyone from entering or exiting the site.

This discussion will feature contributions from key organisations directly involved in the incident including [Flat Out](#), [Harm Reduction Victoria](#), [CoHealth](#), Victoria Police, and the Department of Health and Human Services. This presentation will provide a brief overview of the event followed by a discussion focused on learnings and actions that can be taken around AOD service delivery to improve the process should any similar response be required again in the future. There will be an opportunity for audience questions.



We encourage CEOs, managers, and frontline AOD staff within funded organisations to attend. VAADA is funded by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to facilitate the Service Providers' Conference.

Key Service Updates

To re-watch the Harm Reduction webinar by Nexus Dual Diagnosis Service go to...

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtMDz6ajLi89nsVwGiUt-FQ>

Next session:

The Impacts of COVID-19 on the most vulnerable communities in the City of Whittlesea and Northern region of Victoria. Tahseen Qadeer, Whittlesea Council.

The impacts on the South Sudanese community during the pandemic- Yom Maker from MDAP the Multicultural Drug & Alcohol Partnership. A program of the: Centre for Culture, Ethnicity & Health in Richmond.

'Tuesdays with Nexus' - A weekly interactive online session

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| Date: | Tuesday's – 17/11/2020 |
| Start time: | 9.30 am – VIC |