

NIDAC Work Plan 2012 – 2013

INTRODUCTION

The NIDAC Work Plan for 2012 -2013 is designed to be read in conjunction with the NIDAC Strategic Plan 2012 -14, the NIDAC Background and Further Information documents and the Resolutions from the 2012 NIDAC Conference.

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PRIMARY FUNCTIONS: Advice ▪ Advocacy ▪ Consultation	
Broad Objective	Activity
1. Undertake ongoing consultation with individuals and organisations working to address the harmful effects of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Conduct three community forums at the time of NIDAC meetings▪ Regularly inform stakeholders via<ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ NIDAC Weekly News➢ Communiqués➢ Website updates
2. Provide a national forum to contribute to effective consultation, build expertise, innovation, and capacity, and to celebrate achievement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Organise 2014 NIDAC Conference

<p>3. Identify opportunities to influence decisions to reduce the harms and impacts of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander alcohol, tobacco and other drug issues</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify and embrace opportunities to provide strategic input into peak organisation and government activities. Specific activities to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Participation on the working group for the new National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Drug Strategy. Resolutions 8 & 9 and the inclusion of tobacco into the new Drug Strategy to be advocated for. ➤ Input into the new Health Plan via Congress of Australia’s First Peoples Leadership Group and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Equality Council. Resolutions 8 & 10 and the inclusion of tobacco into the Health Plan to be advocated for. ➤ Continued participation on the Tobacco Technical Reference Group. Resolution 24 to be advocated for. ➤ Hosting a breakfast forum in Parliament House, featuring presentations on the benefits of residential treatment vs imprisonment and launch of Economic Modelling report and revised Bridges and Barriers paper ➤ Conducting a workshop to develop a model for Aboriginal residential rehabilitation with the aim of developing a paper from this workshop ▪ Contribute to government Inquiries into preventing and reducing alcohol, tobacco and other drugs use related harm in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities E.g. Inquiries into FASD and the Low Aromatic Fuel Bill 2012
<p>4. Support the delivery of culturally secure alcohol, tobacco and other drug services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop a position statement/paper on funding, advocating for adequate and ongoing resourcing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander AOD community controlled services ▪ NIDAC Executive to meet with the NACCHO Board to discuss the importance of NACCHO representation on NIDAC ▪ Send letter to Chair of NHMRC advocating for the allocation of a specific funding round for Indigenous AOD research. Refer to resolutions 6 & 13.

<p>5. Support the building of a strong, stable and skilled workforce with a priority for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people working in the alcohol, tobacco and other drugs sector and other relevant services (e.g. health; housing; child and family services) that can support Indigenous communities to respond to alcohol, tobacco and other drug issues</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contribute to evidence dissemination where appropriate (e.g. publications; conferences; workshops) via the NIDAC Weekly News ▪ Conduct a survey amongst the Aboriginal AOD sector regarding the establishment of a professional body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander AOD workers and organisations. Respond to the findings of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander AOD Professional Body Survey. Refer to resolution 18.
<p>6. Ensure adequate funding for culturally secure prevention and treatment services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop a position statement/paper on the provision of funding including the need to include infrastructure funding. This paper is to incorporate principles raised in resolutions 1 -5, & 7. ▪ Lobby the government with recommendations from the position paper/statement ▪ Approach relevant BINGOS including World Council of Churches to discuss government flexible funding grants and the impact of these services competing with the Aboriginal AOD community controlled sector
<p>7. Address Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) in Australia</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Promote NIDAC’s position paper on FASD ▪ Advocate for evidence-informed strategies to reduce alcohol consumption during pregnancy, to reduce FASD and to respond to people and families affected by FASD. Refer to resolution 23.
<p>8. Promote the resilience of young people to enable them to have healthy futures</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ongoing participation on the NSW Justice Reinvestment Campaign working group ▪ Release and promotion of the NIDAC report on Economic Modelling and revised Bridges and Barriers paper ▪ Refer to resolutions 19, 20, 21 & 25
<p>9. Address the overrepresentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Justice system</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ongoing participation on the NSW Justice Reinvestment Campaign working group

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