

AOD Sector Resolutions 2018

Created at the Qld AOD Sector Convention held on the 22nd June 2018 at City Hall in Brisbane.

New resolutions

System responses

- The sector calls for continued reforms to a more health-focused rather than criminal justice

 response to drug use and possession, including the establishment of an expert panel to
 investigate evidence-informed responses.
- 2. The sector recommends the consolidation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander AOD treatment funding and oversight within the Commonwealth Department of Health to ensure stability in funding arrangements.
- 3. The sector recognises the need for joint planning across commissioners of services to deliver investment where specialist AOD treatment and harm reduction services are needed and to support quality and sustainability of services.
- 4. The sector identifies the current lack of investment and coordinated activity in prevention and early intervention responses to substance use and advocates for a greater focus and investment in this area.
- 5. The sector calls for the inclusion of the human rights of people who use substances as part of the development and implementation of a Human Rights Act in Queensland.
- 6. The sector identifies the need for AOD services to be included as critical stakeholders in the planning and delivery of suicide prevention responses.
- 7. The sector commits to providing family- and child-responsive AOD treatment models
- 8. That the AOD Sector Convention be held bi-annually on alternate years to the Australia Winter School conference.

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Sector responses

- 9. Delegates of the 2018 Queensland Alcohol and other Drugs Convention commit to trialling the *Queensland Alcohol and other Drugs Treatment and Harm Reduction Outcomes Framework* in their services.
- 10. The Queensland Alcohol and other Drugs Sector Network commits to the development of an implementation strategy for the *Queensland Alcohol and other Drugs Treatment and Harm Reduction Outcomes Framework* that includes consideration of data, benchmarking, reporting and capacity building.
- 11. The Queensland Alcohol and Other Drugs Sector Network commits to working with the sector to contextualise the *Queensland Alcohol and other Drugs Treatment and Harm Reduction Outcomes Framework* for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and other specific populations groups identified in the Framework
- 12. The Queensland Alcohol and other Drugs Sector Network commits to reviewing the *Queensland Alcohol and other Drugs Treatment and Harm Reduction Outcomes Framework* based on feedback from services on trial issues in two years' time (June 2020).

Continuing resolutions from the 2014 AOD Sector Convention

Supporting services

- 13. Delegates insist we should not conflate the budgets for alcohol and other drug and mental health work integration of services should not equal integration of budgets.
- 14. Delegates support the need for a robust and well supported Community Controlled alcohol and other drug sector.
- 15. Delegates highlight the need for more sector development activities to be undertaken in regional areas.

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Supporting clients

- 16. Delegates support the need for discussions with clients (past and present) across services to identify better ways to engage with and support clients.
- 17. Delegates call for the development tools and resources to support organisations to better engage clients (past and present), ensuring a feedback loop to check on improvement.
- 18. Delegates call for the implementation of strategies to reduce stigma towards alcohol and other drug service clients from other parts of the health system.
- 19. Delegates support the development of an e-health record for alcohol and other drug service clients to support seamless delivery of services.

Supporting people who use substances

20. Delegates support the need for a campaign aimed at reducing stigma in the community for people with AOD issues.

General

- 21. Delegates support the need for consultation to clarify where alcohol and other drug and mental health treatment and prevention services should be integrated and where there is a place for separate and distinct services.
- 22. Delegates reaffirm the need for and relevance of a stand-alone alcohol and other drug treatment and prevention sector.
- 23. Delegates acknowledge the causal effect of the social determinants of health on problematic substance use.
- 24. Delegates call on governments to invest in population based prevention strategies and interventions, including those that focus on place-based strategies.\
- 25. Delegates call on governments to ensure alcohol and other drug issues are on the primary health agenda.

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