

Naloxone National Reference Group – NNRG

Purpose

The purpose of NNRG is to bring together key stakeholders from each state and territory in Australia involved in take home naloxone distribution strategies in Australia.

The group will participate in discussion of:

- Structure and mode of delivery of existing naloxone programs
- Successes in implementation
- Issues and challenges in implementation
 - Legal
 - Policy
 - Regulatory
 - Practice
- Evaluation of naloxone programs
- Explore opportunities for further implementation
- Engagement of professionals and community members
- Media and public relations

Organisational structure

NNRG will be auspiced and supported by the Centre for Research Excellence into Injecting Drug Use (CREIDU), housed at the Burnet Institute. CREIDU will provide the meeting Chair, secretariat support for the group and a Research Officer, who can undertake a small program of work on behalf of NNRG, limited by other work demands and a small part-time fraction.

NNRG will provide semi-annual reports on the activities of NNRG to the CREIDU Steering Committee, for information purposes.

Funding

CREIDU will fund meeting costs (e.g. teleconferences) and staffing costs for CREIDU staff who undertake work on behalf of NNRG. Other funds may be sought on an as-needs basis.

Membership

Membership of NNRG will typically include a maximum of two stakeholders from each jurisdiction who are directly involved in the planning and/or implementation of programs. Other individuals may attend meetings on a casual basis, by invitation from a permanent member.

Formal membership will be restricted to a maximum of sixteen members, exclusive of CREIDU staff.

The committee may seek additional casual members as required or on request from permanent members.

Meeting schedule

NNRG will meet via teleconference on a bi-monthly basis.

Activities

Activities of NNRG will be identified and endorsed by NNRG, with acknowledgement of the limited resources available.

Activities may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Development of publications such as resources, policy briefs, discussion papers, position papers
- Dissemination of publications produced on behalf of NNRG, including via websites and social media
- Advocacy activities
- Contribution to naloxone program evaluation
- Facilitating information sharing between stakeholders
- Facilitating program development and stakeholder liaison at the request of NNRG members
- Developing relationships with other groups as appropriate