Introduction to the workshop

Recovery is a contested notion in treatment for alcohol and drug dependence as there are various ways of conceptualising recovery. Service delivery is framed to address some of these variations. This workshop will present cutting edge research from the UK and invite a number of opinion leaders, key service providers and community representatives to respond to the issues raised and to explore their own models of recovery against these findings.

Aims of the workshop

- Consider cutting edge research from the UK regarding the personal experiences of recovery from heroin dependency
- Explore concepts of recovery operating in the Australian context
- Draw on delegates’ experience to consider how this new thinking might impact on current practice within drug treatment in Australia

Delegate Profile: who should attend

This workshop will be of interest to workers and managers within drug treatment facilities and services that engage with people who use heroin or other illicit drugs. Researchers and those engaged in policy making in this area will also find the workshop useful.

Keynote speaker

Jo Neale  Professor of Public Health, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, UK

Jo has been Professor of Public Health at Oxford Brookes University since 2005. She trained as a social worker and has held academic posts at the Universities of Glasgow and York. She has been researching substance misuse since 1996 and has undertaken a range of quantitative and qualitative studies exploring drug users’ views of pharmacy services; non-fatal drug overdose; service provision for homeless drug users; barriers to accessing drug treatment; user involvement in drug treatment decision-making; drug treatment effectiveness; and the everyday lives of recovering heroin users. Jo is the Senior Qualitative Editor for the international journal Addiction, a member of the editorial board of The International Journal of Drug Policy, a member of the ESRC peer review college, and a trustee of the Society for the Study of Addiction. She has over 80 publications, including a qualitative monograph entitled Drug Users in Society and a research methods textbook Research Methods for Health and Social Care.

Panellists

Sione Crawford  Community Programs & Services Team Manager, NSW Users and AIDS Association

Ian Flaherty  Research co-ordinator, Sydney Medically Supervised Injecting Centre

Josette Freeman  SMART Recovery co-ordinator

Jennifer Holmes  Clinical Service Manager, Sydney Medically Supervised Injecting Centre

Garth Popple  Executive Director, We Help Ourselves (WHOIs) Residential Therapeutic Programs for Drug and Alcohol Dependence; Board member and past President of Australasian Therapeutic Communities Association (ATCA); President elect, International Federation of non-Government Organisations (IFNGO) for the Prevention of Drug and Substance Abuse.

Facilitator

Norman Booker is an independent consultant working in the fields of planning and evaluation, change management, facilitation and professional learning and has been involved with Consortium Workshops since their inception.

Cost

There is a registration fee of $110 (GST inc.) per person.

Registration

Registrations are now open and close on Tuesday 9 November 2010. If you have any queries please contact Ann Whitelaw by email (a.whitelaw@unsw.edu.au) or by telephone (02 9385 6776).

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Numbers are limited and delegates will be registered on a first-come first-served basis.

The Workshop begins at 10.00am and registration opens at 9.00am with morning tea being served from 9.30am. As we have a very full program it is vital that you arrive early, ready to start promptly at 10.00am. Lunch is provided and the workshop ends around 3.00pm when afternoon tea is served. The workshop venue can be found at map reference G19 on the Kensington campus map (http://www.facilities.unsw.edu.au/Maps/pdf/Kensington_Accessibility_Map.pdf)