

## **NO-ONE LEFT BEHIND: HCV CARE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG SECTOR**

### **Speakers/Facilitators:**

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Rochelle is 2IC and Manager of Sector Development at WANADA. Rochelle's career has focused on strategic, organisational and program reform spanning multiple human service areas including the alcohol and other drug sector. Her formal qualifications in Psychology (Hons), and areas of focus in Change Management, Project Management and Quality Systems guide her approach in supporting meaningful and sustainable change.

Peta has been a lived-experience peer worker at PBHRWA for about 10 years. During this time, Peta has designed and implemented peer-education projects and worked in mobile health clinics. Currently, Peta's main role is Overdose Prevention, however she continues to work in peer-education projects, delivers workforce development training to other agencies and guest lectures to universities, and manages PBHRWA's Communications.

Tabetha is an independent consultant with a long history of working with the alcohol and other drug sector, and key intersecting areas. From early career targeted work in alcohol and other drug diversion services and non-Government commissioning, to significant experience in auditing, sector development and quality improvement, Tab has strategic and practical in-depth experience in service and sector capability building.

### **Background and aims:**

In 2019 WANADA participated in an Australia wide initiative to improve the cohesiveness of responses to the falling number of people who were commencing HCV treatment, despite the availability of direct acting antiviral (DAA) medications made available on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) in 2016. The initiative aimed to 'scale up' activities to integrate clinical and community service sector responses to increase testing and treatment. Since 2019, WANADA has partnered with WA alcohol and other drug services to develop, implement and refine an effective and sustainable model to enhance HCV responsiveness across the sector.

### **Description of workshop:**

Key collaborators in reducing barriers to HCV care for people accessing specialist alcohol and other drug services in WA, have come together to share insights in an interactive simulated experience. The workshop takes delegates on the journey of the WA alcohol and other drug sector in identifying solutions and implementing change across six years of supported activity. Delegates will experience a peer led education session and an opportunity to apply a capability building tool in a simulated service. Critical success factors will be shared, offering delegates the opportunity to explore where their sector/service could support HCV systems change, and how a similar process may benefit their sector, organisation or service.

### **Methods and format:**

Workshop will engage delegates in a simulated HCV Capability Project, working through processes, peer-led education and a capability building activity:

1. Opening presentation providing context, overview of approach, introduction to the HCVCAT, critical success factors
2. Peer led education session will be delivered, inviting delegates to engage
3. Delegates will be invited to participate in a service simulated capability building activity using the HCVCAT
4. Closing presentation:
  - a. Wrap up of 6-year project: Outcomes, where are we now, and our future focus.
  - b. Invitation to discuss the opportunity for similar approach in other jurisdictions and sectors.

**Number of delegates:**

This is entirely flexible – open to discussing with the organizers and flexible to delegate demand.

**Disclosure of Interest Statement:**

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