
NNADAP Renewal National Forum

January 12-13, 2010, Ottawa, ON

PURPOSE:

The National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program (NNADAP) Renewal National Forum seeks to create a venue in which NNADAP partners from across Canada can discuss and reach consensus on key national priorities and strategies for action to renew, enhance and validate NNADAP's prevention and treatment services.

OBJECTIVES:

The NNADAP Renewal National Forum endeavours to:

1. Identify key national program and policy renewal priorities for NNADAP based on the findings of the regional needs assessments, and other culturally-relevant and mainstream evidence.
2. Create an environment where there is collaboration and problem solving amongst partners on key NNADAP challenges.
3. Strengthen working relationships among NNADAP partners through a collaborative working environment.
4. Increase engagement and support of the NNADAP Renewal Process amongst partners.
5. Discuss appropriate approaches for engagement and validation for the Renewed Program Framework for NNADAP.
6. Establish a network of NNADAP partners to move the Renewal Process forward.

PARTICIPATION:

Participation will be sought from a variety of community, regional and national NNADAP partners to ensure appropriate representation and a range of perspectives. Forum participants will be coordinated and supported by the national partners of the NNADAP Renewal Process – AFN, NNAPF and Health Canada. In total, it is anticipated that 40 to 50 participants will attend the forum. These participants will be identified through the following process:

Health Canada

- Health Canada will sponsor two delegates from each region. These delegates will be identified by the steering bodies within regions that guided RNA processes. It is expected that delegates will be intimately familiar with the RNAs, as they will be asked to highlight RNA findings, implementation strategies and possible national implications on the first day of the forum.
- Health Canada (or NNADAP) regional consultants will also participate in the Forum. In the event that Regional Consultants are selected to represent the RNAs processes, two delegates will be sponsored by Health Canada from the region; if regional consultants are not selected, three will attend.

- To assist with coordinating this event, regions are asked to submit the list of their delegates to the First Nations Addictions Advisory Panel c/o Darcy Stoneedge – darcy_stoneedge@hc-sc.gc.ca – by November 23rd, 2009.

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- AFN will sponsor one delegate from each region.
- NNAPF will sponsor one delegate from each region.
- AFN and NNAPF delegates will be identified after reviewing the names put forward by the RNA steering bodies. This review will be done to reduce duplication and assist the AFN and NNAPF to ensure regional delegates represent a diverse array of community, service, and regional interests.

Participation from other NNADAP Renewal Partners

- Members of the First Nations Addictions Advisory Panel (FNAAP) – the group that has been tasked with developing the Renewed Program Framework for NNADAP – will be invited to attend the Forum. This will also include members of FNAAP's Secretariat – AFN, NNAPF and Health Canada.
- Delegates will be invited from key national organizations or initiatives, including National Aboriginal Organizations or representatives from the National Treatment Strategy Leadership Team and the Mental Health Commission of Canada.

STRUCTURE:

The NNADAP Renewal Forum will feature a variety of activities (e.g., small group work, brainstorming and focused discussions) to ensure a high level of participant engagement in establishing key national priorities and strategies for action. To achieve this end, the forum activities will be divided into two days, each with its own objectives:

Day One:

The primary focus of day one will be reaching consensus on key national renewal priorities. This will be achieved through discussion of the RNA findings. To facilitate this discussion, the delegates identified by the RNA steering bodies will be asked to identify national policy and program implications of their RNA findings. These discussions will lead to group work and interactive discussions in order to reach consensus on key themes and national priorities for renewal.

Day Two:

Day two of the forum will focus on identifying specific activities and/or strategies that will help to facilitate action on the themes/priorities identified on day one. Emphasis will be placed on enhancing communication, support and validation activities associated with the Renewed Program Framework for NNADAP. In doing so, participants will be asked to help identify strategies for ensuring effective change management strategies at all levels of NNADAP service delivery and administration and among program partners.