



## Workshop 25 Treatment options for amphetamine-type substance use: it's not crystal clear

Friday 27 June, 9.30 am – 3.30 pm

Dockside @ Cockle Bay

**After the workshop you are invited to join us for drinks until 5.00 pm to celebrate the Consortium's achievements over 25 workshops.**

### Introduction

In recent times a number of treatment and support options have been established for those dependent on amphetamine-type substances (ATS). The treatment and support of people with ATS dependence is complex and evolving and requires a response from a broad range of services and agencies. This workshop is an opportunity to hear from some of the key players in the field, to share ideas and experiences, and to develop connections with others working in the same area.

### Aims

- ▶ To present research on changing patterns of use of amphetamine-type substances
- ▶ To explore some of the responses to these changing patterns that services have begun to make
- ▶ To examine an emerging range of treatment and support options for ATS dependence
- ▶ To consider the implications of these for participants' client group.

### Delegate profile: who should attend

This workshop has been designed for those on whose work the issue of amphetamine-type substance use has an impact. Employees of research centres, area health services, needle and syringe programs, and government and non-government organisations in clinical, health promotion, and education settings should apply. In addition, we encourage applications from employees working in mental health and alcohol and other drug (AOD) treatment agencies in non-government and government settings.

### Cost

There is a registration fee of \$55 (including GST) per participant per workshop.

Note: You may be eligible for funding to attend from the NSW Health Workforce Development Program (WDP). Funding covers registration fees and, where appropriate, travel and accommodation costs. Check the guidelines for applying for a WDP grant in the *WDP Training Directory* or at [www.wdp.nsw.gov.au](http://www.wdp.nsw.gov.au)

### Registration

To register, please email Ann Whitelaw at [a.whitelaw@unsw.edu.au](mailto:a.whitelaw@unsw.edu.au). Please include in the email your name, job title, the name of your organisation, its postal address and your contact phone numbers (work and mobile).

Please note: There are strictly limited numbers and delegates will be selected on a first-come-first-served basis, given that they meet the requirements of the delegate profile above.

**Registrations are now open and close on Thursday 19 June 2008.**

### Guest speakers

**Steve Brooker** is a Clinical Nurse Consultant on the Community Palliative Care Team at Sacred Heart, with specific responsibility for HIV. He is also a volunteer facilitator of the SMART Recovery group for crystal users, based at ACON.

**Susan Hudson** is Clinical Manager of the Stimulant Treatment Program at St Vincent's Hospital in Darlinghurst. She is currently completing her PhD at the University of New South Wales, an ethnography of women sex workers on the streets of Kings Cross who inject stimulants.

**Jo Khoo** is Senior Project Officer at the Network of Alcohol and Other Drugs Agencies (NADA), where she coordinates the workforce development program. This involves projects in education, training, organisational development and research. Jo also coordinates NADA's role in the Improved Services for People with Drug and Alcohol Problems and Mental Illness Initiative.

**Dr Rebecca McKetin** is Senior Research Fellow at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) at the University of New South Wales. She leads a research program on methamphetamine use and initiated Australia's first community-based treatment outcome study for methamphetamine use.

**Bill Robertson** is currently Services Manager for the Lower Mid North Coast Sector of Drug and Alcohol Clinical Services and manages the Stimulant Treatment Program in Newcastle.

**James Shearer** is a researcher at the Langton Centre, a specialist drug and alcohol treatment service. He is completing a doctoral thesis on his work in agonist pharmacotherapy for psychostimulant dependence.

**Kerri Shying** is a needle and syringe support worker with the NSW Users and AIDS Association (NUAA) in the Hunter. She is also Vice-President of the Australian Injecting and Illicit Drug Users League.

**Andrew Trist** is Education Programs Manager at NUAA. He has been working in the field of harm reduction for eleven years.

**Craig Williams** is the consumer representative for the Hunter Stimulant Treatment Program and a peer volunteer in needle and syringe programs. He does volunteer work for ACON and education work for NUAA.

### Facilitator

**Norman Booker** currently manages the statewide NSW Health Workforce Development Program (WDP) in Hepatitis, HIV and Sexual Health. He has extensive experience in training and development in health and adult education.

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