

## #iAOD15: Innovation in action Program

### Innovation, inclusion and collaboration within a new service system

Thursday, 30 April, 2015

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9:45am	<b>Registration</b>
10:00	<b><u>Open and welcome – Hon Martin Foley MP, Minister for Mental Health &amp; Sandy Ross, Chair UnitingCare ReGen Board of Governance</u></b>
10:10	<b><u>Torque Program – Program learnings and evaluation findings</u></b> <b>Shannon Bell – Manager Catalyst Programs (ReGen)</b> <b>Angela Harney – Senior Consultant (LeeJenn Health Consultants)</b>  Presenting ReGen's experience in adapting the established Catalyst non-residential rehabilitation model to a forensic program and external evaluation findings of participant outcomes.
10:35	<b><u>A Consumer's experiences of the Torque program</u></b> <b>Sarah Britton – ReGen Consumer Consultant</b>  A reflection on one person's experience of the Torque program and the impact of participation on people's recovery.
10:45	<b><u>Consultation and collaboration – developing a family methamphetamine education program</u></b> <b>Brandon Jones – Manager Workforce Development and Diversion Programs (ReGen)</b>  Overview of ReGen's work to date on establishing targeted methamphetamine treatment responses and presentation of the collaborative processes for developing group educational programs for individuals and affected family members.
11:00	<b><u>Building sustainable systems for Aboriginal workers within mainstream service settings</u></b> <b>Donna Ribton-Turner – Director Clinical Services (ReGen)</b> <b>Helen Kennedy – Manager Family Counselling Service (Victorian Aboriginal Health Service)</b>  Launch of report on the challenges experienced by ReGen in developing a sustainable model for supporting specialist Aboriginal workers within its services and the impact of the agency's partnership model with VAHS.
11:15	<b>Morning Tea</b>
11.45	<b><u>Q&amp;A Panel Discussion: Victorian AOD reforms – six months on</u></b>  A multi-platform Q&A on innovation in AOD and elsewhere (Twitter #iAOD15, SMS 0435 875 818, email <a href="mailto:contact@regen.org.au">contact@regen.org.au</a> or in person from the audience.  <b>Panelists:</b> <b>Helen Kennedy – Manager Family Counselling Service (VAHS)</b> <b>Elise van der Wal – Consumer Consultant (ReGen)</b> <b>Neos Zavrou – General Manager (Odyssey House Victoria)</b> <b>Moses Abbatangelo – Senior Manager - AOD Response (cohealth)</b> <b>Samantha Naidu – Manager Youth Residential Services (UnitingCare Ballarat)</b> <b>Kent Burgess – Director of Services (Victorian AIDS Council)</b> <b>Sam Biondo – Executive Officer (VAADA)</b> <b>Donna Ribton-Turner, Director Clinical Services (ReGen)</b>  <b>Facilitated by Bernard Hanson, Senior Education and Training Officer (ReGen)</b>
12:55	<b><u>Closing remarks</u> – Laurence Alvis</b>
1:00pm	<b>Close</b>

## iAOD15 Speaker Bios

### **Moses Abbatangelo – Senior Manager-AOD Response (cohealth)**

Moses has worked in the AOD sector since 1985 in a variety of roles involving outreach work, clinical work, detox centres, therapeutic communities and as part of the management team of the Victorian telephone counselling service. In his current role, he oversees two of the funded Specialist Addiction Primary Health Services, Inner Space and Health works and a group of counsellors working across mostly inner Melbourne. He holds a Post Grad Cert in Public Health and a Masters of Health Administration. Currently Moses also tutors/mentors students at Latrobe University in project and change management at Masters Level.

### **Shannon Bell – Manager Catalyst Programs (ReGen)**

Shannon is an experienced AOD counsellor and Art Therapist with over 10 years' experience working across youth and adult services in the AOD sector. He is an accomplished facilitator of therapeutic and psycho-educational groups and has played a key role in the development, implementation and ongoing review of ReGen's award winning Catalyst Non-Residential Rehabilitation Program and nationally acknowledged Art Therapy program.

### **Sam Biondo – Executive Officer, Victorian Alcohol and Drug Association (VAADA)**

Sam has been Executive Officer at the Victorian Alcohol and Drug Association since 2007, and was previously employed by Fitzroy Legal Service for 18 years. With a background in education, social work and criminology his principal work has involved social research, the preparation and production of educational and training materials, community development, and advocacy work.

### **Sarah Britton – Consumer Consultant (ReGen)**

Sarah is a mother of 2 lovely boys, 8 and 9. Sarah has been using alcohol and other drug services for 11 years. She has successfully completed the six-week Torque program and ReGen's Consumer Participation Training. She is currently completing her 2<sup>nd</sup> Torque program.

### **Kent Burgess – Director of Services (Victorian AIDS Council)**

Kent Burgess is Director of Services at The Victorian AIDS Council (VAC). VAC is the leading provider of specialist LGBTI health and support services in Victoria. Kent has a background in leadership within the community health, mental health and AOD sectors underpinned by a clinical background as an occupational therapist in the mental health sector. Kent has a Masters of Public Health in health service management.

### **Bernard Hanson – Senior Education and Training Officer (ReGen)**

Bernard has a 20 year history working in the Community sector with a specific focus working in the Alcohol and Other Drugs field. He has professional and educational experience in alcohol and other drug, youth, family mediation and community development. For 11 years, Bernard worked as a manager in the forensic alcohol and other drug field. He has worked in various capacities including educational, clinical, consultancy and managerial roles and has developed and delivered numerous training packages to both the community sector and private organisations.

### **Angela Harney – Senior Consultant (LeeJenn Health Consulting)**

Angela is a social researcher with over 7 years working directly in the AOD sector. She has extensive experience managing complex projects, and has been involved in a range of clinical, evaluation and health related research projects, through which she has refined her skills in study development and data collection specific to the AOD field. She is currently co-ordinating program evaluation projects undertaken in collaboration with UnitingCare ReGen.

### **Brandon Jones – Manager Workforce Development and Diversion Programs (ReGen)**

Brandon has more than 20 years' experience working in the community, health and education sectors. He has worked for High Schools and TAFEs, the Victorian AIDS Council, Salvation Army Crisis Centre, CAE and the Youth Substance Abuse Service. For the last 15 years Brandon has managed Education and Training Units for the AOD and community services sectors. His expertise and interests lie in the following areas: Workforce Development, Diversion Programs, Learning Organisations, Consumer Participation, Harm Minimisation, Dual Diagnosis and Educational Leadership.

### **Helen Kennedy – Manager Family Counselling Service, Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS)**

Helen is a proud descendant of the Trawlwoolway and Plairmairrener clans from North East Tasmania, although she has lived all her life in Melbourne. She has worked in Aboriginal Affairs for 20 years in a range of different capacities, including as Director of the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency and the Indigenous Leadership Network of Victoria.

### **Samantha Naidu – Manager Youth Residential Services (UnitingCare Ballarat)**

Samantha is a Social Worker who has been in the field for over 20 years. She has worked in the Youth, Child and Family, AOD and Homelessness sectors. In her current role she manages Tabor House, a youth AOD withdrawal unit, Karrung, the Ballarat Youth Foyer and Barnagnen, a Youth Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation program.

### **Donna Ribton-Turner – Director Clinical Services (ReGen)**

Donna is a registered nurse (general and psychiatric) who has worked in the AOD sector for over 30 years and has extensive experience in the health sector including in hospitals in Australia and overseas, mental health services and DHS. The Alcohol and Other Drugs Council of Australia awarded Donna an Australia Day Achievement Medallion in 2000. Donna has a Graduate Diploma in Women's Health and has a Graduate Certificate in AOD and an Advanced Diploma in Collaborative Management.

### **Sandy Ross – Chair Board of Governance (ReGen)**

Sandy has been on the ReGen Board for 6 years, and has been involved for 25 years in the governance of not-for-profit organisations. Sandy currently works in dispute resolution. Previously he spent 13 years working for public sector scientists in professional and industrial representation, and has also worked as an academic with qualifications in politics, public policy and international relations.

### **Elise van der Wal – Consumer Consultant (ReGen)**

Elise is a leader and educator within the Australian Scouting Movement. As well as being a ReGen Consumer Consultant, Elise is actively engaged in supporting delivery of a range of recovery services.

### **Neos Zavrou – General Manager (Odyssey House Victoria)**

Neos is a registered psychologist and has worked in the AOD field for over 25 years, with extensive experience in service delivery, workforce development, community engagement, program management, public policy and sector leadership. He is a former president of the Victorian Alcohol and Other Drugs Association (VAADA) and sits on various State, National and Industry reference groups, committees and steering groups.