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National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program (NNADAP)

What NNADAP Workers Should Know



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The purpose of this publication is to provide NNADAP Workers, both community-based (First Nation) and Treatment Centre, a brief history of the program, how the Ontario Regional Addictions Partnership Committee (ORAPC) is structured and how the Committee advocates on their behalf regarding issues that affect NNADAP programming.

Issues Affecting NNADP ...con’t

Case Study – Submission to Treasury

In 2017, the completed case study was shared with the Chiefs of Ontario, Dr. Jane Philpott, Minister of Health, Dr. Eric Hoskins, Ontario Minister of Health, Thunderbird Partnership Foundation and the ORAPC.

This study was then submitted to Treasury for the 2017 federal budget. Unfortunately, the study did not receive funding approval and no dollars were allocated based on the study findings.

ORAPC continues to advocate to all levels of government to advance the identified investments to the NNADAP program.

Retention Incentive

FNIHB, Indigenous Services Canada, offers a retention incentive to NNADAP Workers (community-based and treatment centre) in the amount of \$4,000 if workers achieve certification from 1 of 3 recognized certification bodies, namely;

1. Indigenous Certification Board of Canada (ICBOC)
2. Canadian Addictions Counsellor Certification Federation (CACCF)
3. Canadian Council of Professional Counsellors (CCPC)

NNADAP Workers are asked to submit proof of certification directly to FNIHB. Unfortunately, FNIHB can only remit payment to the NNADAP agreement holder and not directly to the NNADAP worker. Not all NNADAP workers are receiving the retention incentive and these monies are being absorbed into NNADAP programming.

ORAPC continues to advocate a resolution to this process whereby ALL certified NNADP Workers receive the retention incentive as intended.

Issues Affecting NNADAP...con't

Case Study – NNADAP Requirements

In 2016, the Joint Technical Working Group met with a consultant who prepared a case study on the additional supports needed in order to maintain NNADAP Programming.

Stats were compiled using Ontario NNADAP aggregate data as a base and from there the consultant was able to formulate data on a national level.

The result of this study indicated that the following investments are required in order to sustain NNADAP programing:

1. Provincial Requirements total \$53.8 million dollars annually,
 - \$6.1 million – Wage parity for existing staff
 - \$29.2 million – New staff hire at wage parity level
 - \$13.6 million – Operating costs
 - \$4.8 million – Administration costs at 10%
2. National funding requirements total \$232.29 million dollars annually.



What is NNADAP

The National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program (NNADAP) is a Health Canada (now Indigenous Services Canada) program that originated in the 1970s. The goal of the program was to help First Nation and Inuit communities set up and operate programs aimed at reducing the high level of alcohol, drug and solvent abuse among First Nation communities.

Community-Based NNADAP

There are 133 First Nations in Ontario and approximately 117 Nations receiving NNADAP Funding, via contribution agreement, from Indigenous Services Canada.

Community-based NNADAP offers programming to community members on issues of addiction and has evolved in the last 30 years to encompass crisis intervention, assessment and referral to residential treatment facilities.

For a comprehensive list of First Nations receiving NNADAP funding, visit the ORAPC website at www.ontarionnadap.org.



How Does ORAPC Advocate NNADAP Issues to the Chiefs of Ontario?

Each year, the ORAPC Committee conducts surveys at each NNADAP Conference asking NNADAP workers (community-based and treatment centre) to identify issues that affect them with the 2 major issues being NNADAP Investments and the Retention Incentive.

ORAPC prepares a briefing note outlining recommendations for continued advocacy by the Chiefs of Ontario (COO) office.

COO hosts Chief's Meeting throughout the year whereby Chiefs affect resolutions further continuing the advocacy of NNADAP issues to government.

Issues Affecting NNADAP

Program Funding

Since the inception of the NNADAP program in the 1970s, NNADAP has not received a substantial increase in program funding. Indigenous Services Canada does provide a 3% increase each year for community-based and treatment centre programming, however, this does not adequately address all program needs.

In 2007, Health Canada (now Indigenous Service Canada), Assembly of First Nations and The National Native Addictions Partnership Foundation (Thunderbird Partnership Foundation) oversaw a

The Ontario Regional Addictions Partnership Committee (ORAPC) – Who Are They?

The Ontario Regional Addictions Partnership Committee (ORAPC) is a Regional Committee comprised of qualified individuals from the four



provincial and territorial organizations (PTO's), Independent First Nations, the NNADAP-funded Treatment Centre's, First Nation Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) of Indigenous Services Canada and the First Nation responsible as the Transfer

Payment Agency (TPA).

The TPA refers to the organization that receives funding from Indigenous Services Canada in order that ORAPC business can be conducted throughout the year.

What is ORAPC's Mandate?



ORAPC'S mandate is to facilitate communication and provide advice/guidance/recommendations to the Chiefs of Ontario office, Indigenous Services Canada, First Nations & Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB),

NNADAP Community-based and Treatment Centre workers and PTO's on issues of addictions by using wholistic approaches to healing through ongoing processes of review, evaluation, and monitoring.

How Is the ORAPC Committee Selected?

The ORAPC Committee members are selected from the political organizations from each Political Territorial Organization (PTO) and from the Treatment Centre's.



When a vacancy occurs, a notice is distributed to the respective PTO or Treatment Centre Directors with a request to solicit a member to the vacant position.

How Many ORAPC Committee Members are there?

There are 12 committee members, with two (2) representatives from the following:

- Nishnawbe Aski Nation;
- Independent First Nations;
- Treatment Centre's;
- Union of Ontario Indians; and

one (1) representative from the following:

- Association of Iroquois & Allied Indians;
- Grand Council Treaty 3;
- Ex-officio member from Transfer Payment Agency;
- Six Nations of the Grand River; and
- Ex-officio member from FNIHB.

Who Is Currently on the ORAPC Committee?

The following individuals currently sit on the ORAPC Committee

Union of Ontario Indians (North)

Rolanda Manitowabi – Rmanitowabi@ngwaagan.ca

Union of Ontario Indians (South)

Vacant

Nishnawbe Aski Nation (East)

Julie McKay – jmckay@wabun.on.ca

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Independent Nations (North)

Vacant

Independent Nations (South)

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Grand Council Treaty #3

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Association of Iroquois & Allied Indians

Lisa Jackson – ljackson@aia.on.ca

Treatment Centre Director

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Treatment Centre Director

Wanda Smith – ed@nhct.ca

Transfer Payment Agency Walpole Island First Nation

Six Nations – Vacant