

August Update

This update highlights key activities and achievements for the month of July.

July highlights:

- Formal engagement of an independent Bookkeeping agency.
- Finalisation of a hosting arrangement with the Health Consumers' Council (HCC) via a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).
- Juanita Koeijers has taken temporary leave of absence as Chairperson to undertake a fixed term, part time position for 6 months as Project Lead to progress establishment.
- Shannon Dixon was elected into the position of Chairperson.
- David Shakespeare and Caroline Henson were accepted onto the Board.
- Caroline Henson was elected into the position of Treasurer.
- Charl Van Wyk resigned from the Board.
- Juanita Koeijers was engaged by the Department of Health to present on consumer engagement, 'A Consumer Perspective - Consumer Engagement in Context', at their recent Symposium.
- Attendance to the bi-monthly 2020 AOD Conference Planning Committee meeting.
- Provision of consumer representation and a point of contact for members to attend the HIV Case Management Guideline focus group.
- Presentation to the Peaks Forum, Lotteries West and Minister Simone McGurk on our recent capacity building project, 'Alternative Approaches' involving the successful submission to the recent parliamentary inquiry 'alternate approaches to reducing illicit drug use and its effects on the community' in March.

A note on Privacy:

The Board wish to acknowledge a breach of privacy that occurred with some members utilising the email addresses of other members publicly and without their permission. This was possible due to an error on the part of the AODCCC in correspondence some months ago, which was acknowledged at the time. We apologise for any concern or inconvenience this has caused and wish to assure members that we treat privacy seriously.

Of note: as per the Rules of Association, clause 13(5) a member who wishes to inspect the membership list must contact the Secretary to make the necessary arrangements.