Financial Snapshots for FY 2019

2018/19 was the 3rd successful year of operation at Aberdeen Street



Grant funding remains the primary revenue source of Peer Based Harm Reduction WA services and represented 92% of the total revenue in FY2019. The Association service programs are funded by; the Department of Health WA (contributed 81%); the WA Primary Health Alliance (12%); and the Mental Health Commission WA (7%). Our total revenue increased by 6.8% from \$1.82 million in FY2018 to \$1.94 million in FY2019.

EXPENDITURE 2019: \$1.88 M			\$ AUD	
3% 3% 4% 0% 8% Total \$1,886,028 72%	Cost of sales	Type Cost of sales	2018/2019 53,326	2017/2018 52,396
	Depreciation	Insurance	58,887	55,191
	 Rent & Outgoing Administrative & Other Employment benefits 	Depreciation	65,695	70,247
		Rent & Outgoing	148,972	137,727
		Administrative	194,099	265,609
		Employment benefits	1,365,050	1,187,688
		Total Expenditure	1,886,028	1,768,858

Employment expense is the Association's largest expenditure item representing 72% (2018 67%) or \$1.36 million against the total organisation overheads in 2019 with twenty eight employees.

Thank you to our funders for their support during 2018/2019:













CHAIRPERSONS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMBINED REPORT

Dear Member

It is our privilege to present the combined Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer's report of behalf of Peer Based Harm Reduction WA's Committee of Management ("The COM") and the management and staff.

Peer Based Harm Reduction WA is the only peer-based, not-for-profit harm reduction organisation that represents the needs and concerns of people who use or have used drugs in Western Australia. As such, Peer Based Harm Reduction WA continues to be in a unique position to provide a strong voice in advocating for people who choose to use drugs.

We aim to bring drug users' perspectives into all our harm reduction initiatives, to our partnerships with other organisations, and to our advice and advocacy that we provide to governments.

We have continued to grow the way we provide services to people who inject drugs, and support the international goal of eliminating hepatitis C by 2030. Throughout this year, Peer Based Harm Reduction WA has continued to develop and enhance existing partnerships and has established new collaborations with a number of research and peak bodies, for example the Kirby Institute and the Burnett Institute.

The 2018/19 financial year has continued to be a very busy and productive time for Peer Based Harm Reduction WA. In addition to our core funding from the Health Department of WA we have secured two additional grants to establish the hepatitis C Peer Education project and the expansion of the Nurse Practitioner led model of care for hepatitis C testing and treatment in the South West. In addition, we have secured additional funding through the Western Australian Primary Health Alliance, for projects under their Integrated Systems of Care funding pool. We maintain our contract with the Mental Health Commission to provide the Peer Naloxone Project and the Overdose Prevention and Management project. We would like to acknowledge these funding bodies, enabling Peer Based Harm Reduction WA to provide unique services.

The COM has ensured that Peer Based Harm Reduction WA continues to work within its Strategic Plan, meet its obligations, manage its finances and operate transparently, as well as maintaining its quality management system certification.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the COM members for their support and diligent oversight of the organisation. We would also like to sincerely thank all Peer Based Harm Reduction WA's staff and volunteers for their ongoing professional and dedicated work in providing unique and vital services to the Western Australian Community.

We look forward to continuing to provide quality services to the community we serve over the coming year.

Jill Rundle Chairperson

peer based harm reduction wa

Angela Corry Chief Executive Officer

OUTREACH REPORT

Our Outreach service 'home-delivers' NSEP in the Perth Metro and South West region to people whose circumstances make access to services difficult. We also supply Harm Reduction Packs to homeless and street-present people via foot-patrols in the inner city and Fremantle area. From July 2018 to June 2019, Outreach provided 314,234 needles and syringes directly to consumers in the community.

Peer Education Programs

OPAM & Naloxone

The Overdose Prevention and Management Program (OPAM) and peer-administered Naloxone project continue to teach consumers how to recognise and respond to an overdose. During this year several staff members have been authorised to supply naloxone via brief education, either at our NSEP or

by outreach-to-the-home and community settings, making this lifesaving intervention much easier to access.

Hep C PHRE

The Hep C Peer Harm Reduction Education project is a peer education project based on our OPAM model. We recruit, train and support a team of volunteer peer educators who have completed treatment with DAAs. Peer educators speak from their experience to dispel myths about side-effects, promoting the benefits of

clearing the virus, and "normalising" treatment within their social networks. The project supports people to access a non-judgmental health service.

A walking tour poster, "Nothing about us without us: The role of peer educators in HCV testing and treatment uptake" was presented at the Australasian Viral Hepatitis Elimination Conference 2019, held in Sydney.

HCV Case Management

A continued commitment to fortnightly home visits/ outreach health clinic has seen an increase in consumers being tested and then provided with treatment. There has been a snowball effect as outreach consumers refer their peers to us for testing and treatment. Cross referrals to other Peer Based Harm Reduction WA programs have increased. The outreach/ home visit health clinic has received positive feedback from consumers, highly praising Peer Based Harm Reductions WA's consumer based protocol.

Just wanted to let you know THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH, I AM HEP C FREE. I would not have done it if it wasn't for your help and persistence, thank you so much I feel heaps better.

Outreach Clinic consumer

Stirling Empowerment Project

The Stirling Empowerment Project aims to connect vulnerable and disadvantaged people, including Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) people, with a range of different community and health services to improve issues relating to their mental health and/or alcohol and other drug use. Since its inception in 2018 the project has assisted over 40 consumers through advocacy, transport, brief interventions and assisted referrals. The project has seen successes in the form of consumers experiencing improved access to health services, improved mental health and social support, increased involvement in their community, improved

"Before my life is

bad and now I am

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lucky with you in my

Stirling Empowerment

Project consumer

Needle & Syringe Distribution

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Perth NSEP (66.86%) Mail Order (0.55%)

Southwest Outreach (4.16%) Southwest Mobile (4.25%)

access to housing, increased knowledge on harm reduction strategies and the effects of alcohol and other drug use. The team aims to break down some of the barriers for vulnerable and disadvantaged people accessing health services.

NSEP REPORT

Distribution

1,980,000 pieces of sterile injecting equipment in over 20.000 consumer interactions.

Injection Infection Month

Injection Infection month continues to

demonstrate the number

of consumers requesting extra free equipment and the reported re-use of equipment declining over the four week period.



Finger Prick Survey

Peer Based Harm Reduction WA has continued to increase participation in the annual Australian NSP 'Finger Prick Survey.



HEALTH CLINIC REPORT

Over the course of this year, our Health Clinic has expanded its operation to include provision of a clinic in the Southwest. The clinic operates at our fixed site in Bunbury and via our mobile NSEP van at various towns across the Southwest region.

Our Nurse Practitioner undertook approximately 700 consumer consultations in our Perth clinic throughout the year. Nearly 70% of these consultations were with consumers returning to the service, which is encouraging and is indicative that consumers are returning to the service for ongoing testing and care. Overall, a slightly higher percentage of females attended the clinic and more than forty percent were aged between 26-40years.



Perth Consumer Consultation Southwest Consumer Consultation



Conference and Forum Participation

Our Nurse Practitioner has also presented on our hepatitis C model of care at International and National Conferences throughout the year, including in Portugal and Amsterdam.

We have also participated in the Australian Research Centre in Sex Health and Society, "Peer insights on barriers and motivators to DAA treatment uptake".

The best people work here. The nurse has to be the nicest in the universe. 5 star google review

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Peer Based Harm Reduction WA provides education, training, and consultancy to a wide range of organisations throughout the state as part of our workforce development activities.

During this year Peer Based Harm Reduction WA has provided education or training sessions on 40 occasions, to 570 participants.

This has included sessions delivered to doctors, nurses and health workers, pharmacists, staff of





Education/Training



hospital emergency departments and mental health clinics, pain and addiction specialists, Aboriginal health workers, youth services, housing and emergency accommodation providers, drop-incenter staff, and community alcohol and other drug workers.

We contributed content to an online learning module for Pharmacists and a podcast for Rural Health Workers. Lectures were provided at several universities to students in schools of medicine, pharmacy, addiction studies, psychology and occupational therapy.

During this year we also provided consultancy and support to many other organisations, including; other NSP and NSEP providers; local councils; pharmacists and doctors from several public hospitals, staff of community alcohol and other drug treatment services, community mental health clinics, and the State Methamphetamine Action Plan Task Force.

"The practical information and experience made the information more relatable"

"Focus on understanding rather than judgement"

"Real world application of the content—Very realistic approach to drug use"

"Interesting, clear, honest information. Fantastic presenter"

Training participants

MULTI MEDIA PRODUCTIONS

Podcasts Rural Health West - Mental Health and Drug Use Paul Dessauer - Sound Cloud

alcohol-abuse-and-mental-health-conditions-part-1? in=rural-health-west/sets/medical-education

Videos produced with a grant from WAPHA Vein Care Safer Injecting Health Clinic http://harmreductionwa.org/

In Memory Of

This year we remember Laura Jinks, a past employee and friend to many. Laura is dearly missed by us.

