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HELPING MORE PEOPLE OVERCOME DRUG & ALCOHOL ADDICTION

People currently unable to access treatment for drug and alcohol addiction will now have access to additional treatment and rehabilitation services, Minister for Mental Health and Healthy Lifestyles, Kevin Humphries, announced today.

Mr Humphries said the NSW Government has delivered on a key election commitment to provide \$10 million over four years for new rehabilitation services and programs that will help thousands more people break the cycle of drug and alcohol addiction.

“There are few problems we as a society face that are crueller and more debilitating than drug addiction, so I am pleased to announce today the NSW Government is delivering its commitment to increase and improve the State’s drug and alcohol treatment and rehabilitation services,” Mr Humphries said.

“This funding will provide help for people to overcome their addictions by supporting people coming out of prison, and those with high levels of social disadvantage who are dependent on drugs or alcohol.”

Mr Humphries said a tendering process to identify agencies within the Drug and Alcohol non-government sector most suitable to provide the required services has concluded, with funding to go to NGOs throughout NSW to provide care in residential rehabilitation, outreach and aftercare, community day programs and multi-disciplinary case management and coordination.

“Drug and Alcohol NGOs have a proven track record in delivering high quality treatment, prevention and health promotion services in NSW. These services are based in the community and play a vital role in assisting people who are experiencing problems with drugs and alcohol,” Mr Humphries said.

Chief Executive Officer of the Network of Alcohol and Drug Agencies, Larry Pierce, welcomed NSW Government’s determination to address this issue.

“On behalf of the Network of Alcohol and Drug Agencies I would like to congratulate the NSW Government on its much needed injection of significant new money into NGO drug and alcohol treatment agencies across the state,” Mr Pierce said.

“This new funding will be essential for supporting better treatment outcomes for the high complex needs patients that our services see and will assist them to stay well after treatment and lead productive lives back in the community.”

Mr Humphries said the announcement demonstrated the NSW Government’s commitment to keep people out of costly acute health services, break the cycle of reoffending and back into our communities.

“I congratulate the successful organisations and I am confident that they will deliver high quality services that go towards breaking the destructive cycle of substance addiction,” Mr Humphries said.

For more information on the successful tenderers please visit www.health.nsw.gov.au

Tenders have been awarded to the following NGOs:

	Successful tenderers
24-hour staffed residential rehabilitation services providing structured interventions	Jarrah House WHOS Sydney Services Freeman House Kedesh Rehabilitation Service
Outreach and aftercare for up to twelve months	Community Restorative Centre WHOS Sydney Services Samaritans Foundation Kedesh Rehabilitation Service
Community based day programs to enable community participation and build re-integration including assistance with housing, employment, occupational therapy and living skills	WHOS Hunter Services Bridges Inc. Samaritans Foundation Watershed Drug & Alcohol Recovery and Education Centre Drug and Alcohol Multicultural Education Centre
Multi-disciplinary case management and coordination across health services	WHOS Hunter Services WHOS Sydney Services Maari Ma Aboriginal Corporation