WHO GETS SERVICES?

CLINICAL AND FUNDING PERSPECTIVES IN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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Thursday
21 January &
Friday
22 January 1999
A Summer Forum to be held at Bondi Beach - Sydney's most famous beach.

This first summer forum brings international speakers together with local speakers and gives plenty of opportunity for participants to contribute to discussion and debate.

In these times of increasing demand, improving services, new hope and national strategies, how do we decide Who Gets Services? Is it decided on an historical basis, or on outcome measures, or by consumer and carer satisfaction, or according to predetermined indicators and standards, or is it purely on the basis of need?

Date: Thursday 21 January and Friday 22 January 1999

Costs: Full fee $360
Earlybird $300
(Ill received by Wed 16 December 1999)
A limited number of concessions are available on request.

Fees include morning/afternoon teas, lunches, and dinner on Thursday evening.

Internet Chat Line
You will be able to talk to Prof. Ron Diamond live on the THEMHS website from 10am on Saturday 23 January 1999. A Java enabled browser (eg Netscape 4, or IE4) or an IRC client, will be required to take part in this session. Please see our website: www.themhs.org, for details.
KEYNOTE

Dr. Ronald W. Manderscheid currently serves as Chief of the Survey and Analysis Branch, Division of State and Community Systems Development, Centre for Mental Health Services. During the National Health Care Reform Debate, he also served as Policy Advisor on National Health Care Reform in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Previously, Dr. Manderscheid was with the national Institute of Mental Health (NIMHI). He served as Chief of the Statistical Research Branch, where he provided strong leadership in implementing the National Reporting System (NRP) and the Mental Health Statistics Improvement Program (MHSIP). He is noted for his publications on service delivery to persons with serious mental illness and the organisation of the mental health service system. For the past five editions, he has served as Editor of Mental Health, United States. In addition, he has served as the Chairperson of the Sociological Practice Section of the American Sociological Association, and as President of the Washington Academy of Sciences, and the District of Columbia Sociological Society. Currently, he is Chair of the Mental Health Section of the American Public Health Association. In 1993, he was a member of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Work Group of the President’s Task Force on Health Care Reform. He is the recipient of both Federal and professional awards, including the 1995 National Sociological Practice Award.

Dr. Ron Diamond is a Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Wisconsin, Medical Director of the Mental Health Centre of Dane County and consultant to the Wisconsin Bureau of Community Mental Health. For more than 20 years, he has been involved in developing community based treatment of persons with severe and persistent mental illness. In 1977 he was the first medical director of Yahara House, a Fountainhouse type psycho-social clubhouse program for persons with serious psychiatric disability. In 1980 he helped develop and was the first medical director of the Mobile Community Treatment Program, a specialised assertive case management program for persons with serious mental illness who tended to be non-compliant with traditional treatment approaches. In 1983 he designed and became the director of the Acute Psychiatry Service, a crisis intervention service at the University of Wisconsin Department of Psychiatry. From September 1986 through March 1987 he was a consultant to the Prince of Wales Hospital at the University of New South Wales in Australia. He is director of the University of Wisconsin Community Psychiatry Training Program which received the distinguished training award from the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill in recognition of being one of the best programs in the country to train mental health professionals to work with persons with serious mental illness. He has three times received the exemplary psychiatrist award by the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

SPEAKERS

OTHER SPEAKERS
- Merinda Epstein - Consumer Consultant and Cartoonist
- Therese Egan - Mental Health Services, Ministry of Health, NZ
- Roger Gurr - Director, Blacktown City Mental Health Services
- Leonie Manns - Chair, NSW Disability Council
- Graham Meadows - Senior Lecturer, Dept of Psychiatry, University of Melbourne
- Jonathon Phillips - Private Psychiatrist, President-Elect, Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists
- Alan Rosen - Director, Royal North Shore Hospital and Community Mental Health Services
- Tim Smyth - Deputy Director General, Policy, NSW Health Department
- Andrew Stripp - Assistant Director, Mental Health, Department of Human Services
- Maree Teesson - Lecturer, National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, University of Sydney
- Harvey Whiteford - First Assistant Secretary of Health Services Development Division, Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care

THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CONFERENCE INC. OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

THEMHS is the largest mental health conference in Australia and New Zealand attracting over 1000 mental health clinicians, managers, consumers, carers, policy makers, researchers and educators annually.

AIMS

1. Provide a forum for the presentation and exchange of ideas about best ways of ensuring high quality mental health services for people seriously affected by mental illness and disability.
2. Promote positive attitudes about mental health and mental illness.
3. Provide a forum for professional development of people associated with mental health services, i.e. an opportunity to present current innovations, strategies, research, policies and future directions.
4. Provide a forum for professionals, consumers, carers and managers to meet and debate mental health services.
5. Stimulate debate which will challenge the boundaries of present knowledge and ideas about services for people with mental health disabilities.

Limited places are available at the Summer Forum.
At this time of year, hotels and airfares will fill up quickly, so please book early.

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