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Mental health strategies have been in place in both Australia and New Zealand for a decade. What have we achieved so far? Services have become more consumer-focused, more community-minded, data-driven, and more embedded within the mental health service and with other health and welfare services. We have made the shift from being stigmatised to effective, well-supported manpower. How are we dealing with mental health services, who are and what about mental health services look like in 2003 and beyond? This forum will examine international and local examples of best practice in mental health services. Two keynote speakers, along with leading Australian and New Zealand speakers will stimulate the forum.

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**Richard Warner**, Director, Mental Health Services, Brisbane, QLD, USA

**Bouldin, CO, USA**

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TheMHS Aims

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
- Provide a forum for the presentation and exchange of ideas about best ways of ensuring high quality mental health services for people affected by mental illness and disability.
- Promote positive attitudes about mental health and mental illness.
- 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 case directions.
- Provide a forum for professionals, consumers, carers/families and managers to meet and debate mental health services.
- Stimulate debate which will challenge the boundaries of present knowledge and drive about services for people with mental health disabilities.

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Friday 24th January 2003

0.00am  How do we build good mental health services?
Richard Warner
Discussion

10.00am  Morning Tea

10.30am  How do we design mental health services?
Richard Warner
Discussion

11.30am  Government responses
Australia: Glenn Cobby
New Zealand: Bruce Wilson

11.30am  Debate (or panel)
How can we build resource-rich mental health services?
The economics of what makes for good mental health services: workforce development, real estate partnerships with other individuals, organisations, private practice. Speakers to be decided.

1.00pm  Lunch

2.00pm  How do we build good mental health services?
Roberto Messina

3.00pm  How do we draw all the components together, so that consumers and carers (families) have good mental health services?
Presenters and audience participation

3.45pm  Afternoon tea, and informal discussion with speakers

Thursday 23rd January 2003

9.00am  What makes for a good mental health service?
Richard Warner, Boulder CO, USA

10.00am  Morning tea

10.30am  What makes for a good mental health service?
Roberto Messina, Trieste, Italy

11.30am  Raising the issues: What do we know works well in Australia and New Zealand? What doesn’t work well? Facilitated session. Responses from Richard Warner and Roberto Messina

12.30pm  Lunch

1.00pm  What are the challenges for mental health services - what is working and what is not, in Australia and New Zealand mental health services?
Australian Harvey Whitbread
New Zealand: WH Commission chairperson

2.00pm  Afternoon tea

2.30pm  What can really make a difference? ………………………………..more text ………………………………..more, and stigma.

5.00pm  Dinner

5.30pm  Food for thought – speakers and audience have time for questions and discussion, with a cash bar

7.00pm  Dinner

Program

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