TheMHS SUMMER FORUM 2007

The Mental Health Workforce of the Future

Mental health is one of the most rapidly developing areas of health. New interventions and approaches have grown exponentially over the past decade. New treatments, developments in prevention and new methods and systems for the delivery of interventions are developing at a rapid pace. It is truly an exciting time in mental health.

This year's Summer Forum will focus on several questions including:

- What are the new and innovative mental health interventions and treatments?
- How do we build a system which will support innovative interventions?
- How will the workforce get the required training and ongoing supervision?
- How do we attract, retain and sustain staff in the workforce?
- How will we inspire them to learn from the emerging evidence-base and from each other?

Leading experts in mental health and in workforce development will challenge our current thinking on innovative interventions, training and the mental health workforce.

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Thursday 15 February 2007

Day one focuses on a vision of the future in terms of: what are the new interventions and what does this mean for the mental health workforce?

9.00am  Speaker: Harvey Whiteford
  Topic: *The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Mental Health Reforms - what does this mean for the future of the mental health workforce?*

10.00am Speaker: Louise Newman
  Topic: *Mental health reform – training and education for the future OR Critical training issues on mental health*

11.00am morning tea

11.30am Speaker: Paul Nestor
  Topic: *The Peer Specialist Role - A View for Now and the Future*

12.30pm Lunch

1.30pm Speaker: Ian Hickie
  Topic: *Delivering effective treatments for depression: more choices, better outcomes?*

2.30pm Speaker: Pat McGorry
  Topic: *Strengthening the system where its weakest: Early intervention for young people aged 12 - 25 in Australia*

3.30pm afternoon tea

4.00pm Speakers: Peter McGeGeorge; Robyn Shearer, Evan Lewis
  Topic: *The future of community & hospital mental health services and the workforce*

5.30pm finish

7.00pm Dinner
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Friday 16 February 2007

Day two focuses on: Now that we have a view of the future, how do we build a system to support it and a workforce to realise it?

9.00am Speaker: Paul O’Halloran (UK)
   Topic: The Emerging Shape of the Future Workforce
Speaker: Leanne Wells
   Topic: Building capacity of primary mental health care teams

10.30am morning tea

11.00am Speaker: Di Lawson
   Topic: Vocational preparation of the workforce

11.10am Speakers: Gavin Andrews, Nick Titov
   Topic: ClimateMH – a web based mental health course for all staff

12.30pm Building and supporting the workforce – Peter McGeorge

1.00pm lunch

2.00pm Workshops: (please check notice board for room)

Workshop 1. Indigenous mental health workforce – Kate Gilbert; Di Lawson

Workshop 2. What should the curriculum look like? Gavin Andrews, Nick Titov

Workshop 3. Co-morbidity and the workforce – Sudie Back

Workshop 4. Magnet nursing program - Are We There Yet?:
   Magnet Journey for Hutt Valley District Health Board Mental Health & Addiction Services, Julia Hennessy,
   Garth Healey; The Magnet program in Brisbane, Janice Crawford and Craig Moffitt.

4.00pm afternoon tea & close