Leadership for Mental Health Services of the Future

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It is time to re-view, re-assess, re-invent and re-invigorate leadership in mental health services.

This year’s summer forum takes up the challenge of leadership in mental health. Leadership and vision is crucial for the future of mental health services in Australia. The forum brings together past and future leaders to discuss what has made the difference and what needs to happen in the future. The forum will examine what has worked in the past, what is proposed for the future and what skills are required to get there. Strong leadership is about systems and the people who work in these systems. Leadership at all levels is needed to drive the changes necessary to promote reform and culture change in mental health services.
TheMHS continues its mission to focus on the big issues and challenges in mental health in Australia and New Zealand. This forum raises issues, highlights problems and focuses on future directions, examples of good practice and good research.

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Speakers

**Harvey Whiteford**
Harvey Whiteford is the Krazmann Professor of Psychiatry and Population Health at the University of Queensland, Australia. He has held senior clinical and administrative positions, including that of Director of Mental Health in the Queensland and Federal governments in Australia and at the World Bank in Washington DC. His expertise and research interests are in mental health policy, financing and service delivery.

**Harold Pincus**
Harold Pincus is Professor and Vice Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Columbia University and Director of Quality and Outcomes Research at New York Presbyterian Hospital, USA. He is a Senior Scientist at the RAND Corporation. He has also served as the Deputy Medical Director of the American Psychiatric Association and the founding director of APA’s Office of Research, and Executive Director of the American Psychiatric Institute for Research and Education. He was a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholar and served as a professional staff member of the President’s Commission on Mental Health at the White House and subsequently as a congressional fellow in the U.S. House of Representatives. He has edited or co-authored 23 books and over 300 scientific publications in health services research, science policy, research career development and the diagnosis, classification and treatment of mental disorders. Dr. Pincus has had a particular research interest in the practices of evidence-based medicine, quality improvement and the relationships among general medicine, mental health, and substance abuse. He is the Principal Investigator of the congressionally mandated National Evaluation of Mental Health Services for Veterans.

**David Goldbloom**
David Goldbloom, Senior Medical Advisor, Education & Public Affairs, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Professor of Psychiatry, University of Toronto; Vice-Chair, Mental Health Commission of Canada. He majored in Government at Harvard University; was a Rhodes Scholar at University of Oxford; did medicine and psychiatry at McGill University. He has authored numerous scientific articles and book chapters; is a member of the Board of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health Foundation as well as the Board of the Canadian Mental Health Association Metro Toronto. Additionally he is a member of the Board of Governors of the Stratford Shakespeare Festival of Canada.

**Jenny Alexander**
Jenny Alexander is Chief Executive Officer, Australian Institute of Management (NSW & ACT). She is a Fellow of Australian Institute of Management, Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators, Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine, Royal Australian College of Physicians, Australian College of Health Service Executives, Australian Institute of Company Directors. She was awarded the Queensland Telstra Business Woman of the Year. Additionally she is a member of the Board of Directors of the Foundation River Dunes, USA; Senior Medical Advisor, Education & Public Affairs, Center for Mental Health Services, SAMHSA, USA; Member, National Advisory Council on Mental Health, Australia. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Foundation River Dunes, USA; Senior Medical Advisor, Education & Public Affairs, Center for Mental Health Services, SAMHSA, USA; Member, National Advisory Council on Mental Health, Australia.

**Leonie Manns**
Leonie Manns is the Consumer Participation Co-ordinator, Mental Health Services, St Vincent’s Hospital, Sydney, Australia.

**Mike Kirby**
Mike Kirby, Chair, Mental Health Commission of Canada, Calgary, AB, Canada. The Honourable Michael Kirby retired from the Senate of Canada in 2006 after 22 years of service, having chaired the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology. Under his leadership, the Committee produced 11 health care reports, including the first-ever national report on mental health, mental illness and addiction, Out of the Shadows at Last. Previously he held numerous senior appointments in the civil service, including Secretary to the Cabinet for Federal-Provincial Relations and Deputy Clerk of the Privy Council. In this capacity, he was deeply involved in the negotiations which led to the patrination of the Canadian Constitution and the adoption of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

**Peggy Brown**
Peggy Brown is Director, Mental Health ACT, Canberra, Australia. She was formerly Director of Mental Health in Queensland. She has been actively involved within the RANZCP serving on both the Committee for Training and the Committee for Examinations. She also has extensive experience in national mental health policy forums, including the national Mental Health Standing Committee and is currently Chair of the Safety and Quality Partnership Working Group. In 2000 she was awarded the Queensland Telstra Business Woman of the Year.

**Michael Burge**
Michael Burge, Member, National Advisory Council on Mental Health, Tewoomba QLD, Australia.

**Ken Thompson**
Ken Thompson, Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Public Health, University of Pittsburgh and Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic; Associate Director of the Foundation River Dunes, USA.

**George Witte**
George Witte, Chairman, Board of Directors of the Foundation River Dunes, (Mental Health Service), Leiden, Holland.
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2. Promote active involvement and inclusion of all mental health
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3. Advocate and promote leadership in the mental health field

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22 February 2009

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