

# **Leadership for mental health services of the future**



## **Conference Program**

**TheMHS Summer Forum  
26-27 February 2009**

**Citigate Central Hotel  
Sydney**

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

The 2009 Summer Forum takes up this challenge.

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.



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## Thursday 26 February 2009

8.45am **Opening: Chair – Maree Teesson**  
TheMHS welcome – Kevin Kellehear, Chairperson

8.55am **Session 01: National Leadership Vision**  
**Chair – Maree Teesson**

*Speaker 1: Harvey Whiteford*

*Topic: What will mental health services look like and how will we get there? What are the obstacles and problems along the way?*

*Speaker 2: David Goldbloom*

*Topic: Mental Health Leadership issues in Canada, what led to the creation of the Mental Health Commission of Canada?*

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10.45am Morning Tea in foyer of Ballroom

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11.15am **Session 02: MH Service Leadership Vision**  
**Chair – Kevin Kellehear**

*Speaker 1: Margaret Goding*

*Topic: Leadership for Recovery: the challenge of engendering hope and growth in mental health service systems*

*Speaker 2: Tom Callaly*

*Topic: Leadership: learned or natural to clinicians? What are the current obstacles and what are the essential ingredients?*

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12.30pm Lunch in hotel restaurant downstairs

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1.30pm **Session 03: How can Governments drive reform/change?**  
**Chair – Julia Hennessy**

*Speaker 1: Steve Patchett*

*Topic: Reform in West Australia*

*Speakers 2 & 3: John Mendoza; Michael Burge*

*Topic: Obstacles and issues: models of mental health leadership*

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3.15pm Afternoon Tea in foyer of Ballroom

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3.45pm **Session 04: Leadership in NGO sector**  
**Chair – Cathy Issakidis**

*Speaker: Simone Montgomery*

*Topic: Leadership in Action*

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4.15pm **Session 05: Can a change in funding models drive reform?**  
**Chair – Tom Brideson**

*Speakers: Roger Gurr; Kathy Eagar (Craig Gear)*

*Funding models – leading the way to more rational methods of funding for developing / sustaining good community & hospital mental health services*

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5.15pm **Close of session 05:**  
Reception begins: finger food supplied, cash bar for all beverages

5.30pm **Food for Thought** session begins in Port Jackson Room (back of Ballroom). A time for **thinking**, discussing, questioning, recommending, revitalising, re-visioning the Forum topics, with Alan Rosen and Margaret Goding.

7.15 End of reception.

Dinner buffet is available in hotel restaurant downstairs. Discount cost of buffet is \$30 / head for Forum delegates and partners.

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## TheMHS Summer Forum

### Friday 27 February 2009

9.00am **Session 06: Translating global mental health collaboration into reforming local practices that make a difference**  
**Chair – Tom Callaly**

*Speaker:* **Harold Pincus**

*Discussant:* **Peggy Brown**

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10.15am Morning Tea in foyer of Ballroom

10.45am **Session 07: Governments leading the way to continuing reform**  
**Chair: Lynne Dunbar**

*Speaker-New Zealand:* **Janice Wilson**

*Speaker-Australia:* **Nathan Smyth**

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12.00pm Lunch in hotel restaurant downstairs

1.00pm **Session 08: Leadership lessons and principles**  
**Chair: Marilyn McMurchie**

*Speakers 1 & 2:* **Douglas Holmes, Leonie Manns**

*Topic:* Bridge to the future, lessons from the past

*Speaker 3:* **Jenny Alexander**

*Topic:* Leadership: principles to drive change

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2.30pm Afternoon Tea in foyer of Ballroom

3.00pm **Session 09: Final Forum: Reshaping and redesigning better mental health services. Is a mental health commission the answer?**  
**Chair: Alan Rosen**

*Speaker:* **Mike Kirby,**

*Commentators:* **David Goldbloom, Ken Thompson, Leonie Manns, Peter McGeorge, George Witte, Janice Wilson**

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4.30pm **Close of Forum – Douglas Holmes,** Vice Chair, TheMHS

**SPEAKERS AT 2009 SUMMER FORUM:  
LEADERSHIP FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES OF THE FUTURE**

**Harvey Whiteford** is the Kratzmann Professor of Psychiatry and Population Health at the University of Queensland, Australia.

**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; Senior Scientist at the RAND Corporation

**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.

**Mike Kirby**, Chair, Mental Health Commission of 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.

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**Jenny Alexander** is Chief Executive Officer, Australian Institute of Management (NSW & ACT).

**Peggy Brown** is Director, Mental Health ACT, Canberra, Australia. She was formerly Director of Mental Health in Queensland.

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

**Tom Callaly**, Executive Director & Clinical Director Mental Health, Barwon Health, Geelong, VIC, Australia

**Kathy Eagar**, Professor and Director of the Centre for Health Service Development (CHSD), University of Wollongong.

**Margaret Goding**, consultant and formerly Director of Health Service Demand and Mental Health at St.Vincent's Health, Melbourne, VIC, Australia

**Roger Gurr**, Associate Professor, University of Western Sydney

**Douglas Holmes** is the Consumer Participation Co-ordinator, Mental Health Services, St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, Australia

**Leonie Manns** is a member the NSW Mental Health Tribunal and the Guardianship Board, Sydney and a mental health training consultant.

**John Mendoza**, Chair, National Advisory Council on Mental Health; Adjunct Professor, Health Science, University of the Sunshine Coast, QLD, Adjunct Associate Professor Medicine, University of Sydney; Director, ConNetica Consulting Pty Ltd

**Simone Montgomery** Training Development Learning and Development Unit  
Mental Health Coordinating Council

**Peter McGeorge**, Chair, Mental Health Commission, Wellington, New Zealand.

**Steve Patchett**, Executive Director for Western Australian (WA) Mental Health

**Nathan Smyth**, Assistant Secretary, Mental Health Reform Branch, Mental Health and Workforce Division, Department of Health and Ageing, Australian Government, Canberra, ACT.

**Ken Thompson**, Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Public Health, University of Pittsburgh and Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic; Associate Director of Medical Affairs, Center for Mental Health Services, SAMHSA, USA

**Janice Wilson**, Deputy Director-General, Population Health Directorate, Ministry of Health, Wellington, New Zealand

**George Witte**, Chairman, Board of Directors of the Foundation River Dunes, (Mental Health Service), Leiden, Holland