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The RIGHT_{to} CARE that WORKS

Crowne Plaza Hotel
150 Day St Sydney NSW (adjacent to Darling Harbour)

Everyone has the right to timely, effective, best-practice mental health care. This Summer Forum will focus on the RIGHT to Care that WORKS.

People with mental illness need access to a comprehensive system of care that offers high quality care that works. We need a system which recognises the magnitude of the problems inherent in providing this system and commits resources to effective programs. We need a system of care which respects human rights and drives forward to social justice. Right Care Works!

Twelfth annual TheMHS Summer Forum



Speakers will examine the evidence and address the challenge of delivering care that works within the broader context of respecting the rights of those who experience mental illness. Some of the specific topics to be examined are: balancing human rights, mental health and social inclusion; coercive treatment and mental health, equity of access across gender, age and rural and remote areas, clinical and human rights issues in prisons; and homelessness and the right to housing and employment.

Excerpt from:
Mental Health: statement of rights and responsibilities,
Commonwealth Government of Australia, 1991.

Good mental health is a resource for everyday life. It is a positive concept which embraces both inner individual experience and interpersonal group experience. It is the capacity of the individual and the group to interact effectively with the environment. To the individual, good mental health means happiness, competence, a sense of power over one's life, positive feelings of self esteem and capacities to love, work and play. Good mental health also allows individuals to deal appropriately with difficult life events. Supporting the community in improving the mental health of its members is therefore a major investment in all aspects of community life, and is part of the function of health service providers.

TheMHS Summer Forum continues its mission to focus on the big issues and challenges in mental health in Australia and New Zealand. These forums aim to raise issues, highlight problems and to focus on future directions and examples of good practice and good research, by inviting speakers with expertise and/or a story to tell.

Please check our website (www.themhs.org) for up to date program details.

Invitation to Sydney

Come to TheMHS 12th annual Summer Forum to be held at the Crowne Plaza Darling Harbour Hotel, close to Sydney Central Business District and Darling Harbour. Nearby are many attractions: the Chinese Gardens; a myriad of cafés and restaurants; Australian National Maritime Museum; Powerhouse Museum; IMAX theatre; Sydney Aquarium; Sydney Wildlife World; Paddy's market; cinemas and ferry, bus, tram, train and monorail services.

Who should attend this Forum?

This forum will be of interest to mental health program managers and directors, clinical leaders, researchers, educators, policy makers, consumers and carers.

This Summer Forum is organised by TheMHS Management Committee: Andy Campbell, Lynne Dunbar, Tom Brideson, Roger Gurr, Paula Hanlon, Douglas Holmes, Cathy Issakidis, Kevin Kellehear, Leonie Manns, Peter McGeorge, Marilyn McMurchie, Vivienne Miller, Sadie Robertson, Alan Rosen, Maree Teesson



Keynote and Invited Speakers



Steven P. Segal

Steven P. Segal, Mack Distinguished Professor, School of Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley; Director of the Mental Health and Social Welfare Research Group, and the Milton and Florence Krenz Mack Center on Mental Health and Social Conflict.

Dr. Segal is the winner of the Distinguished Achievement Award from the Society for Social Work and Research. He has been the recipient of senior Fulbright research and lecture awards in Australia, the United Kingdom and Italy. He has worked on mental health services research related to long term community and residential care, civil commitment, the assessment of dangerousness and quality of psychiatric emergency care in general hospital psychiatric emergency rooms, and consumer roles in mental health services provision. A selected list of his publications can be found on TheMHS website.

Topic 1: Coersive treatments & mental health: Community Treatment Orders – what value?

Topic 2: Housing, homelessness and human rights for people with mental illness



Cheryl Kernot

Cheryl Kernot is Associate Professor and Director of Teaching and Learning at the Centre for Social Impact, University of New South Wales. This Centre is a new national initiative aimed at driving social innovation by building the capacity of Australia's

not-for-profit organisations and strengthening their relationship to the private and government sectors. Her focus and passion nowadays is social entrepreneurship using conventional business models to deliver social returns such as alleviating poverty or improving the environment. She was a politician for 11 years, first as an Australian Democrats senator for Queensland (including leading the party from 1993 to 1997), then as an Australian Labor Party shadow minister in 1997. Following her distinguished political career, Ms Kernot spent five years working in the UK as a Programme Director at the Skoll Centre for Social Entrepreneurs at the Said Business School at Oxford University and as the Director of Learning at the School for Social Entrepreneurs in London. Her specialist role at the Skoll Centre was to assist and mentor start-up social businesses, particularly in the delivery of innovative health services.

Topic: The right to social inclusion



Henry Brodaty

Henry Brodaty is Professor of Ageing and Mental Health and Director of the Australian government funded Dementia Collaborative Research Centre at the University of New South Wales. He is Director of Aged Care Psychiatry and Head of the Memory Disorders

Clinic at Prince of Wales Hospital in Sydney, Australia and is a member of several Australian and NSW Government committees related to ageing and mental health. He is a past president of Alzheimer's Australia and Alzheimer's Australia (NSW) and past Chairman of Alzheimer's Disease International and of its Medical and Scientific Panel. He has published over 300 scientific papers and several books. His research interests include prevention and treatment of Alzheimer's disease, the conceptualisation of Mild Cognitive Impairment, how best to help family caregivers, how best to care for people with dementia in nursing homes and the aetiology and management of behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia (BPSD). He is committed to improving the quality of life of people with dementia and their families through direct services, advocacy and advancing research.

Topic: Special Challenges: Human rights, mental health of older people



Mary O'Hagan

Mary O'Hagan was a key initiator of the mental health service user movement in New Zealand in the late 1980s, and was the first chairperson of the World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry between 1991 and 1995. She was a Mental Health Commissioner in New

Zealand between 2000 and 2007. Mary is now an international consultant in mental health. She has written and spoken extensively on user and survivor perspectives in many countries, and has been an international leader in the development of the recovery approach.

Topic: Balancing human rights, risk and social inclusion

The program will also include:

- Special challenges: Gender differences and access to treatment
- Challenges outside the city: people who live in rural and remote areas
- Prisons, police and promoting human rights for people with mental illness
- Forensic mental health services – ethical, clinical and human rights issues
- Human rights in practice – employment; mental health literacy

Accommodation



The Crowne Plaza, the conference hotel, is offering specially reduced room rates of \$170/night for conference delegates to TheMHS Summer Forum.

We recommend that you book your hotel room EARLY to ensure that you obtain this discounted room rate. To obtain the discounted rate follow the

link below (via TheMHS website) which will take you directly into the Crowne Plaza room booking system.

Go to TheMHS website and click on the hotel booking link which can be found at: <http://www.themhs.org/summer-forum/2010-summer-forum/hotel-accommodation->

PLEASE NOTE: Standard policy is that hotels require a credit card or cash bond to be presented on arrival to cover any additional charges that may occur during your stay, even if your accommodation has been fully prepaid.

Cancellations – Please see the hotel's hotel's policy for cancellations.

Closing Date for Registration 12 February 2010

The number of places at this Forum is strictly limited, so please book early to guarantee your place. On-site registration may be available, depending upon numbers – please check availability with TheMHS office before the commencement of the Summer Forum.

Your name and contact details will be used only to notify you of future mental health related events organised by TheMHS. If you do not wish to have your details used for this purpose please contact TheMHS office.

INSURANCE

It is strongly recommended that delegates take out adequate medical, travel and personal insurance prior to the commencement of travel to cover any loss of fees, accommodation or airfares, should you be unable to participate in the conference for any reason.

DISCLAIMER

The information given by presenters at the conference does not represent the views of TheMHS, and does not constitute therapeutic advice. In the event of industrial action, force majeure or other unforeseen disruption, the conference organisers do not take responsibility for any loss of monies incurred by conference delegates. We strongly advise conference delegates to arrange their own personal insurance. The conference will not be liable for any participant failing to take out their own insurance.

TheMHS CANCELLATION POLICY: Fees will be refunded in full if TheMHS is notified in writing by the 14 January 2010, 50% of fee will be refunded if notification is received by 28 January 2010. NO REFUND will apply after 28 January, except at the discretion of TheMHS Management Committee.

Summer Forum Registration

ONLINE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION is available at www.themhs.org

If you are not able to register online please contact TheMHS.

2 day registration fee includes morning/afternoon teas, lunches and drinks/nibbles at the end of Thursday 19th February.

\$585	Full 2 day Fee
\$540	Earlybird 2 day Fee (on or before 13th Jan 2010)

Above prices include GST

Concessional registration fees are available (full-time students, unemployed people, pension-card holders, government beneficiaries) on request to TheMHS office at info@themhs.org

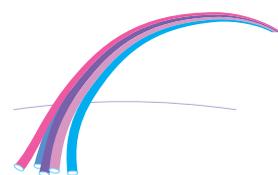
PLEASE NOTE: Registration will not be confirmed until payment in full has been received.

TheMHS - a learning network for improving mental health services in Australasia

TheMHS is an independent education, service development and networking organisation. TheMHS mission is to:

1. Recognise and promote quality collaborative research, practice, policy-making and education
2. Promote active involvement and inclusion of all mental health stakeholders
3. Advocate and promote leadership in the mental health field

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