



THEMHS CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE - WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

10.00 - 4.30 Tuesday 2 September 2008

1st Floor Te Pou, 65 New North Road, Eden Terrace, Auckland (09 373 2125)

PRIOR REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL AS IT IS FULLY SUBSCRIBED

The objectives of this workshop are to discuss workforce development needs and issues of Mental Health Services for Older People (MHSOP), including competencies for working in this sector. We aim to identify and consider opportunities for further workforce development.

Participants will increase their awareness of workforce development issues for MHSOP and participate in developing competencies for professionals working in this sector.

TIME	ITEM	PRESENTER
10.00-10.30	REGISTRATION AND COFFEE	
10.30-10.45	INTRODUCTION AND OUTLINE OF CONTENT	REGIONAL WORKFORCE COORDINATORS
10.45 -11.15	NATIONAL SERVICE FRAMEWORK PROJECT	ROZ SORENSEN
11.15-11.45	WORKFORCE CONCERNS, DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES	DR DARREN MALONE
11.45-12.30	NZ OLDER PERSONS MENTAL HEALTH WORKFORCE S.W.O.T. ANALYSIS	DR MATTHEW CROUCHER
12.30-1.15	LUNCH	
1.15-3.15	CORE COMPETENCIES FOR MHSOP PROFESSIONALS	DR NIGEL GEORGE
3.15-3.30	AFTERNOON TEA	
3.30-4.30	DISCUSSION ON RAISED ISSUES, OPPORTUNITIES AND POSSIBLE WAYS FORWARD	ALL
4.30	CLOSE	

PRESENTATIONS

- **NATIONAL SERVICE FRAMEWORK PROJECT**

ROZ SORENSEN is a senior Project Manager, Policy & Service Development at the Mental Health Group of the Population Health Directorate, Ministry of Health.

Roz will give an overview of how the National Service Framework Project relates to the MHSOP sector. This project is a significant piece of work which is reviewing what current and future mental health and addiction services can be purchased by funders.

- **WORKFORCE CONCERNS, DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES**

DR DARREN MALONE is a psychiatrist for the older adult service at Lakes District Health Board. Darren will talk about workforce concerns, demographic changes and the impact these have on the general hospital and mental health services. There will be an opportunity for discussion and documenting of issues.

- **NZ OLDER PERSONS MENTAL HEALTH WORKFORCE S.W.O.T. ANALYSIS**

DR MATTHEW CROUCHER is an Old Age Psychiatrist in the Psychiatry Service for the Elderly of the Canterbury District Health Board and an Academic with the University of Otago, Canterbury. This part of the workshop will focus on the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats faced by New Zealand Older Persons Mental Health Workforce now and in the immediate future, insofar as we know what they are. The analysis will attempt to cover primary and secondary care, inpatient and outpatient care, and DHB and NGO services, but with more of an emphasis on community-based aspects of care. A brief overview of the Psychiatry of Old Age Academic Unit hosted by the CDHB will also be presented to inform delegates of this aspect of the CDHB's response to the current workforce challenges.

- **CORE COMPETENCIES FOR MHSOP PROFESSIONALS**

DR NIGEL GEORGE is a Senior Clinical Psychologist working at both Green Lane Hospital, Auckland, in the Mental Health Services for Older People Team and at the University of Auckland as Director of the Psychology Clinic. This workshop is part of a Northern regional project that will develop a set of core competencies for professionals working in Mental Health Services for Older People in Auckland and Northland. It is anticipated that this could then assist services with the implementation of Lets Get Real. The workshop will begin with an overview of previous international competency work in the field of older adults. The second part of this workshop will ask participants to help in the initial work of developing both the core and advanced competencies thought necessary to work in this specialist area via small group work.

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