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THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CONFERENCE INC. OF AUSTRALIA AND
NEW ZEALAND
19-22 AUGUST 1997

PRESENTS A PRE-CONFERENCE FORUM

CARERS OF MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE
“STRENGTHENING THE THREADS – CARERS,
CLIENTS AND CLINICIANS WORKING TOGETHER”

The focus of this workshop will be on “*Help Where Help is Needed in the Community*”, the support services provided to assist carers in their caring role.

Keynote speaker: **PROFESSOR HARRIET LEFLEY**, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Services, University of Miami School of Medicine. She will speak on an alliance of care. Dr Lefley is a highly esteemed author of many books about families coping with mental illness.

PROGRAM

- 9.00 Opening—Associate Professor Lindsay Gething, President NSW Carers Association
 - 9.15 Professor Harriet Lefley
 - 10.15 “Help Where Help is Needed in the Community” – Declan O’Riordan,
Nicola Watt, Carol Churchill
 - 11.00 Morning Tea (provided)
 - 11.30 Clinicians responses to changing needs of family carers – Dr Robert Bland
 - 11.45 Carers & clients perspective on community care – Mark & Heather Stephens
 - 12.15 Forum – Questions to panel of carers, clients and clinicians
 - 1.00 Lunch (provided)
 - 2.00 Stream A – Living in the Community: Ms Toni Ovadia, Ms Wendy Weir
Mr John South
Stream B – Multiple Family Interventions Project: Dr Margaret Leggatt,
Mr Gordon Lambert
 - 3.00 Afternoon Tea (provided)
 - 3.30 Stream A – Latest Research: Dr Stan Catts
Stream B – Continued
 - 4.30 Plenary Session
 - 5.00 Drinks, nibbles and a chat at the Teachers Club, Drutt Street, Sydney
(nibbles provided, drinks to be purchased)
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Venue: Sydney Town Hall, George Street, Sydney
Date: Tuesday 19th August, 1997
Cost: Carers \$45, Clinicians \$100
(Some subsidies are available on request)

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