Welcome to this special TheMHS Autumn Forum, our first Forum in more than two years. As a hybrid event, we welcome a limited number of in-person, as well as virtual, participants. In this Forum we will unravel concepts of recovery, rehabilitation, psychosocial support, and psychosocial disability. Together we will identify the challenges and barriers for people to achieve good outcomes in this increasingly complex system. We will also examine new models, perspectives and ways of supporting people’s psychosocial needs.

### Program

**7.30am**  
Registration Open for Face-to-Face Delegates

**8.45am**  
Session Open for Virtual Delegates

**9.00am**  
**Opening and Welcome**

**Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country**  
*Cath Chapman, Board Chair, TheMHS Learning Network*

**Topic Introduction: Defining Rehabilitation, Recovery and Psychosocial Disability in a Context of Human Rights and Social Determinants**  
*Lisa Brophy, Professor and Discipline Lead in Social Work and Social Policy, La Trobe University*

**9.25am**  
**Challenges and Future Directions of NDIS**

*Bruce Bonyhady AM, Executive Chair & Director, Melbourne Disability Institute, University of Melbourne*

*Chair: Lisa Brophy, Professor and Discipline Lead in Social Work and Social Policy, La Trobe University*

**9.50am**  
**Panel One**

Panelists will address the following questions:
- Has it been possible to adapt recovery orientation to psychosocial disability services?
- What barriers, what enablers?
- Where does psychosocial rehabilitation fit?

**Panelists:**
- Tom Dalton, Chief Executive Officer, Neami National
- Paula Hakesley, General Manager, Mental Health Program, Monash Health
- Debbie Hamilton, PhD Candidate – Mental Health Lived Experience Researcher, University of Sydney
- Kerry Hawkins, President, Western Australian Association for Mental Health
- Stephen Parker, Clinical-Academic Psychiatrist, University of Queensland

**Facilitator:**  
*Lisa Brophy, Professor and Discipline Lead in Social Work and Social Policy, La Trobe University*

**11.15am**  
**Morning Tea**

**11.45am**  
**Revisiting Models of Care That Work**

*Frances Dark, Director of Mental Health Rehabilitation Stream, Metro South Addiction and Mental Health Services*

*Chair: Viv Miller, Board Director, TheMHS Learning Network*

**12.05pm**  
**Lived Experience Perspectives on Recovery, Rehabilitation, Psychosocial Disability**

*Mary O’Hagan, Executive Director, Lived Experience, Mental Health and Wellbeing Division, Department of Health in Victoria*

*Chair: Catherine Brasier, Consumer Academic and Post-doctoral Fellow, La Trobe University*

**12.25pm**  
**Discussion**

Panelists:
- Frances Dark, Director of Mental Health Rehabilitation Stream, Metro South Addiction and Mental Health Service
- Debbie Hamilton, PhD Candidate – Mental Health Lived Experience Researcher, University of Sydney
- Kerry Hawkins, President, Western Australian Association for Mental Health
- Mary O’Hagan, Executive Director, Lived Experience, Mental Health and Wellbeing Division, Department of Health in Victoria

*Chair: Catherine Brasier, Consumer Academic and Post-Doctoral Fellow, La Trobe University*

**1.00pm**  
**Lunch**
2.00pm  Panel Two

Panelists will address the following questions:
• How do we make the system work to support recovery for people with psychosocial disability?
• What are the necessary elements in this system? For example, funding models, co-ordination, sustainability, safety, quality.

Panelists:
Gill Callister PSM, Chief Executive Officer, Mind Australia
Robyn Murray, Program Manager, Pathways to Community Living Initiative (PCLI), NSW Ministry of Health
Gerry Naughtin, Strategic Adviser on Psychosocial Disability and Mental Health, NDIA
Heather Nowak, Mental Health Commissioner, SA Mental Health Commission
Mark Orr AM, Chief Executive Officer, Flourish Australia
Neil Turton-Lane, NDIS Manager, VMIAC

Facilitator:
Dorothy Belperio, CEO/Founder, Connexion One

3.30pm  Afternoon Tea (20 minutes)

3.50pm  The Unravelling

Drawing the threads together and moving forward. Final comments.

Panelists:
Bill Gye OAM, Chief Executive Officer, Community Mental Health Australia
Kerry Hawkins, President, Western Australian Association for Mental Health
Mary O’Hagan, Executive Director, Lived Experience, Mental Health and Wellbeing Division, Department of Health in Victoria

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4.50pm  Thank You & Closing

Jane Austin, Executive Director, TheMHS Learning Network

5.00pm to 6.00pm  Networking Function (at the Mercure Sydney)

Relax and enjoy drinks and canapés on the Outdoor Terrace, as you renew old acquaintances and meet new colleagues.

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