Professional training and development

July to December 2017



Forensicare

Understanding the intersections between the criminal justice and forensic mental health systems

Tuesday 29 August 2017 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Venue: Thomas Embling Hospital

Presenters

Melissa Iskov, Linda Pye and Dr Danny Sullivan

This interactive workshop, aimed at legal professionals, will provide an overview of the points of intersection between the criminal justice system and the forensic mental health system. It will cover:

- the role of the Mental Health Court Liaison Service in Magistrates' Courts
- the operation of mental health treatment conditions on Community Corrections Orders
- processes for accessing clinical information that is relevant for legal purposes
- how mental health treatment is accessed in prison and the role of Forensicare and other health service providers
- transfer to Thomas Embling Hospital for compulsory treatment of prisoners
- how to communicate with clients who are at Thomas Embling Hospital
- the two distinct roles of Forensicare as treating service and as a provider of expert evidence
- discharge procedures including legal liaison with clinical staff to support follow up in the community whether from prison or Thomas Embling Hospital

There will be opportunity to discuss anonymised cases and scenarios which reflect the complexities of the interface between criminal justice and forensic mental health systems.

Dr Danny Sullivan is a Consultant Psychiatrist and Executive Director of Clinical Services at Forensicare.

Melissa Iskov is a Corporate Lawyer at Forensicare.

Ms Linda Pye is a Nurse Practitioner Candidate and senior clinical leader in Forensicare's prison service.

Cost \$165 including GST

Advanced mental health risk assessment in clinical and criminal justice settings

Wednesday 20 September 2017 9:30am - 12:30pm Venue: The Paul Mullen Centre

Presenters

Jo Ryan and Chris Drake

This workshop offers participants an of contemporary approaches to risk assessment and management in clinical and criminal justice settings. Risk assessment frameworks will be introduced and known risk factors described. Attention will be paid to risk reduction treatment models, relational security, protective factors and the influence of bias. Participants will be encouraged to reflect on risk errors and on issues relevant to the communication of risk judgments. Some prior knowledge of risk assessment would be an advantage.

Jo Ryan is the Director of Nursing at Forensicare.

Chris Drake is a Clinical and Forensic Psychologist and a Principal Psychologist at Forensicare.

Cost \$165 including GST

The relationship between mental illness and offending-navigating the forensic system

Tuesday 10 October 2017 9:30am - 12:30pm

Venue: The Paul Mullen Centre

Presenters

Greg Swanborough and Grant Burkitt

This introductory workshop provides participants with an understanding of the interface between the mental health and criminal justice systems. It will explore current understandings of mental health issues and offending behaviours, as well as common treatment and legal pathways for those presenting with mental health and offending issues. The session will enhance awareness of key aspects of professional practice, including risk assessment, risk management and service responses for mentally disordered offenders, and systemic issues. It is intended for those with an interest in or currently working in clinical and non-clinical mental health and criminal iustice fields.

Grant Burkitt is a Senior Social Worker at Forensicare.

Greg Swanborough is Coordinator of the Forensic Clinical Specialist Program at Forensicare.

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Understanding personality disorders and offending

Thursday 16 November 2017 10:00am - 4:00pm

Venue: The Paul Mullen Centre

Presenters

Professor James Ogloff AM., Dr Danny Sullivan, Dr Aleksandra Belofastov, and Gregg Shinkfield

Forensic mental health increasingly recognises that personality disorders and problematic personality traits are frequently associated with offending in general. With some forms of offending there are more specific associations. Moreover, personality disorder profoundly influences the capacity of mental health services and individual clinicians to engage effectively with clients at risk of offending.

In this workshop we will focus upon these associations, seeking to develop an understanding of:

- how best to assess and manage personality-disordered clients who have offended or are at risk of doing so
- service and clinician factors which may assist in engagement
- how DSM-V categories alter approaches to personality disorder

Professor James Ogloff AM is Director of Psychological Services at Forensicare, Foundation Professor of Forensic Behavioural Science Swinburne University of Technology, and Director of the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science.

Dr Danny Sullivan is a Consultant Psychiatrist and Executive Director of Clinical Services at Forensicare.

Dr Aleksandra Belofastov is Acting Chief Psychologist (Community Operations) & Manager of the Problem Behaviour Program.

Gregg Shinkfield is a Senior Forensic Psychologist at Forensicare.

Cost \$330 including GST

Dealing with angry, hard to like clients

Friday 8 December 2017 9:30am - 1:00pm

Venue: The Paul Mullen Centre

Presenters

David Willshire and Anthea Lemphers

This workshop is suitable for anyone who comes into contact with angry and aggressive people who can be challenging to deal with. It is appropriate for reception staff, customer service staff, council staff, health workers, support workers and mental health clinicians.

The course will cover:

- anger and aggression
- what is difficult behaviour
- techniques for dealing with difficult people; and
- looking after yourself and others afterwards

David Willshire is a Clinical and Forensic Psychologist and a Principal Psychologist at Forensicare.

Anthea Lemphers is Deputy Director of Psychological Services at Forensicare.

Between them they have over 40 years of experience working in forensic mental health.

Cost \$165 including GST

Venue Details:

Thomas Embling Hospital 101 Yarra Bend Rd

Fairfield 3078

The Paul Mullen Centre

505 Hoddle Street Clifton Hill 3068