The Richard C Hunter Mental Health Day Award
2005 Nomination Form

Nominee's name
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Advocacy Group for the Mentally Ill (A.G.M.I.)

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Activity produces and carried by our Organization marking WMHDay marking 2005
Created awareness of the year's theme and of mental health in general and stigma.
Coordinated by Elise Torossian

Introduction

Our activities were devoted to the statue of mental health, as it is under the report of World Health Report 2001 and its objective for mental health- New Understanding New Hope. Establish policies, programmes and legislation which are necessary steps for significant and sustained action. Mental health reform should be part of the larger health system reforms and health insurance schemes should not discriminate against person with mental disorder in order to give wider access to treatment and to reduce burdens of care

Dismantle also many barriers- particularly of stigma, discrimination and inadequate services- which prevent many millions of people worldwide from receiving the treatment they need and deserve.

It was an informal advocacy activity for the improvement of mental health services, and the arena directed focus was to stakeholders, authorities and decision makers, community .....

Our organization assessed that efforts in informing and sensitizing community for the need of psychiatric community care legislation is crucial and in coexistence with physical health. Considering the theme of WFMH -WMHD 2005- Mental and Physical Health Across the Life Span- the choice of the educative Lecture - Theme of the Legislation for Rights of Patients pointed the need for other adjustments for Psychiatric Community care .....

Activities advocacy actions

During this campaign period - Advocacy Group for the Mentally Ill (A.G.M.I.) Cyprus organized a lecture
The Legislation for the Rights of Patients (**need of other adjustments example Psychiatric community care etc)**
Guest speaker-Mrs Leda Koursoumba- Legislative Officer

This event was dedicated to AG.M.I.'s European and International participation
Marking W.F.M.H.-W.M.H.DAY.2005- Campaign Theme-Physical and Mental Health Across the Life Span and
European Federation of Associations of Families of People with Mental Illness (EUFAMI's)
ZEROSTIGMA Campaign-2005

PROGRAMME

Welcome/ convey messages	A.G.M.I.	Elise Torossian
The role of the Movement	Patient' Rights Movement	Representative
Presentation of Legislations	Legislative Officer	Leda Koursoumba
Question/answers /clarification		

Objectives
Inform and educate people affected, the community in general, and inform decision makers on concerned mental health/ illness issues, the co existence of mental and physical health combating stigma and discrimination …….

Tasks under this event
This event approached, informed and contacted with almost 2.000 people directly by personal/ telephone/ written/ mailed/posted contacts referring to issues concerned people affected by mental illness and their carer families. Conveying aims and messages of this campaign, to such as example to the Cyprus Barrister Organization, the School of Nurses, the Medical Association, Family Planning, Dental Association, Consumers Association, Church, Authorities, Services, Ministries, Members of Parliament, The office of Ombus, Members of A.G.M.I.. and other community members, recruited volunteers etc……..and indirectly to many thousands by publication of the event.
Commissioner Kiprianou was informed and invited to this event buy our organization was informed by his secretary that due to other commitments he was not able to participate…….
Newspapers and radio announcement of the event.

Key influencers- stakeholders, Committees etc (Advocated to key decision and policy makers on the adjustments that have to be done for the rights of people with mental health problems and on matters of mental health and stigma ..)
The Legislative Officer for the implementation of Psychiatric Community Care Legislation….during all the months of preliminary cooperation of organizing the lecture……..

Meeting with the Minster of Health conveying the needs of people affected including them in the development and decision making policies, programmes and services, link with other sectors promoting psychiatric community care legislation……..emphasizing out consequences and results of stigma, exclusion and loneliness of people and families affected, other issues pointed in this meeting were about the many and serious issues faces people with mental health problems either living with their families, in homes or alone……the important aspect of stigma that does not contribute in seeking help and treatment etc…of people affected and their carer families……..
The importance of comprehensive services and care to respond the needs of people affected etc…….
Clarified issues during event meetings, and contributed to further involvement of other community bodies etc……..
Content of meeting with the Minister of Health was publicized

For A.G.M.I.
Elise Torossian
Elise Torossian
4/10/05

Invitation circulated for the event

ADVOCACY GROUP FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

INVITATION
Advocacy Group for the Mentally Ill (A.G.M.I.) Cyprus

Cordially invites you at a lecture

The Legislation for the Rights of Patients
(need of other adjustments example Psychiatric community care etc)

Wednesday 6th April 2005 at 5.30p.m.
Hall – B.O.C.
(Makarios Ave C,panayides build.1st floor ,Larnaca)

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