SIG Meeting 10\textsuperscript{th} June 2015

Time 2-3pm

Attendance

Jo Ryan, DoN Forensicare, VIC
Dr Chris Quinn CNC Forensicare, VIC
Kendra Hames CNS Hakea Prison Co-morbidity, WA
Andrew Saint Community Mental Health Nurse, Community Forensic Mental Health Service (North), Launceston TAS
Kim Ryan Executive Officer ACMHN, Canberra ACT

Apologies

Louise Comer Team Leader Forensic Inpatient Unit, James Nash House, Greenacres SA

General Business

General introductions from attendees occurred. This was valuable in getting to know each other and to become familiar with roles, service provision, settings, workforce and concerns.

Kym provided a brief overview regarding the possible failings of some SIGs where achieving common goals has not been achieved and encouraged the group to identify common goals and develop a work plan. As discussion continued, Kim suggested that the College could support a Symposium to bring nurses who work in Forensic settings together and to promote Forensic mental health nursing within the profession.

Upon hearing the growing demand placed on services and the stigma experienced by consumers of forensic services requiring ongoing mental health care and treatment, a letter will be drafted (with Kim’s assistance) to the National Mental Health Commissioner to request greater attention to need from the Commissioner.

Chris will liaise with the College and ask that an advertisement for the next planned meeting is included in the Tuesday Times for the 2 editions prior to the next meeting.

We did intend to look at the terms of reference however the limited time didn’t allow for this.

Next meeting

Wednesday the 5\textsuperscript{th} August 2015 2pm

Chris Quinn