OECD Expert Meeting
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MENTAL HEALTH, DISABILITY AND WORK

AGENDA

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Day 1 (April 26, 2010)

8:30 – 9:00  Registration

INTRODUCTION:  MENTAL HEALTH, SUBJECTIVE WELL-BEING, THE LABOUR MARKET AND THE ECONOMY
Chair: Aart de Geus (OECD)

9:00 – 9:15  Welcoming remarks and overview of the project and the meeting

9:15 – 10:00 Keynote address by Lord Richard Layard
Short discussion

10:00 – 10:30  Coffee Break

THEME 1:  MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH-RELATED DISABILITY AND EMPLOYMENT
Chair: Cheryl Cashin (OECD)

10:30 – 11:15 Session 1.1: Key Concepts and Recent Trends in Mental Health and Mental Illness
Speaker: Rachel Jenkins (UK)
Discussion

11:15 – 12:15 Session 1.2: Trends in Mental Health-Related Disability and Labour Market Outcomes – What do we know?
Speakers: Arnstein Mykletun (NOR) and Patrik Hesselius (SWE)
Discussion

12:15 – 1:30  LUNCH BREAK
THEME 2: MENTAL HEALTH IN THE WORKPLACE  
Chair: Stefano Scarpetta (OECD)

1:30 – 2:30  Session 2.1: The Role of Changes in the Workplace Environment  
Speakers: Helene Sultan-Taieb (FRA) and Solveig Osborg Ose (NOR)  
Discussion

2:30 – 3:30  Session 2.2: The Perspectives of Employers and Workers  
Speakers: Alain Sommer (BIAC) and Roland Schneider (TUAC)  
Discussion

3:30 – 4:00  Coffee Break

THEME 3: PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION AMONG YOUTH  
Chair: Monika Queisser (OECD)

4:00 – 4:45  Session 3.1: The Nature of Youth Mental Health Issues and the Role of the Education System  
Speakers: Tony Cline (UK) and Werner Leixnering (AUT)  
Discussion

4:45 – 5:30  Session 3.2: Services and Supports for the Transition from School to Higher Education and Work  
Speakers: Serge Ebersold (FRA) and Mary Kyriazopoulou (EU)  
Discussion

5:30 – 6:30  RECEPTION

Day 2 (April 27, 2010)

THEME 4: HEALTH SYSTEM RESPONSES  
Chair: Mark Pearson (OECD)

9:00 – 10:00  Session 4.1: Organization and Objectives of Mental Health Systems  
Speakers: Richard Frank (USA) and Kristian Wahlbeck (WHO)  
Discussion

10:00 – 11:00  Session 4.2: Mental Health Services, Treatment, and Supports  
Speakers: Harvey Whiteford (AUS) and Michael Linden (GER)  
Discussion
11:00 – 11:30  
Coffee Break

THEME 5:  
THE ROLE OF THE DISABILITY BENEFITS SYSTEM
Chair: Christopher Prinz (OECD)

11:30 – 12:30  
Session 5.1: Assessment for Disability Related to Mental Health  
Speakers: James Bolton (UK) and Petter Odmark (SWE)  
Discussion

12:30 – 1:30  
Session 5.2: Services to Avoid the Transition into Disability Benefits or to Facilitate the Transition from Benefits to Work  
Speakers: Jan Høgelund (DNK) and Marie-Jose Durand (CAN)  
Discussion

1:30 – 3:00  
LUNCH BREAK

CONCLUSION:  
SUMMING-UP AND REMAINING CHALLENGES
Chair: John Martin (OECD)

3:00 – 5:00  
Bringing the Pieces Together  
Speakers: Niklas Baer (SWI), Rachel Perkins (UK) and Josée Van Remoortel (Mental Health Europe)  
General discussion

5:00  
Closing remarks
Day 3 (Project Meeting) (April 28, 2010)

9:00 – 10:00    Preliminary lessons from recent policy initiatives:
                (a) Sickness and early intervention
                Facilitators: OECD team  
                Speakers: Thomas Jørgensen (Denmark), Nancy Wayland-Bigler (Switzerland), Jan Larsson (Sweden) and François Perl (Belgium)  
                Discussion

10:00 – 11:00   Preliminary lessons from recent policy initiatives:
                (b) Employment measures and assistance
                Facilitators: OECD team
                Speakers: Debbie Mitchell and Sharon Rose (Australia), Bjørn Halvorsen (Norway), Neil McIvor (UK) and Richard Balkus (US)
                Discussion

11:00 – 11:30   Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:30   Preliminary lessons from recent policy initiatives:
                (c) Health issues and interventions
                Facilitators: OECD team
                Speakers: Norbert Holcblat (France), Johannes Wancata (Austria) and Henny Mulders (The Netherlands)
                Discussion

12:30 – 1:45    LUNCH BREAK

1:45 – 3:15     Data: What data exist and what could be done with it? (Survey data, administrative data, linked datasets, longitudinal data)
                Facilitators: OECD team
                Inputs: Arnstein Mykletun (Norway) and Martin Wicki (Switzerland)
                Discussion

3:15 – 4:00     Next steps: Project priorities, deliverables and outputs, timetable
                Facilitators: OECD team
                Discussion

4:00           End of the meeting