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Newsletter

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Partnership, Voice, Excellence in Mental Health Nursing



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Editorial By Chris Taua

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I have been watching, as probably many of you also have, the evolution of the fifth edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM-5) which is due for release in May 2013. During its development there has been on-going opportunity for review and feedback. My latest sojourn into the updates revealed a debate around the criteria for Major Depressive Episode which currently excludes grief. The 'experts' are considering removing the exclusion. Risky business perhaps with the potential to medicalise or pathologise normal human emotion and response. Of course it is accepted that depression may manifest from extreme grief and there should be criteria to help decide this, but it is critical not to confuse the two. Those arguing for the inclusion state there is little or no systematic difference between depression caused by bereavement or that caused by some other major trauma for example assault or rape. They suggest also the risk is minimal as most people grieve without presenting extreme signs of depression and that the diagnosis is reliant on very skilled clinicians. What are your thoughts? Of course I am not even going to start on 'Premenstrual dysphoric disorder' debate, I might leave that one for another day. You can access the site at <http://www.dsm5.org/Pages/Default.aspx> Any thoughts on this or any other burning topic please send your letters to the editor at chris.taua@cpit.ac.nz by April 15, 2012 for the next issue.

PRESIDENTS COMMENT

By Daryle Deering

Dear colleagues

I hope 2012 has started well for you and your families and whānau. If this is not so I wish you well at this time. To date this year, National Committee held a recent face to face meeting at Porirua Hospital (February 21st) then met with Branch Chairs the following day. This was a great opportunity to meet as mental health nurses and address both national and local College issues. At the Branch Chair/National Committee meeting we invited Frances Hughes to acknowledge her significant contribution to the College over many years, often times this was behind the scenes. We wished her well in her new role as Chief Nurse for Queensland and also for her Fulbright Scholarship to the US. Her role in undertaking the scholarship will be to investigate the systems, such as support

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and education preparation, that need to be in place for health professionals managing sustained responses to disaster situations. Frances assured us that she will continue her input to the College encouraging us to remain in contact.

Other areas of discussion with Branch Chairs focused on: **New Graduate nurses:** How the College can best support these nurses who are our future. One suggestion was for a Branch Chair to have a co-coordinating role and Mel

Leinert Brown from Canterbury expressed interest in this role. Also, Jo Harry will amend the membership form to make clear the ½ cost fee for New Graduates in their first year.

A reporting template: To assist Branch Chair/National Committee communication on key membership issues and activities.

Telephone conferences for Branch Chairs: To help build the network and share ideas and concerns.

Professional Development Series: Delivery of a National one day series of symposia or workshops regionally which Branch Chairs could host. This was very much supported. Jo will now work out the best way to survey nurses on a range of potential topics. The emphasis will be on nurse-led practical updates and clinical skills workshops which also provide opportunities for networking.

Standards Revision: It was agreed that the final phase will bring key people together for one day early in April (to include Branch Chair representatives and nurses in practice) to undertake a review of the revised draft to ensure the revised standards are cohesive, future focused, and at the appropriate level.

I am very much looking forward to attending the first Māori Caucus *Whetū Kanapa* awards ceremony (at the upcoming Biannual Wānanga) for the awarding of medals (tonu araha) to honour the special contribution of Māori nurses in the fields of Māori mental health nursing and Māori mental health.

Daryle

Update from the college administrator
Jo Harry

STANDARDS FOR PRACTICE FOR MENTAL HEALTH NURSING IN AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND – We are close! It has been a long process but there is light at the end of the tunnel. Thank you to all the members (and key stakeholders) who have contributed.

STRATEGIC PLAN – The National Committee have completed their review of this document and we will be seeking your views over the next few weeks. The National Committee is interested to hear what priority areas you think are important for the College and our future direction. I shall be developing a simple feedback form soon, and will send out a bulk email to you all when this is ready for you to look at.

WEBSITE – The new College website is still in development with the web company.

COLLEGE PUBLICATION LIST – This can be found on the website at <http://www.nzcmhn.org.nz/118085/info/links.html> and it houses some useful documents you might be interested in. These include

- Standards of Practice for Mental Health Nursing in New Zealand
- Fellowship information
- Fellowship nomination form
- Constitution
- Strategic Plan 08-11
- National Nursing Organisations Glossary
- National Committee Nomination Form
- Standards of Practice – Analysis of consultation June 2011
- Guideline for Mental Health Nursing Assessment and Reports
- Judicial Reviews education package

DOCUMENTS OUT FOR CONSULTATION – The College will be providing a response to key documents out for consultation. Remember any feedback you may have for the College in providing a response can be email through to me at the address below. These include

Green Paper on Vulnerable Children (feedback due to College by 24 Feb), feedback due to govt by 28th Feb.

<http://www.childrensactionplan.govt.nz/home>

Draft DAO guidelines (feedback due to College by 1 March), feedback due to MOH by 9 March.

http://www.nzcmhn.org.nz/uploads/21290/files/Draft_DAO_guidelines.pdf

Blueprint II (feedback due to College by 2 March), feedback due to MHC 9 March.

<http://www.mhc.govt.nz/blueprint-ii-0>

SUBSCRIPTION REIMBURSEMENT – for all those members who work in a DHB where your collective contract states that the DHB will reimburse your membership fees to Te Ao Māramatanga please email me and I can send you a standard letter that I have sent other members this year. I just insert your details about fees paid for a 12 month period. These letters are dated from 1 April to 31 March and will only coincide with our financial year.

REMINDER – please update your details on the website – Have you moved? Changed your email address? Or email me and I can change for you.

WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEBSITE? www.nzcmhn.org.nz	Website links/headings
UMR Research – Occupational Respect for nurses rating out of 10	News & Events
Draft DAO guidelines	News & Events
Referrals to National Health Committee – college feedback	News & Events
Guidelines for the role and function of district inspectors	Resources>Web links
Guideline for Mental Health Nursing Assessment and reports	Resources>College publications
Judicial Reviews education package	Resources>College publications
Nursing Review now available on line at	http://www.nursingreview.co.nz/
Like Minds now available on line at http://www.likeminds.org.nz/file/Newsletter-Archive/PDFs/lmlm-newsletter-42.pdf	Resources>Links

Ok, that's about all from me. I was pleased to meet up with the National Committee this week for a day. It was a very productive, motivating and energizing day, and I am impressed that the College is in such good hands. admin@nzcmhn.org.nz.

Kind regards, JO

Watch this space

Conference 2013: Mental Health and Addiction Nurses Join Forces



For the first time in New Zealand or Australia, mental health and addiction nurses are joining forces to host a conference. This venture between **Te Ao Maramatanga NZCMHN** and **Drug & Alcohol Nurses of Australasia Inc. (DANA)** will be an exciting opportunity to explore our common clinical, educational and research issues.

Behind the scenes, the two Executive Committees have done the groundwork to establish a MOU and a firm partnership for the event. Joint convenors, **Kate Prebble (TAM)** and **Louise Leonard (DANA)** are already working with an energetic Conference Organising Committee with representation from both organisations. Dates are set, venue booked and ideas are flowing for speakers, workshops, entertainment and hosting.

What? "Close to Home" – 1st Australasian Mental Health and Addiction Nursing Conference
When? 19-21st June 2013
Where? Rendezvous Hotel, Central Auckland

Our website will go live in the next few weeks. Please watch for an announcement and then log-on to register your contact details so we can keep you up-to-date with plans as they emerge.

Notice of AGM



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NOTIFICATION

TE AO MĀRAMATANGA NZCMHN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

VENUE: Via teleconference

DATE: July 2012 – date to be confirmed

This AGM is open to all financial members of Te Ao Māramatanga NZCMHN. Please advise of your attendance on this teleconference, or any agenda items before 1 July 2012 to admin@nzcmhn.org.nz.

Obituaries

Owen Hughes RPN
Pauline Mccullough RPN
Barry Faucett RPN

In the year 2011, 3 significant mental health professionals , who collectively amassed many years of practice at Kingseat Hospital, passed away.

Kingseat Hospital was a large psychiatric hospital in Karaka, South Auckland.

Owen Hughes and Pauline Mccullough worked together at Claybury House at Kingseat Hospital from the 70's through to the early 90's. Claybury House was a specialist unit, identified to work with clients who were there to find better ways of coping



Pauline Mary McCullough
21st November 1929 - 4th July 2011

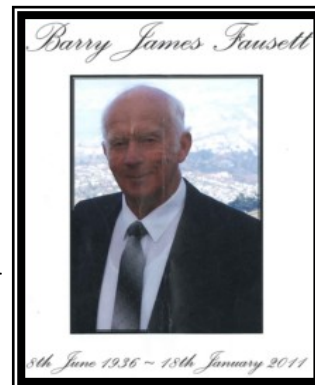
with their symptoms which were frequently of the various personality, and neurotic disorders spectrum. Claybury House utilised elements of the therapeutic community, and working alongside clients to enable all concerned to make significant changes in their emotional make up.

Pauline and Owen were highly respected, early leaders in this field and were part of a strong multi disciplinary team. They largely worked in this unique way for many years, providing an environment to foster change for hundreds of clients.



Owen Hughes

Barry Faucett was a senior nurse at Kingseat for many years, combining both an administrative and strong clinical role. Barry enjoyed seeing the development of all staff in the service, and adopted a mentoring role for those around him. Never reticent in tackling issues in his own unique, and dynamic way, he was always committed to improving the experience for mental health service consumers.



Barry James Faucett

14th June 1936 - 18th January 2011

These three psychiatric nurses were great exponents of the therapeutic relationship and challenged all in their respective environments to constantly strive to get the best from those around them.

Their passing is a significant loss to all those who knew them and they will be missed by those who had long term relationships with them.

Obituary written by Paul Harrison(RPN RGON non practicing) October 2011

Te Ao Māramatanga Māori Caucus Bi-annual National Mental Health Nurses Wānanga ROTORUA 2012



He Tataikura Haumanu; He Tataikura Nanā

***Gems within a Māori nurses reflections
on Cultural and Clinical excellence***

Tangatarua Marae; 28th, 29th, 30th March, 2012

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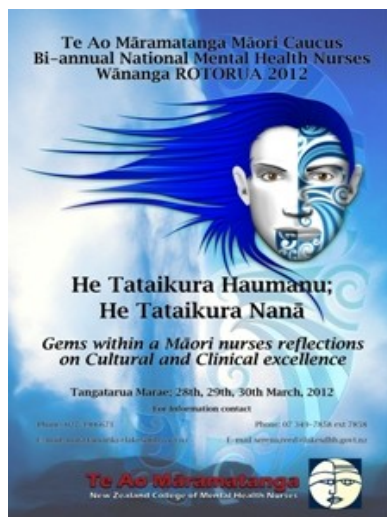
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Te Ao Māramatanga NZCMHN

Māori Mental Health Nursing Hui Rotorua Tangatarua Marae Waiariki Polytechnic



The theme of the hui

He Tataikura Haumanu; He Tataikura Nanā

Gems within a Māori nurses reflections on Cultural and clinical Excellence

Hui Objectives

- To acknowledge the blending of Te Ao Māori in Māori nursing practice.
- To raise the profile of Māori models of practice.
- To inspire and encourage the Māori nursing workforce in Māori Mental Health Services.

When: March 28-30th, 2012

Venue: Tangatarua Marae (Waiariki Polytechnic)
Old Taupo Rd
ROTORUA

For more information, please contact:

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Position Vacancy

Keyworker - Registered Nurse, Occupational Therapist or Social Worker

Timaru Mental Health Service

Full-time position – 40 hours per week

You know you can make a difference at the South Canterbury DHB. In this positive team environment, initiative is rewarded with active support allowing for high standards of service delivery. You will have time to invest in your clients and team and enjoy an established structure which contributes to achieving the best outcomes.

We have a vacancy in our small multi-disciplinary team who use the "Strengths Model" approach to assist client recovery.

The role includes Keyworker responsibility for a group of clients – initial and comprehensive clinical assessments and the development of recovery / treatment plans.

You must be a NZ Registered Nurse, Occupational Therapist or Social Worker with psychiatric/mental health experience that enjoys working within a positive team environment and is possibly willing to complete training as a Duly Authorised Officer.

A position description and application form are available by contacting:

Human Resources Department via email at vacancyenquiries@scdhb.health.nz
or by phoning (03) 687 2230, quoting vacancy number 2107.

Closing date: OPEN

ALCOHOL ACTION NZ

3rd Annual Conference

Te Papa, Wellington, Thursday 22nd March 2012, 8.30am - 5.00pm

DRAFT PROGRAMME

- 7.40 Registrations
- 8.40 Mihi Whakatau – Mr Rawiri Evans
- 8.50 Introduction – Dr Geoff Robinson, Wellington

SETTING THE SCENE

- 9.00 Opening Address – Dr Russell Wills, Commissioner for Children
- 9.30 Questions
- 9.35 Extent of the problem – Prof Jennie Connor, Dunedin
- 9.50 Questions
- 9.55 How to maim or even kill your child using alcohol – Dr Nick Baker, Nelson
- 10.25 Questions

10.35 MORNING TEA

- 11.10 FASD – Prof Elizabeth Elliott, Australia
- 11.40 FASD – Dr Craig Immanuel, Auckland
- 12.10 Questions

12.25 LUNCH

ACTION AND SOLUTIONS

- 1.30 Child Advocacy – Assoc Prof Dawn Elder, Wellington
- 1.45 Questions
- 1.50 Te Kahui Mana Ririki – Rev Dr Hone Kaa, Auckland
- 2.05 Questions
- 2.10 Plunket Speaker
- 2.25 Questions
- 2.30 Conference Soapbox (2-3 minute presentations from conference participants)
- 3.30 AFTERNOON TEA**
- 4.00 Alcohol Action Solution – Prof Doug Sellman
- 4.15 Responses from politicians
National, Labour, Green, Maori, NZ First, Conservative (6 x 7 minute presentations)
- 5.00 Questions
- 5.15 Closing words – Dr Geoff Robinson
- 5.25 Poroporoaki – Mr Rawiri Evans
- 5.30 Conference ends

REGIONAL REPORTS



Canterbury Branch

This month Tess Burrows, a new graduate nurse in Canterbury shares a brief summary of her first year of practice in mental health.

I started my nursing career in September 2010 at the Acute Inpatient Service CDHB. I was fortunate enough to secure a place on the Nurse Entry to Practice, Specialist Mental Health programme for 2011. It has been a really challenging year developing myself as an RN while completing two post-graduate papers through the University of Otago. This required a strong focus on developing efficient time management skills, at times difficult. As our placements were only ten weeks long it seemed that just as I was getting into the swing of things, it was time to move to another service. The highlight of the year however was having the opportunity to get to know an amazing group of New Graduates many of whom I am sure will remain life long friends. I also got to work with colleagues who were extremely welcoming, non-judgemental and supportive. The only advice I have for supporting New Graduates is to run us through all the unwritten rules of the workplace, diplomatically offer advice and to be approachable about anything, no matter how big or small. It is a daunting time being a New Grad but I have found it one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.

CALL FOR RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS



Recently I put a call out for nurses interested in participating in the research study : *Nursing care in dual disability: A comparative study of the experiences of people with dual disability, carers, and nurses*. Thank you to those who have indicated interest in participating, the response has been very encouraging. I would also like to invite people with an intellectual disability who have had an admission to a mental health service within the last 12 months as well as carers (paid or unpaid) who have supported a person with an intellectual disability during the time of admission to a mental health unit. The role of 'carer' is defined further to include family/significant other, support staff or case managers (these may be nurses), basically anyone who has supported a person with an intellectual disability during the time they were receiving inpatient care. If this is you or if you know someone who may be interested in sharing their experiences can you please pass on my contact details. They may text their name and the word research to 0210776867 or email me at chris.taua@cpit.ac.nz

Thank you
Chris Taua

Brain Awareness Week

From 12 - 18 March 2012, the Neurological Foundation proudly presents the biggest-ever programme of Brain Days in the history of the Foundation - sponsored Brain Awareness Week initiative in New Zealand. To fit in with regional anniversary holidays, the Brain Day schedule this year will stretch across three weekends

<http://www.brainweek.co.nz/>



the Australian College
of Mental Health Nurses Inc.

**Consultation-Liaison Special Interest Group
10th Annual Conference
in collaboration with
the Victorian Branch and
Perinatal / Infant Mental Health Nurses**

MENTAL HEALTH NURSES: MAXIMISING POTENTIAL

7th & 8th June 2012

Pre-conference workshops 6th June

Carson Conference Centre

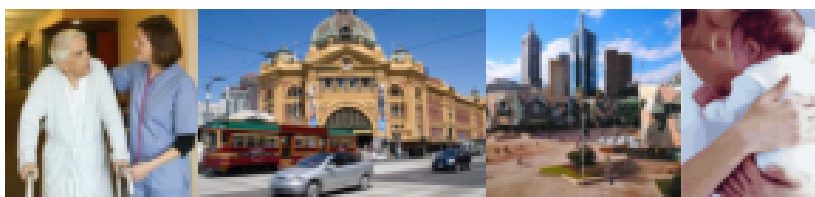
ANF House

540 Elizabeth St Melbourne

The focus of this conference is on the work of mental health nurses in practice settings where mental health care is not the predominant focus. This includes general hospitals, emergency departments, nursing homes, community health centres, perinatal services and other general or specialised health services. Nurses working in these settings attend to the mental health care of clients alongside clinicians not specifically educated in mental health. This brings particular challenges and rewards.

What are your experiences? What are you able to share with colleagues that help us develop our practice?

Call for abstracts: see over



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Abstracts are invited for papers from Mental Health Nurses working in practice settings where mental health care is not the predominant focus. If you work in such a role, consider aspects of your nursing practice that are worthy of further discussion, articulation and / or debate.

Think simply. Sometimes it is the simplest interventions that we take for granted, that can have the greatest potential for the patient, their relatives, the staff or the system. We can underestimate our skills and knowledge and get surprised at the difference we can make. It is these interventions that we need to identify, articulate and share.

If you are a first time presenter, this conference is a supportive forum. If you would like assistance let us know-we can support you and have a buddy there to help you on the day or to help you write your abstract and presentation.

Abstracts close: 31st March 2012

Send your abstract to Tim Wand Timothy.Wand@sswahs.nsw.gov.au in the following format:

- Title of abstract
- Name
- Position
- Place of work
- 250 word abstract with a minimum of formatting and no references
- Brief Presenter Profile (100 words)
- Contact details including email, mailing address, phone and fax numbers



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The Role of the College

Our objectives:

Represent the professional interests of psychiatric and/or mental health nurses in Aotearoa New Zealand and those enrolled nurses who work in mental health setting in Aotearoa New Zealand;

Promote and develop the identity of psychiatric/mental health nurses as specialists working in a clinical speciality field via representation and liaison; obtain recognition of the professional status of psychiatric/mental health nurses and to promote public awareness of mental health nursing;

Advance the educational and clinical expertise of members; promote and develop nursing codes of ethics, education and practice which are culturally safe and encompass the three articles of the Treaty of Waitangi and the principles of Kawa Whakaruruhau.

Approve national standards of practice taking into account the unique cultural, social and political conditions existing in Aotearoa New Zealand to guide members in their professional practice; develop and support research which may benefit the community and the profession;

Promote clinical career pathways within the clinical speciality field;

Promote awareness of the members about political decisions which may affect the clinical and professional role of those members;

Form links with other health professional bodies in Aotearoa New Zealand and internationally.



*Taranga Te Kumete o
Te Ao Maramatanga*



"Never let your ego get so close to your position that when your position goes, your ego goes with it."

Editors thoughts this issue

*National Information Service and Resource Centre Coordinator
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Kim Higginson DD (09) 300 7038

The Resource and Information Centre is located at 81 New North Road, Eden Terrace, Auckland. Open to the public from 9.00am - 4.30pm, Monday to Friday. Resource Centre Phone (09) 300 7030.

Working to improve the mental health of all people and communities in New Zealand



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The College Boards

The three Boards are Professional Practice, Research, and Education.
The purpose of the Boards is to promote, support and develop the professional practice of psychiatric mental health nurses in the three key areas. In time this will allow the College to be responsive to professional issues.

Watch for updates!

Note from the Editor:
Lets make this your newsletter where you talk to your community rather than us doing all the talking.
Please send your comments, letters, regional reports to Chris now at
[**chris.taua@cpit.ac.nz**](mailto:chris.taua@cpit.ac.nz)

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Mental Health Education and Resource Centre (MHERC)

The Mental Health Education & Resource Centre provides a free mental health library for everyone in Christchurch and the South Island of New Zealand.

The free mental health library is open to the public and provides information on all aspects of mental health and mental illness. We have available for loan - books, DVD's, CD's, and videos on topics such as depression, eating disorders, grief, professional development, bipolar (manic depression), post natal depression, post traumatic stress disorder, personality disorder, schizophrenia, anxiety, phobia, obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD), agoraphobia, ADHD, children's health, abuse, violence, personal development, psychosis, medications, counselling, CDHB Services, personal experience and much more! Pamphlets are available at no cost.

They will post items free of charge with return postage paid to anyone living in the South Island of New Zealand.

<http://www.mherc.org.nz>

We can put you in touch with Support Groups.

403a Worcester Street

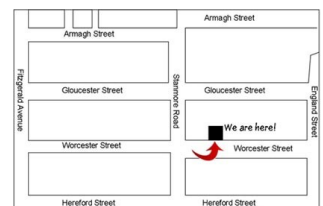
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Phone: 03 365 5344 - Rural freephone: 0800 424 399

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Christchurch



UPCOMING EVENTS AND CONFERENCES



New Zealand Mental Health and Addiction Nurse Educators Forum

September 27th - 28th 2012

Chateau on the Park, Christchurch

"MOVERS AND SHAKERS" - Mental Health Nurse Educators in 2012 and Beyond

For more information and registration form please contact

Cathy King, Convenor NZMH&AF 2012

Telephone – (03) 337 7969 ext. 33868

Email – cathy.king@cdhb.govt.nz

Annual Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability & Diversity - Hawaii

The 28th Annual Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability & Diversity (Pac Rim) will bring together a diverse international gathering of academics, community leaders, self-advocates, specialists and officials. The conference aims to inspire, educate and illuminate - with over 18 topic areas, 200 presentations and several institutes, the programs is fertile ground for dialogue and exchange while 'pushing the envelope' to ensure all human beings can live to their complete potential.

This event is hosted by the Centre on Disability Studies (CDS), at the University of Hawaii.

<http://www.pacrim.hawaii.edu/>

For more information on International Mental Health Conferences visit

[Psychiatry Conferences Worldwide](http://www.conferencealerts.com/psychiatry.htm)

Upcoming events in psychiatry, mental health and related fields

<http://www.conferencealerts.com/psychiatry.htm>

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What else is happening

Monday, 02 April 2012 - Wednesday, 04 April 2012

**Creating transformative change in practice and organisations—Palmerston North
Strengths Based Practice Workshop**

This is an interactive and experiential workshop.

Learning is enhanced by the use of real experiences, rather than role play situations, in practice sessions. Participants will therefore need to come prepared to share experiences with other participants in practice sessions, in pairs or groups. This workshop will explore a framework practice that has been developed at Te Aroha Noa Community Services: 9.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. Registration \$600

For further information contact: Sheryl Kirikiri, Practice Research and Professional Development School of Health and Social Services Massey University Phone: 06 356 9099 extension 2823.

Contact: shss-hubprpd@massey.ac.nz

**Tuesday 03 April—Wednesday 04 April
Growing Pacific Solutions for our families—
Auckland**

This conference provides a unique opportunity to bring together champions that lead innovative and evidence-based integrated solutions to meet the needs of our Pacific families in New Zealand, particularly across the mental health, addictions and disability sectors.

International keynote speakers are Professor Joseph Betancourt (Harvard) and Professor Toeole-sulusulu Damon Salesa (University of Michigan). And local guest speakers include Dr Mary English, Jeremy Stanley and Alex Fala, with more to be announced.

<http://www.leva.co.nz/page/217-le-va-home+gps-2012-national-fono>

**17 to 21 April 2012
Cape Town, South Africa
13th World Congress of the World Association
for Infant Mental Health
Event website: <http://waimh-capetown2012.co.za/>**

Wednesday 4 April—Auckland

**Asian Health & Wellbeing:
Physical, Mental & Intellectual 10th Annual Asian Forum**

At this forum you will have a valuable opportunity to explore the issues of disabilities that Asian New Zealanders have faced including identifying their strengths as well as the challenges. We will also share useful methods/approaches on how to empower Asian families and members with disability and support service providers in responding to these needs. Experts from a range of agencies including MOH, University of Auckland, one of the PHOs and some service providers will share their expertise in the areas of physical, mental & intellectual disability and health.

RSVP essential as seats are limited. The Asian Network Inc. (TANI): 09-815-2338 <http://www.asiannetwork.org.nz/>

**Friday 4 May—Auckland
Kids Trauma Conference**

Kids Trauma Conference at Starship Children's Health is a multidisciplinary scientific & educational meeting for Therapists, Nurses, Doctors, Researchers, ACC case managers and all workers in the fields of injury treatment, rehabilitation, research & prevention. The programme includes presentations on car crashes and head injury, burns and poisoning and more!

Details to come

**14—18 April 2012—Florence Italy
The 3rd Biennial Schizophrenia Research Society Conference**

Event website:

<http://www.schizophreniaconference.org/>

**18 to 21 April 2012
Philadelphia, PA, United States
Psychiatric Nursing 2012**

The future is now! Healthcare in general is facing fundamental changes requiring new conceptual frameworks, updated guidelines, and adherence to changing regulations. Psychiatric nursing in particular is examining the implications for mental healthcare of the internet and social media, integrated models of care and incorporation of recovery principles into daily practice.

You may attend online as well.

Website: <http://contemporaryforums.com/Live-CE-Conferences/2012/Psychiatric-Nursing-2012-Philadelphia/>