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The Collaborating Centre of the World Health Organization for Training and Research in mental health is one of the 700 centres worldwide to carry out activities in support of WHO. It brings together a network of actions, skills and programs linked to the WHO mental health policy.

The centre is made up of a team of about fifteen project managers, as well as a network of qualified people and an advisory scientific council, gathered around common values.

Finally, the WHO CC is part of the ERASM team and WHO CC researchers are integrated into the team of the INSERM’s joint scientific research unit and the University of Paris Diderot UMR-S 1123 ECEVE (Clinical epidemiology and economic evaluation applied to vulnerable populations).
VALUES
WE DEFEND WITH THE WHO

The WHO CC shares and develops the values and vision of the World Health Organization and aims to improve the quality of health care, conditions of life, access to health care and the rights of users and carers in mental health.

Users EMPOWERMENT
Full participation of citizens, whether users or not, in the development of quality mental health services.

Fighting STIGMATIZATION
Fighting stigmatization of people with mental disorders and promoting mental health.

COMMUNITY Mental health
Promotion of integrated and community-based psychiatry services.

RESEARCH & TRAINING
Development of research, training and information networks in mental health.
The WHO CC of Lille is a service of EPSM Lille-Métropole. It’s the only collaborating centre specialized in mental health in France (they are 46 in the world, and 4 in French-speaking countries) to be designated by WHO on the basis of four research themes and actions over the 2018-2022 period.

**RESEARCH & ACTION THEMES**

- **COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH**: Assist WHO in promoting and documenting good practices in community mental health services.
- **QUALITY & RIGHTS PROGRAM**: Support and develop the WHO program for the evaluation of the quality and the rights of people with mental health issues in France and French-speaking countries.
- **EMPOWERMENT**: Assist WHO to promote the participation of users and citizens in mental health services, research and training.
- **E-MENTAL HEALTH**: Contributing to the knowledge and development of e-mental health as an innovative technology.
MHGP is a multi-centre international action-research initiative led by the WHO CC since 1997. Useful in identifying mental health needs and necessary for assessing perceptions of mental health, this research is a tool to assist in the development of local and national mental health policies.

MENTAL HEALTH IN GENERAL POPULATION: IMAGES AND REALITY

The WHO CC is based in a psychiatry and social inclusion service integrated in the city, validated by WHO as an example of good practice. The centre is a platform for visits and training for professionals, politicians and NGOs. Since 2000, it has been welcoming around 100 professionals per year.

VISITS PLANNING

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Empowerment of users and carers

WHO QUALITYRIGHTS PROGRAM

This program provides tools for assessing human rights in mental health and social care facilities. It also provides training modules on related topics. The WHOCC translated these documents and supports the implementation in France and Frenchspeaking countries.

PEER SUPPORT WORKER PROGRAM

Since 2012, the Peer Support Workers program has been used to train and hire ex-users of mental health services who have recovered or are recovering, in hospitals and medico-social structures. It is organized around training in mental health mediation and the valorization of experiential knowledge. The theoretical training has been provided since January 2018 by Bobigny Paris 13 University in collaboration with the WHO CC, as part of a specific degree course in Health and Social Sciences. Vocational training takes place in parallel within the psychiatric services and medical-social structures that have recruited peer support workers.

FIGHTING AGAINST THE PHYSICAL COMORBIDITIES OF MENTAL DISORDERS

The goal of the COPsyCAT program is to combat comorbidities, specifically cardiovascular, to collect and analyze available data, and then develop and evaluate a program to promote physical health for people with mental disorders. This empowerment strategy, carried out with the institutions of the GCS for mental health research and training, aims to reduce the cardiovascular risks of people with long-term mental disorders. This program is aimed at people who are under the care of a psychiatry service and who are on long-term affection (ALD30) for psychiatric reasons.

New technologies and mental health

E-MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

E-Health, telemedicine, digital health promotion... Behind these expressions is emerging a management of health transformed by the use of new technologies. The WHO CC has invested this field of research by getting involved in the projects:

• eMEN: Platform for innovation and transnational implementation of e-mental health in North-Western Europe.
• EQUME - Qualitative study of expectations, needs and uses of M-Health (e-health technology in mental health) by all stakeholders.
The purpose of the health-care cooperation group (GCS), whose scientific council is that of the WHO CC, is to research, train and implement actions aimed at the development of integrated mental health systems in the community, including prevention and integration. The group works to promote professional exchanges and any action to combat stigmatization in mental health and psychiatry. The GCS relays the WHO recommendations at national and local level and highlights all the studies and experiences of its members in the field of community / integrated mental health.

The WHO Collaborating Centre organizes, in partnership with Psycom and CNFPT, a national training course entitled “Coordinating and dynamizing a Local Mental Health Council”. This training enables coordinators and promoters of the LMHCs to better understand the stakes and levers of action of these local councils.

For the past seven years, the WHO CC has been in charge of directing and leading the continuing training of magistrates on “Psychiatry and criminal justice” at the National School of Magistrates. About 40 people are trained every year for a week.

For more information, visit: www.recherche-sante-mentale.fr
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