

**Athens, 08.09.2017**

**Minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> Mhpss Sub-Working Group at Babel Day Centre**

Chaired by Nikos Gkionakis, Scientific Associate of Babel Day Centre

**Participants:** IFRC, Society of Social Psychiatry and Mental Health, KEELPNO, Hestia Hellas, Hellenic Red Cross, MsF – OCP, Mdm Greece, Spanish Red Cross, Save the Children, Praksis, Babel Day Centre.

**Agenda:**

- 4Ws updating
- Discussion on the continuation of the inter-organization workshops on referrals
- Updates of the other WGs
- Presentation of Emergency Case Management Unit programme by Mdm
- Presentation of Accompanied Referrals programme by Red Cross
- AOB

<b>Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Babel: There has been an extension until the end of May for the programme that Babel implements under Unicef umbrella. The programme is focused on the provision of mental health services to migrant and refugee children and their families in Babel Day Centre and in the sites (Rafina, Elefsina, Elaionas, Skaramagas). Babel plans to conduct a training focused on UAC with the Professor dr. Ilse Derluyn from the Centre for the Social Study of Migration and Refugees (CESSMIR), Department of Social Work and Social Pedagogy. More details on the training will be soon announced.</li><li>• Society of Social Psychiatry and Mental Health: The programme implemented in cooperation with IRC regarding Khora has finished. New plans are being discussed.</li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hestia Hellas: is a new organization which will provide mental health services to adults and children in the centre of Athens. More details is to be announced soon and a presentation in the MHPSS sub-WG is to be conducted.</li> <li>• MsF (France): will continue provide services until the end of the year. They will gradually stop receiving new cases and will focus on the handover process. MsF (Swiss) is being discussed to be the main handover partner.</li> <li>• Red Cross: Language lessons have started at Multifunctional Clinic. Also training for professionals working in the UAC shelter in Alkiviadou str. was organized by HRC.</li> <li>• Save the Children: The field office in Athens and Thessaloniki closed down. The UAC shelter in Kalamaki will be open until the end of December.</li> <li>• MdM: continue provide MHPSS services in the site of Thiva.</li> <li>• Praksis: UAC shelters are now under AMIF funding until the end of December. A child and an adult psychiatrist are hired but for the moment they accept only internal referrals.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Discussion on the continuation of the inter-organization workshops on referrals</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The director of EKEPY had agreed to facilitate the organization of a workshop on referrals in which will participate professionals working in different NGOs and in the public sector. A letter had been sent to him and we are waiting for his response.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Updates of the Staffcare sub-WG</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An informative letter about the existence of the WG is to be sent during the following days.</li> <li>• The organization of a workshop on the staff care was</li> </ul>

	<p>discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next Staff Care Sub-WG will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 11:00-12:30 at Babel Day Centre.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Presentation of Emergency Case Management Unit programme by MdM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This programme aims to offer access to a comprehensive package of specialized health, mental health and psychosocial services. The programme is working by referrals and appointments and has the capacity to offer primary health care services, psychological support and psychiatric treatment. A team of 4 social workers, 2 specialized doctors, 2 psychiatrists able to prescribe medication and continue treatment and 2 psychologists, complemented by interpreters and medical escorts has been set for this issue. The programme provides also escorts to hospitals.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Presentation of Accompanied Referrals programme by Red Cross</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spanish Red Cross in collaboration with IFRC and HRC, has started the Accompaniment referrals Project. The service is available to whom all the applicants which are interested in Arabic, Farsi, Kurdish, French, Turkish accompaniment support. The informative leaflet is to be shared with the members of the MHPSS sub-WG.</li> </ul>
<p><b>AOB</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The gap in the accommodation scheme and other services for people who are drug users and have also a mental health issue was discussed. A meeting with actors focused on drug abusers was proposed so as to be further discussed the above issue.</li> <li>• The organization of an MHPSS WG on national level was proposed by MdM. An email is to be sent for organizing the first meeting.</li> <li>• The organization of a task force concerning all the organizations which provide psychiatric services was discussed. Babel is to provide further information on this in the next MHPSS sub-WG.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MHPSS sub-WG has received an invitation to a joint meeting with the CPsWG in order to discuss on main findings and recommendations of the assessment on the MHPSS needs conducted by the Institute of Child Health. The meeting will take place on UNHCR offices at Mihalakopolou 91 on Wednesday 20 September at 09:30. All the actors present agreed that it is important to participate in this meeting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Agenda for next WG</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any Other Relevant Issue</li> </ul>

The next MHPSS WG meeting is going to take place on **22<sup>nd</sup> of September** at **09:30 -11:00** at **Babel Day Centre** (72 I.Drosopoulou St.).