

Introduction

Mental health refers to cognitive, behavioral, and emotional well-being. Mental health can affect physical health, relationships, and daily living. Several factors can contribute to mental health disruptions. Conditions such as stress, depression, and anxiety can all affect mental health and disrupt a person's ability to enjoy life. It is therefore important to balance between life activities, responsibilities, and efforts to achieve psychological resilience. According to WHO mental health is "more than just the absence of mental disorders or disabilities." In addition, WHO emphasizes that preserving and restoring mental health is crucial on an individual basis, as well as throughout different communities and societies. Taking cognizance of this negative impact, the government of India introduced a Mental Health Policy to build a robust response to the complex problem.

The Mental Healthcare Act, 2017 ("MHCA") was enforced on 29th May 2018 in compliance with India's obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities ("UNCRPD"). The MHCA brings forth a paradigm change in the provision of mental healthcare and treatment of persons with mental illness through a two-pronged approach (i) protecting and fulfilling the rights of persons with mental illness by regulating mental health professionals and mental health establishments (ii) ensuring the right to access mental healthcare and treatment by placing obligations on the Central and State Governments.

However, while the MHCA has been in force for over two years there remain significant gaps in implementation at the ground level. To address these gaps, stakeholders and policymakers must build a practical understanding of the systemic changes required for the implementation of the law.

As part of this online training, we will build capacities of various stakeholders including mental health professionals, law enforcement officials and other health professionals to promote in quality, effectiveness in service delivery and implement MHCA 2017 using a rights-based approach.

The three days' orientation program proposes to conduct online capacity building of mental health professionals via zoom platform. In total, there will be seven batches. The participants would be provided with the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017 Reference Manual post-training for their reference.

General Objective

To sensitize and enhance the knowledge of healthcare personnel on the Mental Health.

Specific Objectives

At the end of the training programme, the participants will be able to:

- Describe the concept Mental Health, Mental Illness, Unsound Mind and Capacity
- Describe coping skill and resiliency
- Discuss policy and programme including Mental Healthcare Act, 2017
- Describe Advance Directive and Nominated Representative
- Explain Admissions, Treatment & Discharge Procedures
- Explain Prohibited Procedures, Restrictions and Research by professionals
- Describe Mental Health Review Board
- Explain Rights of Persons with Mental Illness
- Explain Duties of Law Enforcement Officials
- Discuss Offences & Penalties, Mental Health Establishments & State Mental Health Authority

Course Contents

Following Topics/Contents will be covered during the Training:

- Concept Mental Health, Mental Illness, Unsound Mind and Capacity
- Coping Skill and Resiliency
- Policy and Programme
- Mental Healthcare Act, 2017
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Methodology

The training course would be based online teaching methods keeping on Experiential and participatory techniques. The medium of instruction will be English/Hindi according to the preference of participants There will be field visit for practical orientation to the theme of the training. The following participatory approach will be adopted

- Lecture Discussion
- Case Study
- Use of Audio Video Aids

Nature of Participants

The numbers of participants will be 25-30. The Government officials, Programme Officers and other officers involved in planning and implementation of National Health Programmers, Faculty and trainers of medical colleges and training Institutes, Psychiatrist, Medical Officers/ Hospital Superintendent, Psychiatric Nurse, Clinical Psychologist, Psychiatric Social Workers, State Helpline Counsellors, District Mental Health Professionals, National level NGO/mother NGO working with govt., nodal officials dealing with such cases, and human rights officials will be accommodated.

Course Coordinating Team

Course Coordinator: Prof. Meerambika Mahapatro

Co-coordinator: Dr. Ankur Yadav

Co-coordinator: Dr. A. M. Elizabeth

Course Fee

Course fee is Rs. 1000/- (One Thousand only) per participant has to be paid by sponsoring organization, through a NEFT transaction in the name of Director, NIHFW, Branch Name: SBI, NIHFW, IFSC Code: SBIN0010439, A/c: 10932790787.

Training Course on Mental Health for Health Care Providers

Online Training

Participants will be intimated with programme schedule and google meet link through e-mail on receipt of confirmation for participation from NIHFW

Last Date for Receiving Nominations

25th July, 2021

Participants will be intimated with programme schedule and google meet link through e-mail on receipt of confirmation for participation from NIHFW

10th – 12th August 2021

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About the Institute

The National Institute of Health and Family Welfare is a premier autonomous Institute, funded by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. It has kept pace with the new thinking and substantially contributed to the health manpower development in the country.

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