

THE MENTAL HEALTH OF RURAL WOMEN FOLLOWING DISASTERS AND CONFLICTS

NGO Committee on Mental Health

Organized by the Gender Perspective Working Group

Program

When

Friday, March 16, 2018

Time: 6:45 pm

Where

Church Center for the United Nations - 777 UN Plaza, New York, NY

2nd floor Conference Room

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International Council of Women

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World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organizations

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Introductory and Closing Remarks:

Iryna Kurowyckyj

International Council of Women; UN NGO Committee on Mental Health; Convener, CMH Gender Perspective Working Group.

Moderator:

Dr. Irit Felsen

Adjunct Professor, Graduate School of Psychology, Yeshiva University, - Yale University Trauma Study Group, Co-Convener Working Group on Trauma NGO Committee on Mental Health.

Speakers:

Dr. Jyothi Vayalakkara

Member, Board of Directors for the CCCUN, Convener of the Racism & Related Intolerances Work Group of the NGOCMH. Supervising Neuropsychologist at Connecticut Valley Hospital.

Topic: Mental Health of Rural women Following War and Conflict Across the Globe, with a special Focus on Syria

Dr. Lyudmila Porokhyak

Medical Doctor, President of National Council of Women-Ukraine, Founder and editor of the Ukrainian Medical Journal, September 2012.

Topic: Rural Women's Mental Health in Ukraine : Women's Volunteer Efforts Can Help them cope with Health effects of conflicts

Dr. Felicitas Kort

Founder and President of the Venezuelan Association for the Advancement of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies; Degree in Psychology, Catholic University "Andres Bello" Caracas, Venezuela. Postgraduate training in Behavior and Cognitive Therapy - Temple University.

Topic: Addressing Depression in Rural Areas

Q & A - Discussion



Biographies

Irit Felsen

Irit Felsen, PhD is a clinical psychologist specializing in trauma and traumatic loss, with a special focus on Holocaust survivors and their families. Dr. Felsen is an Adjunct Professor at the Graduate School of Psychology, Yeshiva University, NY. She is in private practice, and she also serves on a national emergency response team for the delivery of services following critical incidents. Dr. Felsen is a researcher with the Yale University Trauma Study Group, a member of the National Center for Crisis Management and the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress, a board member of the Holocaust Council of Greater MetroWest, NJ and a co-convenor of the Trauma Group in the NGO Committee on Mental Health. Dr. Felsen's areas of interest include trauma, resilience and intergenerational effects of trauma in the family. Her research has been published in the American Journal of Psychiatry, the American Journal of Orthopsychiatry, the Journal of Psychotherapy Research, the Journal of Psychoanalysis, Self and Context and in Psychoanalytic Psychology, and in the "International Handbook of Multigenerational Legacies of Trauma". She is a researcher with the Yale University Trauma Study Group and her work as a principal investigator in a study about Holocaust trauma and psychosis was recently published in a book entitled "Psychoanalysis and Holocaust Trauma: Unwanted Memories of Social Trauma" by Routledge's Relational Psychoanalysis series. Dr. Felsen was Clinical Coordinator of services for Holocaust survivors at the Jewish Family Services of Metro west in NJ and a NJ State Emergency Psychiatric Services Screener. Dr. Felsen holds a PhD from the University of Hamburg, Germany, an MA degree from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and she did her postdoctoral training at Yale University.

Jyothi Vayalakkara

Jyothi Vayalakkara is currently a member of the Board of Directors for the CCCUN. She is also the Convener of the Racism & Related Intolerances Work Group within the NGO CMH. She is presently working as a Supervising Neuropsychologist at Connecticut Valley Hospital, with oversight over multidisciplinary staff in the Brain Injury Services Program. Currently she serves on the Advisory Council Board of the State of Connecticut for mental health equity across all racial groups in the state. She has worked as an Acquired Brain Injury Director and Program Director within the Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (DMHAS-CT). Dr. Vayalakkara has completed a two year Post - Doctoral Fellowship in Neuropsychology at New England Medical Center/Tufts University and a one year Lectureship Series at Harvard Medical School in addition to her doctorate and internship. She has several publications and speaking engagements at national and international levels and is currently a certified brain injury specialist trainer through the Brain Injury Association of America.

Dr. Lyudmila Porokhyak

Medical Doctor, President of NCW-Ukraine, Bearer of Order of Princess Olga of III Degree. Specialty Medicine in 1970. She graduated from Ternopil, Ukraine Medical Institute, she was chair of Sub-Department of physiology in Kharkiv. After Earning pharmaceutical Certification in 1998, she reorganized the physiology Department at this institute and began teaching in Ukrainian. She was later named supervisor of Laboratory of Radio- protective Means of the Center of Radiation Medicine. Dr. Porokhyak is the author of 200 research papers and 52 copyright certificates and patents. She is a founder and editor of the Ukrainian medical journal September 2012, she was elected a health expert of the Iteration Women Council. Ukrainian Medical Journal "Doctor" 1997, She also written and edited materials for "New Medicine" in 2002 and for medical newspaper entitled "Family Doctors" (since 2003) She has conducted a live weekly radio program "Family Doctor" on the National Radio in Ukraine. In September 2012, she was elected a Health expert of International Women council

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