Wednesday 11 November 2015

5.00 - 7.30pm
{doors open from 4.30pm, networking with light refreshments from 6.30pm}

Union House, Rumours Café (6th floor)
University of Adelaide (North Terrace campus)

All Welcome - FREE admission

RSVPs required for seating and catering
by Friday 6 November to
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SPEAKERS

Professor Michael Sawyer
Young Minds Matter: The second Australian child and adolescent survey of mental health and wellbeing
Head, Research and Evaluation Unit, Women’s and Children’s Health Network / Professor, Discipline of Paediatrics, University of Adelaide / HDA Co-Convenor

Dr Prue McEvoy
Making strides in mental health from infancy to adolescence
Clinical Director, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service / Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist for Children in Care, Department of Psychological Medicine, Women’s and Children’s Health Network

Ms Catherine Opitz
Critical and Crisis Events: Supporting student mental wellbeing
Senior Social Worker (Incident Management), Department for Education and Child Development

CHAIR

Ms Naomi Dwyer
Chief Executive Officer, Women’s and Children’s Health Network
Professor Michael Sawyer, OAM, MBBS, PhD, Dip Child Psych., FRANZCP, FRCPC is Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry in the Discipline of Paediatrics at the University of Adelaide and Head, Research and Evaluation Unit at the Women’s and Children’s Hospital in South Australia. He is currently the Honorary Medical Advisor for Australian Rotary Health. Prior to this appointment he was Chair of the Australian Rotary Health Research Committee and a Director on the Australian Rotary Health Board. He has also previously been Head, Department of Paediatrics and Associate Dean (Research) in the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Adelaide. In 2008, Professor Sawyer was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for services to the field of child and adolescent mental health as a researcher and educator. Professor Sawyer’s research has focused on the quality of life of children with chronic illness and the epidemiology of child and adolescent mental disorders. Professor Sawyer was chief investigator in the first Australian Child and Adolescent Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing and a lead investigator in the recently completed second survey.

Dr Prue McEvoy is a child and adolescent psychiatrist and Clinical Director of the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS). She has a strong interest in the interface of child psychiatry and child protection and is committed to interagency partnerships to develop healthy systems and quality care. Dr McEvoy also has a strong interest in training and is Chair of the Subcommittee for Advanced Training in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry in the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP).

Ms Catherine Opitz is employed by the Department for Education and Child Development as a Senior Social Worker for the Social Work Incident Management Team, a new state-wide service. The main incidents the team supports with include actual, attempted or threatened self-harm and suicide, deaths, problem sexual behaviour, and disaster recovery. Prior to this Catherine worked as a Family Services Coordinator in the Department for Education and Child Development and in SA Health as a Child and Family Worker. Catherine is completing her PhD at UniSA on women’s safety and wellbeing though partner contact within men’s behaviour change programs and integrated system responses. She has course coordinated, lectured and tutored in social work.

Adjunct Associate Professor Naomi Dwyer is CEO of South Australia’s Women’s and Children’s Health Network. She relocated from Queensland to South Australia in 2014 to take up the wonderful opportunity to lead this state wide health network responsible for the delivery of quality healthcare to the State’s babies, children and women. Naomi has extensive senior executive experience in the leadership of large complex health services, having been Chief Operating Officer of Gold Coast Health Service, one of Queensland’s largest health services, during the planning and commissioning of the new $1.7 B Gold Coast University Hospital. She has executive leadership experience in the private sector, having been part of the Executive team which successfully established Australia’s first private medical program at Bond University. Naomi holds undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications in Business and Law, holds academic appointments at University of Adelaide and Griffith University, and is Vice President of Children’s Healthcare Australia.

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