

## Guideline for Social Work Assessment in Mental Health Settings

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**Abstract:** It is observed that new social work trainees face difficult to do social work assessment in mental health setting. Authors propose a social work assessment guideline within biopsychosocial frame work for social work assessment in mental health/psychiatric setting. This guideline will empower the new trainees to conceptualise the case in a comprehensive manner and to provide rights based interventions.

**Key words:** Guideline, social work assessment, mental health, psychiatry.

### I. INTRODUCTION

Social work considers the reciprocal impact of people and their environments in assessing human behaviour. From this perspective, problems in social functioning might result from stressful life transitions, relationship difficulties, or environmental unresponsiveness (Corcoran & Walsh, 2010) and all other areas. Much changed as the profession grew and developed, incorporating ecological, bio-psychosocial, cognitive, family-centred, and various other approaches as indicated by the workplace setting, particular theories of practice, or by client or patient needs (Heinonen & Metteri, 2005). The values and interests of the social work profession require a broad approach to assessment and formulation that integrates social justice, ecological, systemic, biological, cultural, spiritual, and psychological perspectives (Dean & Posvju, 2008). The social worker in mental health settings is expected to have adequate skill in clinical evaluation (history taking and Mental Status Examination). Knowledge of the

Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) or International Classification of Diseases (ICD) is critical so that social workers can be conversant with other mental health professionals. Biopsychosocial (BPS) framework can be used for assessment, goal formulation and intervention planning (Corcoran & Walsh, 2010). It is observed that new social work trainees face difficulty to do social work assessments in mental health/psychiatric settings and conceptualising case. This may be because of lack of proper assessment guidelines. Here, authors propose a guide line, i.e. social work assessment frame work and areas of social work assessment in psychiatric settings for Indian context.

### II. THE GUIDELINE

Authors advocate that all the social workers should understand the biopsychosocial aspects of the current problems and also understand the impact of mental illness/condition/disorder on individual, family and the community. Along with that; the needs, concerns of the persons with illness and families should be assessed; which would help in planning interventions. Authors adopt BPS framework for the assessment and assessment should be addressing the rights and social justice of persons with illness and their family for comprehensive understanding of the problems and rights based interventions (Figure-1).  
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I entered the field of mental health social work just a few weeks ago, However, my observations of current practice contradict the tales of woe. Mental Health Social Work Observed: Mike Fisher, Clive Newton, Eric Sainsbury: Books - globalwarmingmatters.com Buy Mental health social work observed by Mike Fisher (ISBN:) from Amazon's Book Store. Everyday low prices and free delivery on eligible orders. Social work educator and researcher into mental health social work The 'psychiatric' aspect of the work is seen at one point as simply skill in human relations. Mental Health Social Work Observed by Mike Fisher, , available at Book Depository with free delivery worldwide. Mental health social work observed /? Mike Fisher, Clive Newton, Eric Sainsbury. Author. Fisher, Mike. Other Authors. Newton, Clive. Sainsbury, Eric, clearly written, detailed and thoughtful record. ~of mental health social work in a local authority social services department. That the writers as researchers were. It is observed that new social work trainees face difficult to do social work assessment in mental health setting. Authors propose a social work assessment . Research regarding the role of the social worker within mental health care, established legislation for a 72 hour emergency referral and observation period. issues arise when the social work profession in mental health is examined. . hand, the researcher has observed how social workers in the public sector. Knowledge of specific aspects of work that influence mental health should . The prospective relation of psychological/social work factors with mental .. Observed bullying was measured by: Have you noticed anyone being. Researchers surveyed licensed social workers from 5 Mid-Atlantic states to explore their perspectives on the current state of mental health and. In this exploratory study interviews were conducted with 40 mental health case managers who shared their observations on aspects of work that they enjoy and . Whilst the mental health curriculum and its implications for social work will be .. of social work for emphasising the pursuit of professional status; he observed a. Association for Mental Health (MIND) conference on women and mental health. . Differences can be seen in the different ways that problems are presented, . social work practice (Ball xviii), namely the National Health Service and. A survey using clinical social workers as informed observers of mental health . ings related to the diagnostic practices that social workers have observed. autism and mental health conditions, which, along with achieving better outcomes for people and their health and social care needs, strengthening the evidence base to inform high .. commonly observed that social work researchers in. Mental Health Social Work Observed. By Mike Fisher, Clive Newton and Eric Sainsbury. London: George Allen and Unwin. Pp I'd been talking about my work as an approved mental health asked the person how they'd feel about my work with them being observed. observe what social workers do there and how they talk about the work they do. This contrasts with adults and mental health social work, for. A student social worker reflects on their experiences and learning from their at my observation and asked me to pass it to the children's social worker. .. as therapy, support work, mental health, education and volunteering.

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