Meeting of the Technical Working Group on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS), Poland

Minutes of the meeting
August 28, 2025

Meeting Topic: Transferring MHPSS TWG into national coordination structures to ensure sustainability of MHPSS services for population

Agenda:

- Updates from the Chair of MHPSS TWG
- Updates from Governmental Institutions on MHPSS Initiatives
- Q&A session
- Introduction of future activities for transferring TWG into national coordination structures
- Q&A session
- Roundtable - Sharing circle (updates from Partners)

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Chairs: Glazewska Joanna – WHO, Viktor Vus - WHO.

Participants (registered) (20): Piotr Gałecki UM w Łodzi; Karolina Fabirkiewicz – UNHCR; Joanna Skiba ZWJR; Oksana Vitvitska, Sekcja MHPSS, BZG PCK; Yevheniia Protasova, Sekcja MHPSS, BZG PCK; Katarzyna Zaremba, Kalejdoskop Kultur, Wrocław; Iryna Rerikh - Fundacja "Ukraina - Wałbrzych"; Romana Dławichowska-Ochej i reprezentuję Biuro Rzecznika Praw Pacjenta; Joanna Hajduk, Save the Children; Dorota Ziętek Horyzont; Małgorzata Zdrowowicz-Zajko Ogólnopolskie Stowrzyszenie Centrów Zdowia Psychicznego; Aleksandra Sikorska, Stowarzyszenie SOS Wioski Dziecięce, Doradca Programowy i psychology; Ania Ochmanska, Roma Kula, IOM; Jana Gawura Fundacja dla Migrantów Dobry Start; Ewa Górko Biuro Rzecznika Praw Pacjenta, dyrektor Departamentu do spraw Zdrowia Psychicznego; Miriam Aertker (UNHCR); Monika Schmeichel-Zarzeczna - Fundacja Rozwoju Społeczeństwa Informacyjnego; Dawid Chojecki, Krajowe Centrum Przeciwdziałania Uzależnieniom, Dział Lecznictwa i Certyfikacji

Agenda items	Basic provisions of the meeting
Greetings and introduction of participants.	Welcoming. Announcement of the meeting agenda and the purpose of the meeting.
1. Updates from the Chair of MHPSS TWG	General introduction of preparatory work for MHPSS TWG Transitioning Model
2. Updates from Governmental Institutions on MHPSS Initiatives	Updates on Pilot project on Mental Health Centres (ongoing, till the end of 2025)
3. Introduction of future activities	Main ideas for MHPSS TWG Transitioning Model were presented as followings:

for transferring TWG in tho national coordination structures	• (National) Working Group on MHPSS will be officially presented within Mental Health Council meeting on September 16 for further consideration • First Co-Chairs for National Working Group on MHPSS will be established within rotated Chairs Model (as per Strategy and ToR) • Common channel of communication for WG members (MHPSS professionals) (e.g., WhatsApp group, national and regionals) • Mentoring program for local MHPSS actors (leaders) (*to ensure standardized methodology for MHPSS Programming in Poland)* • Referral pathway (Model + Routes) for regional levels (*collaboration between regional/local MHPSS actors to improve access to services)* • Awareness campaigns (establish/maintain regular Briefings/meetings with Media and influencers) • National database of MHPSS Programming (*evidence-based MHPSS Programs)* • Lessons Learnt events, "Lessons Learnt" Forums for MHPSS advocacy and adaptive learning
4. Roundtable - Sharing circle (updates from Partners)	*NGO "Kaleidoscop of Culture"* *iNGO "Save the Children"* *iNGO "Polish Red Cross"*
Closing	
Summary	• The next meeting of the Technical Working Group will be held in an online/hybrid format, the date and time will be announced after Mental Health Council meeting scheduled for September 16. • A Briefing Note: MHPSS Key Informant Interviews & TWG Engagement will be shared with MHPSS TWG Partners via email Please book your time for the Key Informant Interview meeting (LINK to the calendar https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/b4KQR3ga) • A link to a form where you can share your requests and suggestions will be shared with you via email. N.B. this Form will be opened till mid December https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=t8AQ9iS9OUuBCz3CgK-1kI3qpziP8ddGh-4mBXyHkBZUNFlCWE1LQklGVlFERldJQUFZOEVFTTBVRi4u • All documents on previous meetings can be found at the Google Drive