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Minutes of the 31st Mhpss Sub-Working Group at Babel Day Centre

Chaired by Nikos Gkionakis, Scientific Associate of Babel Day Centre

Participants: ADDMA, MsF, Spanish Red Cross, PRAKSIS, Solidarity Now, IFRC, HRC, Unicef, Hestia Hellas, MdM, Babel

Agenda:

- 4Ws updating
- Updates of the other WGs
- Effects of the way that PoCs are being moved from the islands to the mainland on their mental health and well being
- AOB

Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Babel: The extension of the programme which provides special therapies in coordination with Solidarity Now was agreed. Babel received a grant from OSF in order to prepare an educational package on attending to the needs of refugees (from reception to integration) targeting professionals during 2018. Babel also plans to conduct dramatherapy sessions for interpreters. More information will be given soon.• Hestia Hellas: started a new project in the CFS: life skills series (age 2-12) i.e. yoga, mindfulness, crafts, painting, homework support. The weekly schedule is uploaded on their website and facebook.• MsF Swiss: had already hired staff for the new programme in Chios and in Patras. More details are to be announced soon.
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<p>Staff Care sub-Working Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the last meeting it was discussed the goals of the group for the next months. • Next meeting of Staff Care sub working group will take place at 19th January at the premises of Babel Day Centre, 09.30 – 11.00
<p>MHPSS WG in ACCMR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A representative of the WG joined the meeting and informed the members on the current goals of the WG. A mapping of the health services in Athens is being conducted. Moreover a gap analysis is taking place in order to be assessed the current situation and also the actors to be able to propose new programmes.
<p>Effects of the way that PoCs are being moved from the islands to the mainland on their mental health and well being</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting with KEELPNO and representatives of many NGOs took place, in which it was discussed the need of an emergency intervention on the islands. The lack of basic information creates many difficulties for the design of the intervention. • MdM sent an email to the WG which reports the issues that they face with the psychiatric patients in Thiva site. The email was shared with all the members of the group. A discussion needs to be made on these issues.
<p>Other issues</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A report is to be published the coming days about the living conditions in Skaramagas site by Babel. The lack of management and any kind of security in Skaramagas site have a severe impact in the mental health of people living in the site. • EKEPI will send a representative in the sites in the North

	for ten days, who will report on the implementation of PHILOS programme.
Agenda for next WG	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No items for the agenda have been discussed yet.

The next MHPSS WG meeting is going to take place on **12th of January** at **09:30 -11:00** at **Babel Day Centre** (72 I.Drosopoulou St.).