Recovery: una proposta per i servizi di salute mentale

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Hope for Better Mental Health:

Exploring co-production and recovery

A report exploring promising practice in Essex

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RECOVERY

A Philosophy of Hope and Resilience

A person's early days in recovery might be compared to a climber's first steps up a great mountain. There's a lot of work ahead. As time passes, healing occurs not only for the person in recovery but also for relatives, coworkers, business associates, and the community at large.

At its core, the philosophy of recovery embraces and encourages an individual's capacity for change and personal transformation. But that change does not happen overnight. Challenges can and often do crop up every step of the way.

As part of its mission, SAMHSA supports the concept of recovery on multiple levels Agency-wide. The Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), and the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) offer specific services and support to individuals and community organizations through discretionary grant programs, Web sites, policy resources, publications, and data.

MENTAL HEALTH ACTION PLAN 2013 - 2020

- Priorità sulla recovery e su come i servizi di salute mentale possono promuoverla.
- Riflessione sul tema “recovery vs cura”.
- “Engagement” degli utenti dei servizi come ingrediente attivo dei percorsi di recovery e di inclusione sociale.
- Diritti umani e di di cittadinanza per promuovere benessere psicosociale.

QualityRights

Promoting recovery in mental health and related services: handbook for personal use and teaching

WHO QualityRights training to act, unite and empower for mental health

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RECO+VERY

“E’ un processo profondamente personale ed unico che porta a modificare i propri comportamenti, valori, sentimenti, capacità, obiettivi e ruoli.

E’ un modo di vivere con soddisfazione la vita partecipando ad attività e relazioni significative anche con le limitazioni dovute alla malattia.”

(W. Anthony, 1993)

Una definizione sintetica

Recovery significa vivere una vita al meglio delle proprie possibilità.

South London and Maudsley
NHS Foundation Trust (2010)
Social Inclusion and Recovery
Strategy 2010-2015.
London SLAM

Guarigione clinica

Remissione sintomatologica completa,
impegno lavorativo almeno a tempo parziale,
collocazione abitativa indipendente senza
supervisione da parte di carer informali,
avere amicizie con cui condividere attività
per almeno un periodo di due anni.

Lieberman RP, Kopelovitz A:
Recovery from Schizophrenia.
International Review of Psychiatry.
14, 245-255. 2002

Recovery:

una parola con due significati

- **Guarigione clinica:**
 - ✓ Focus su criteri dei professionisti
 - ✓ Parzialmente operationalizzata
 - ✓ Non sempre in accordo con il punto di vista degli utenti
- **Guarigione personale**
 - ✓ Focus sui significati e gli obiettivi personali
 - ✓ Non ancora operationalizzata per fini di ricerca
 - ✓ Basata su elementi narrativi/descrittivi

Mental
Illness

Personal
Recovery

Personal
Recovery

Clinical
Recovery

Symptom
Free

+ve Wellbeing

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WHAT IS IMROC?

The Implementing Recovery through Organisational Change (ImROC) programme is a new approach to helping people with mental health problems.

In mental health, 'recovery' means the process through which people find ways to live meaningful lives, with or without the on-going

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POLICY

SAINSBURY CENTRE
for MENTAL HEALTH
removing barriers · achieving change

Implementing Recovery

A methodology for
organisational change

Geoff Shepherd, Jed Boardman
and Maurice Burns

Recovery non è...

Centre for
Mental Health

- Una versione aggiornata dell'anti-psichiatria contro i trattamenti tradizionali.
- Non è un approccio che vuole che i pazienti facciano quello che vogliono: gli operatori non devono "lasciare fuori dalla porta" le proprie considerazioni professionali ed etiche.
- Non è un insieme di "frasi naive" in base alle quali si curano i sintomi delle persone.
- Non è un metodo che gli operatori imparano ed applicano: gli operatori non fanno fare la recovery ai pazienti, sta a loro scegliere di andare in quella direzione...ma gli operatori ed i servizi possono favorire o ostacolare questo percorso.
- Non è un approccio che vale solo per la salute mentale: è utilizzato sempre di più per la gestione efficace di tutte le condizioni di lunga durata.

I principi della recovery

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La Recovery non è una teoria, né una tecnica: è un'insieme di principi che derivano dai racconti personali di persone che hanno descritto cosa è stato utile o inutile per vivere la loro vita con un disturbo mentale.

I principi sono i seguenti:

1. L'importanza di mantenere una aspettativa positiva (**Speranza**): credere cioè che sia possibile raggiungere gli obiettivi che ci prefiggiamo. Questa speranza spesso deve essere sostenuta anche da altri, anche da parte degli operatori dei servizi.
2. L'importanza di trovare un **significato personale** nell'esperienza della malattia mentale e recuperare il **controllo** sulla propria vita e sui sintomi che si possono avere e provare.
3. Avere la possibilità di fare scelte rispetto al modo di curarsi e alle fonti a cui chiedere supporto: **personalizzazione**.
4. Avere l'opportunità di costruire un progetto di vita con una **Identità** oltre la dimensione della malattia.

Recovery: una parola, due significati

Recovery clinica

ESITO

Remissione dei sintomi e della disabilità,
misurabile attraverso criteri standardizzati

Recovery "personale"

PROCESSO

Impegno attivo nel tentativo di ripristinare un certo grado di controllo sulla propria vita e di recuperare potenzialità e aspettative di realizzazione di sé, nonostante la persistenza dei sintomi

DEFINIZIONI DI RECOVERY

CRITERI
OGGETTIVI
E
MISURABILI

Recovery clinico

- remissione
- Aderenza
- Riduzione delle ospedalizzazioni

Recovery FUNZIONALE

- Lavoro e/o scuola
- Indipendenza/coinvolgimento vita familiare

Recovery PERSONALE

- SPERANZA PER UN FUTURO MIGLIORE
- EMPOWERMENT
- RESILIENZA
- AUTO-AIUTO

Narrative and severe mental illness: what place do stories have in an evidence-based world?

Glenn A. Roberts

“...è una considerazione triste il fatto che la cronicità almeno in parte deriva dalle nostre aspettative negative...Avere fatto proprio ed in un certo senso perpetuato il racconto dell’incurabilità può essere utile ai bisogni di difesa e protezione degli operatori ed offrire anche qualche forma di conforto e di orientamento agli utenti. In questo modo corriamo il rischio di colludere con «la costruzione di barriere e la distruzione di ponti» confondendo la precarietà e l’incertezza della ricerca della salute con l’accettazione di significati che neutralizzano per sempre le potenzialità degli individui.”

John S. Strauss

Prediction of Outcome in Schizophrenia

III. Five-Year Outcome and Its Predictors

John S. Strauss, MD, William T. Carpenter, Jr, MD

• Recent studies of schizophrenia have begun to demonstrate the complex nature of its outcome characteristics and their predictors. However, generalization of findings has been limited by methodological problems such as relatively short-term follow-up, the use of retrospective data, or employment of evaluation techniques without demonstrated reliability. This report describes a prospective, five-year follow-up using reliable evaluation techniques to determine whether specific relations between predictors and outcome variables represent behavior patterns persisting over an extended period. Results demonstrate the prognostic importance and specificity of certain predictors over five years. These results support the view that outcome function is comprised of persisting open-linked systems of behavior.

(*Arch Gen Psychiatry* 34:159-163, 1977)

that have used prospective and reliable methods^{1,2} have suggested that outcome is a more complex phenomenon than was originally believed, since people diagnosed as schizophrenic may have impaired function in one outcome sphere (eg, symptoms) but perform well in another (eg, work). Other studies showing that various outcome functions are affected differentially by treatment³ and have different predictors⁴ further suggest that outcome functions reflect several processes—best conceptualized as open-linked systems—each with its own determinants and mechanisms, but all somewhat interrelated.

The present report uses data collected as part of the International Pilot Study of Schizophrenia (IPSS),⁵ a trans-cultural study of patient characteristics and outcome that

“Quando, seduto sul pavimento del soggiorno, ho iniziato a riesaminare tutte le elaborazioni grafiche relative ai soggetti inclusi nella ricerca, sono rimasto affascinato dalle cifre e dalla meravigliosa precisione...

Ma non riuscivo a riconoscervi le persone che avevo intervistato e conosciuto. Non ero più in contatto con loro...”

Riflettendo sul decorso del disturbo e osservando i grafici sparsi sul pavimento, mi sentivo sconcertato e mi rendevo conto che, più di ogni altra cosa, andava perduta la singola persona, con la sua specifica volontà...

Mi resi conto allora che si trattava di due diverse dimensioni: quella della persona, con la sua ricca e profonda esperienza umana; e quella del mondo dei dati, con la sua attendibilità e validità.

"[Qualche anno dopo] durante uno studio di follow-up che prevedeva interviste ripetute, una paziente mi disse: 'Dottore, ma **perché non mi chiede mai cosa faccio io per aiutare me stessa?**'"

Sto ancora cercando di rispondere compiutamente a questa domanda.

La paziente stava sollevando la questione della soggettività.

Non considerava sé stessa unicamente una vittima della sua malattia, un oggetto i cui sentimenti e le cui azioni fossero irrilevanti al fine di misurare il peggioramento o il miglioramento. Stava chiedendo perché io, noi operatori della salute mentale, non includiamo questi aspetti soggettivi nelle nostre teorie, nelle nostre azioni, nella ricerca."

In salute mentale, queste due dimensioni influenzano non solo le nostre idee, ma anche l'analisi dei dati raccolti: incidono su ciò che notiamo, tralasciamo, eliminiamo. Ma in realtà si tratta di due aspetti di un unico universo. Il nostro compito non consiste nello scegliere l'uno o l'altro, ma nel confrontarci con entrambi gli aspetti, che, congiunti, ci aiutino a capire cosa stiamo tentando di studiare, curare, prevenire"

A common purpose: Recovery in future mental health services

L'attuale comprensione del concetto di recovery riconosce la complessità della sofferenza associata alle malattie mentali ma anche la possibilità di vivere bene nonostante le limitazioni causate dalla disabilità o dalle malattie: è possibile quindi ripensare esperienze altrimenti solo distruttive come una sfida dall'esito potenzialmente positivo.

“..un approccio sistematico alla recovery dalla malattia mentale che valorizza al massimo le qualità della vita delle persone e l’inclusione sociale incoraggiando le loro abilità, promuovendo indipendenza ed autonomia per dare speranza nel futuro e portare ad una vita soddisfacente nella comunità attraverso un livello appropriato di supporto.”

The Ten Essential Shared Capabilities for Mental Health Practice

Working in Partnership. Developing and maintaining constructive working relationships with service users, carers, families, colleagues, lay people and wider community networks. Working positively with any tensions created by conflicts of interest or aspiration that may arise between the partners in care.

Respecting Diversity. Working in partnership with service users, carers, families and colleagues to provide care and interventions that not only make a positive difference but also do so in ways that respect and value diversity including age, race, culture, disability, gender, spirituality and sexuality.

Practising Ethically. Recognising the rights and aspirations of service users and their families

Promuovere la Recovery:

Lavorare in partnership per offrire cure e trattamenti che mettano gli utenti ed i loro famigliari nella condizione di superare i problemi di salute mentale con speranza ed ottimismo e lavorare per una vita ricca di valore dentro ed oltre i limiti di qualsiasi disturbo psichico.

families and carers.

Promoting Safety and Positive Risk Taking. Empowering the person to decide the level of risk they are prepared to take with their health and safety. This includes working with the tension between promoting safety and positive risk taking, including assessing and dealing with possible risks for service users, carers, family members, and the wider public.

Personal Development and Learning. Keeping up-to-date with changes in practice and participating in life-long learning, personal and professional development for one's self and colleagues through supervision, appraisal and reflective practice.

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TOWARDS RECOVERY
HOPE, INNOVATION
AND CO-DESIGN

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The empirical evidence about mental health and recovery: how likely, how long, what helps?

Prof Mike Slade
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July 2015

Implications for resource allocation

Health and social care systems need to allocate resources, such as disability-related benefits. Typically this is done by allocating people to categories, e.g. Disabled versus Not Disabled, or No, Mild, Moderate or Severe Disability. Allocating people to categories has two problems in relation to people with mental health problems. First, it encourages a focus on 'objective' or observable measures such as the distance someone can walk or the weight someone can lift. These criteria disadvantage people whose health problems manifest less visibly, e.g. as cognitive or emotional difficulties. Second, it encourages a view that disability is a state and therefore permanent – someone 'is' disabled. This is unhelpful in the context of problems such as mental health difficulties which come and go in severity, and can have a negative impact in reducing hopefulness and increasing stigma.

How should resources be allocated? Identifying people with 'severe' mental illness has classically involved consideration of three criteria: diagnosis, disability and duration¹¹⁹.

Diagnosis

Although convenient, diagnosis in a mental health context is contested. Some people choose not to accept their diagnosis, and framing their experience in other ways has a positive influence on their recovery. Making people accept a label in order to access entitlements therefore has negative consequences. New approaches to allocating social resources are needed, which reduce rather than enhance stigma. In the short term, one step towards reducing benefits-related stigma would be to allow disagreement with a diagnosis to be recorded on claim forms without impacting on entitlement. In the longer term, less contested approaches than diagnosis are needed.

Disability

Criteria should be used which are sensitive to the types of problems (e.g. attention, memory, interpersonal) experienced by people with mental health problems.

Duration

The idea of 'permanent disability' in a mental health context is toxic, and should not be used. For duration, a time criterion relating to a reasonable review period should be used, such as 'expected to persist for at least one year'.

1. Recovery is best judged by the person living with the experience

2. Many people with mental health problems recover

3. If a person no longer meets criteria for a mental illness, they are not ill

4. Diagnosis is not a robust foundation

5. Treatment is one route amongst many to recovery

6. Some people choose not to use mental health services

7. The impact of mental health problems is mixed

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Recovery è...

ciò che una persona con malattia mentale fa per gestire la sua malattia

... **mentre** continua a perseguire i propri sogni e obiettivi

... **mentre** si costruisce o si ricostruisce una vita sicura, dignitosa, significativa nella comunità in cui decide di vivere

... **mentre** continua a occuparsi delle conseguenze di avere un disturbo mentale

GROWING RECOVERY

101 WAYS TO FACILITATE RECOVERY

P. Ridgway & D. McDermid
 2022, Growing Recovery: 101 Ways to Facilitate Recovery. Text version available. 785-864-4720.

Office of Mental Health
 Research & Training
 School of Social Welfare
 University of Kansas

1. Honor each person's uniqueness
2. Use person-first language
3. Raise awareness of intersectional stigma
4. Address stigma inside & outside the program
5. Personalize treatment goals and plans
6. Help people explore their strengths
7. Challenge "no choice" mentality
8. Treat no one like a diagnosis
9. Ask people to set meaningful goals
10. Honor consumer preferences
11. Offer real choices & options
12. Offer peer support
13. Help people understand their experience
14. Provide recovery resources
15. Offer peer support
16. Connect people to recovery support groups
17. Encourage people to set their own goals
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50 stories of recovery

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Stories of Hope and Recovery

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VALUES-BASED MEDICINE

Personal Recovery and Mental Illness

A Guide for Mental Health Professionals

MIKE SLADE

CAMBRIDGE
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I will live my life, not my diagnosis.

Pat Deegan

**Recovery:
An Alien
Concept?**

RON COLEMAN

Edited by Eleanor Longden

A person with long hair, wearing a dark shirt and light-colored pants, is sitting at a desk. They are holding a microphone on a stand. The background is a simple room with a wooden desk and a chair. The image is semi-transparent, allowing the text to be overlaid.

La recovery non è il bel regalo che ci fanno i dottori, ma è una assunzione di responsabilità per ciascuno di noi... dobbiamo credere nelle nostre capacità di cambiare le nostre vite: dobbiamo smetterla di pensare che ci sia qualcun altro che fa tutto per noi.

Dobbiamo fare tutte queste cose per noi stessi. Dobbiamo credere che sia possibile «dare un taglio» al comportarsi da malati: solo così potremo iniziare il nostro percorso di recovery.

(Recovery: an alien concept. Ron Coleman, 1999)

Risposte potenziali al trauma

(Carver, Charles A. (1998). Resilience and thriving: Issues, models and linkages. Journal of Social Issues, Vol. 54, No. 2, 245-266.)

Review article

Conceptual framework for personal recovery in mental health: systematic review and narrative synthesis

Mary Leamy,* Victoria Bird,* Clair Le Boullier, Julie Williams and Mike Slade

Table 3 Recovery stages mapped onto the transtheoretical model of change

Table DS1 study number	Precontemplation	Contemplation	Preparation	Action	Maintenance and growth
32		Novitiate recovery – struggling with disability		Semi-recovery – living with disability	Full recovery – living beyond disability
73	Stuck	Accepting help	Believing	Learning	Self-reliant
3	Descent into hell	Igniting a spark of hope	Developing insight/ activating instinct to fight back	Discovering keys to well-being	Maintaining equilibrium between internal and external forces
44	Demoralisation		Developing and establishing independence		Efforts towards community integration
36	Occupational dependence		Supported occupational performance	Active engagement in meaningful occupations	Successful occupational performance
14	Dependent/unaware	Dependent/aware		Independent/aware	Interdependent/aware
29	Moratorium	Awareness	Preparation	Rebuilding	Growth
78		Glimpses of recovery	Turning points	Road to recovery	
61		Reawakening of hope after despair	No longer viewing self as primarily person with psychiatric disorder	Moving from withdrawal to engagement	Active coping rather than passive adjustment
40	Overwhelmed by the disability		Struggling with the disability	Living with the disability	Living beyond the disability
35	Initiating recovery			Regaining what was lost/moving forward	Improving quality of life
59	Crisis (recuperation)		Decision (rebuilding independence)	Awakening (building healthy interdependence)	
43		Turning point	Determination		Self-esteem

La scala del cambiamento

Self Reliance

Basarsi sulle proprie forze

10

Posso farcela senza l'aiuto dei servizi

9

Learning

Apprendimento

8

Sto imparando come si fa

Believing

Crederci

Posso fare la differenza
Sta anche a me

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Accepting Help

Accettazione dell'aiuto

Voglio che qualcuno mi risolva i problemi

4

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Stuck

Blocco

Lasciatemi solo

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Cosa favorisce il percorso della recovery?

CONNESSIONI

- Buone relazioni
- Supporto fra pari
- La comunità

SPERANZA

- Credere nel miglioramento
- Motivazione al cambiamento
- Pensiero e aspettative positive

IDENTITA'

- Autostima
- Superare lo stigma
- Andare oltre la diagnosi

SIGNIFICATI PERSONALI

- Avere scopi
- Sentirsi capaci
- In grado di contribuire

EMPOWERMENT

- Focus sui punti di forza
- Essere in controllo
- Assumersi responsabilità personali
- autogestirsi

RECOVERY PROCESS (CHIME)

Connectedness

- Peer support and support groups
- Relationships
- Support from others
- Being part of the community

Hope and optimism about the future

- Motivation to change
- Belief in possibility of recovery
- Positive thinking and valuing success
- Having dreams and aspirations
- Hope-inspiring relationships

Identity

- Dimensions of identity
- Rebuilding/redefining positive identity
- Over-coming stigma

Meaning in life

- Meaning of mental illness experiences
- Spirituality
- Quality of life
- Meaningful life and social roles
- Meaningful life and social goals
- Rebuilding of life

Empowerment

- Personal responsibility
- Control over life
- Focusing upon strengths

(Other super-ordinate
categories:
Characteristics of the
Recovery Journey,
Recovery Stages)

Si può parlare di "recovery" ("recupero") in differenti modi, uno di questi è vivere una vita soddisfacente e piena di speranza. Tale questionario Le chiede come l'operatore supporta il Suo recupero.

La sezione "Supporto" chiede informazioni a proposito di aree che Lei potrebbe ritenere importanti per la Sua guarigione e di come l'operatore del servizio di salute mentale La sostiene in queste aree.

La sezione "Rapporto" indaga invece com'è il rapporto con il Suo operatore. Se non desidera rispondere a una domanda, lasci uno spazio vuoto.

Per favore risponda a tutte le domande a proposito di
(nome dell'operatore)

Sezione "Supporto dell'operatore"

La preghiamo di leggere ogni domanda e decidere se è importante per Lei o no. Se ha cerchiato NO può passare direttamente alla domanda successiva. Se la Sua risposta è SI, Le chiediamo di cerchiare nelle aree grigie la quantità di supporto che ritiene di ottenere dall'operatore in quella specifica area.

Una parte importante del mio recupero è...

S1 Sentirmi supportato dalle altre persone

No

Si:

Per niente

Non molto

Un po'

Abbastanza

Molto

S2 Avere relazioni positive con le altre persone

No

Si:

Per niente

Non molto

Un po'

Abbastanza

Molto

S3 Ricevere supporto dagli altri utenti del servizio

No

Si:

Per niente

Non molto

Un po'

Abbastanza

Molto

S4 Sentirmi parte della mia comunità

No

Si:

Per niente

Non molto

Un po'

Abbastanza

Molto

S5 Sentirmi speranzoso riguardo al mio futuro

No

Si:

Per niente

Non molto

Un po'

Abbastanza

Molto

S6 Avere fiducia di potere "riprendermi"

No

Si:

Per niente

Non molto

Un po'

Abbastanza

Molto

S7 Essere motivato a portare cambiamenti nella mia vita

No

Si:

Per niente

Non molto

Un po'

Abbastanza

Molto

Sezione "Supporto dell'operatore"

Una parte importante del mio recupero è...

S8 Avere speranze e sogni per il futuro	No
S9 Sentire di poter affrontare lo stigma	No
S10 Sentirmi bene con me stesso	No
S11 Essere rispettato riguardo alle mie credenze spirituali	No
S12 Essere rispettato secondo la mia identità etnica, culturale e/o razziale	No
S13 Dare un significato alla mia esperienza di salute mentale	No
S14 Fare cose che per me significhino qualcosa	No
S15 Ricostruire la mia vita dopo aver passato esperienze difficili	No
S16 Avere una buona qualità di vita	No
S17 Sentirmi in controllo della mia vita	No

Mi sento supportato dal mio operatore in questo...

Si:	Per niente	Non molto	Un po'	Abbastanza	Molto
Si:	Per niente	Non molto	Un po'	Abbastanza	Molto
Si:	Per niente	Non molto	Un po'	Abbastanza	Molto
Si:	Per niente	Non molto	Un po'	Abbastanza	Molto
Si:	Per niente	Non molto	Un po'	Abbastanza	Molto
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Si:	Per niente	Non molto	Un po'	Abbastanza	Molto
Si:	Per niente	Non molto	Un po'	Abbastanza	Molto

Sezione "Supporto dell'operatore"

Una parte importante del mio recupero è...

S18 Essere capace di gestire la mia salute mentale

No

Si:

Per niente

Non molto

Un po'

Abbastanza

Molto

S19 Provare cose o esperienze nuove

No

Si:

Per niente

Non molto

Un po'

Abbastanza

Molto

S20 Basarmi sulle mie forze

No

Si:

Per niente

Non molto

Un po'

Abbastanza

Molto

Mi sento supportato dal mio operatore in questo...

Sezione "Rapporto con l'operatore"

Le chiediamo di cerchiare l'opzione che più si appropria alla Sua relazione con l'operatore

R1 Mi sento ascoltato dal mio operatore

Fortemente in disaccordo	In disaccordo	Neutro	D'accordo	Fortemente d'accordo
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R2 Mi sento supportato dal mio operatore

Fortemente in disaccordo	In disaccordo	Neutro	D'accordo	Fortemente d'accordo
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R3 Sento che il mio operatore considera seriamente le mie speranze e i miei sogni

Fortemente in disaccordo	In disaccordo	Neutro	D'accordo	Fortemente d'accordo
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R4 Il mio operatore mi rispetta

Fortemente in disaccordo	In disaccordo	Neutro	D'accordo	Fortemente d'accordo
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R5 Il mio operatore mi tratta come una persona, più che come una semplice "diagnosi" o "un'etichetta"

Fortemente in disaccordo	In disaccordo	Neutro	D'accordo	Fortemente d'accordo
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R6 Il mio operatore mi supporta nel prendere le mie decisioni

Fortemente in disaccordo	In disaccordo	Neutro	D'accordo	Fortemente d'accordo
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R7 Il mio operatore ripone speranza in me anche quando non sto bene

Fortemente in disaccordo	In disaccordo	Neutro	D'accordo	Fortemente d'accordo
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**Grazie per il tempo
speso per questo
questionario.**

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Cognome:

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Hope **Speranza**
Agency **Senso di controllo**
Opportunity **Opportunità**

Questo è uno strumento per valutare gli esiti compilato dagli utenti, è stato coprodotto da utenti ed operatori del Southern Health Recovery College.

Le informazioni che ci darai saranno utili per rendere i nostri servizi più orientati alla recovery. Quando avrai risposto a queste domande, un operatore potrà parlare con te delle risposte date. Questo ci aiuterà a capire cosa è importante per te e a costruire insieme un progetto individualizzato.

Questo documento è tuo ed è una traccia del tuo percorso di recovery. Lascia pure un commento scritto se lo ritieni utile.

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Nell'ultima settimana quante volte ha provato un senso di...

1 Speranza:

- Vedere un futuro
- Credere che le difficoltà della propria vita possono essere superate
- Potere fare le cose che desideri

Credi di potere vivere bene, perseguire le tue aspirazioni ed obiettivi?

mai

raramente

qualche volta

spesso

sempre

Commenti:

2 Controllo:

- Potere scegliere ed essere informato rispetto al supporto che ricevi
- Sentirti in grado di potere gestire le difficoltà della tua vita
- Sapere come mantenere il tuo benessere

Senti di avere il controllo sulla tua vita?

mai

raramente

qualche volta

spesso

sempre

Commenti:

3 Opportunità:

- Di impegnarti e realizzare le cose in cui ti senti bravo
- di aderire al tuo ruolo sociale (famigliare, studente, lavoratore, etc.)
- di essere coinvolto nella tua comunità

Puoi fare la vita che vuoi con le opportunità di essere parte della società

mai

raramente

qualche volta

spesso

sempre

Commenti:

4 Relazioni di aiuto:

- Essere ascoltato da operatori sanitari e sociali che ti supportano
- Lavorare insieme per costruire il tuo piano di cura individualizzato
- Sentire che i tuoi operatori credono nel tuo percorso di recovery

Le relazioni con i tuoi operatori supportano speranza, controllo e opportunità per il tuo percorso di recovery?

mai

raramente

qualche volta

spesso

sempre

Commenti:

Il “cuore” dell’idea di recovery: AGENCY

- Traduzioni possibili: “agentità”, “esercizio dell’autodeterminazione”
- Il senso INDIVIDUALE di ciò che posso fare o pensare di poter fare
- La MIA PROPRIA capacità di intraprendere un’azione, sentirmi efficace, assumermi la responsabilità del mio comportamento.
- L’agency è un elemento ESSENZIALE per sentire il controllo della mia vita: credere nella mia capacità di gestire i miei pensieri per conto mio, sentire fiducia di poter gestire una serie di compiti e situazioni

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Di conseguenza, occorre una divisione del lavoro

Se **recovery** è ciò che la persona con un disturbo mentale fa,

l'assistenza orientata alla recovery è ciò che gli operatori della salute mentale possono offrire a sostegno degli sforzi che per conto proprio la persona fa per iniziare e portare avanti il suo percorso di recovery

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Recovery is about more than the mere absence

L'essenza emotiva del percorso di guarigione è la speranza: senza di questa guarire è improbabile.

Noi tutti abbiamo il dovere di condividere un messaggio di aspettative positive rispetto alla guarigione.

It's a personal thing

E'...è una cosa personale. Non puoi dire ad uno fai questo, fai quello e poi quest'altro e vedrai che starai bene...Devi prendertene la responsabilità, devi volere andare avanti.

Una delle cose che ho imparato è che se una cosa non funziona subito, non significa che non funzionerà mai.
E' una cosa per la quale è il caso di insistere ed avere pazienza.

Brown and Kandirikirira, Recovery Mental Health in Scotland, 2007

**“La più semplice definizione
di co-produzione è:
le persone che usano i servizi
contribuiscono a produrli”**

Needham C., Co-Production: an Emerging Evidence Base for Adult Social Care Transformation, SCIE, 2012.

I sei principi della coproduzione

- **Riconoscere che tutte le persone hanno risorse**
Blurring distinctions
- **Costruire sulle capacità che le persone hanno**
Building on people's existing capabilities
- **Importanza delle reti di supporto «fra pari»**
Peer support networks
- **Ruoli professionali non rigidi**
Recognising people as assets
- **Facilitazione piuttosto che erogazione di interventi**
Facilitating rather than delivering
- **Mutualità e reciprocità**
Mutuality and reciprocity

(Coproduction: the modernisation of public services by staff and users.
NEF e NESTA, 2013)

Pathways from community participation, empowerment and control to health improvement

“Sono una persona unica, che lotta con un disturbo mentale; grazie alle mie attitudini e alle mie iniziative quotidiane, sono stata in grado di pretendere una vita degna di questo nome.

Patricia Deegan
Voglio raccontare il mio percorso verso la guarigione (che continua tuttora) per permettere ad altri di fare percorsi simili”.

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Implementing Recovery
through Organisational ChangeCentre for
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1. Recovery Colleges

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and Helen Brow

Feature

Learned recovery

Recovery Colleges, as they are known, began in Arizona: pioneered by a psychiatric ward patient who was disgruntled with services, alongside staff who wanted to help. Now, Recovery Colleges have started to spread across the USA and into the UK, Italy, Australia, the Netherlands, and Japan.

Casting my mind back to my own university days, they weren't the best days of my life. At 22, I'd just been diagnosed with paranoid psychosis. I'd expected to make friends but instead had crippling anxieties. Too scared to leave the dorms or turn up for lessons, I had the ailing grades and exam results to attest my absence.

So it was with trepidation that I arrive at Westminster University on this windy morning to attend the Central and North West London Mental Health NHS Trust (CNWL) Recovery & Wellbeing College. I'm booked on a healthy eating course. Being back on campus, now 34 years old and stable on medication, feels okay.

Dr Maria Clarke, a Consultant Psychiatrist at CNWL explains the college's ethos: "It offers a wide curriculum of courses, seminars and workshops. The Recovery & Wellbeing College focus is to support the journey that people take from a person that currently uses services, to achieving the best quality of life possible for them."

Wanting just that, I enter a small but air-conditioned room with 12 people, all with differing interests in mental health. If I had it my way, I'd be studying creative writing or English literature at Oxford. But psychosis shot through my early years like a shoal of fish, ravishing much of my hope for a good education. You could say I was growing bitter, so I turn my attention back to the room.

It's seated with two trainers to the front. We're asked to introduce ourselves and what we hope to gain from the day. I introduce myself as a person hoping to gain confidence in eating. It's encouraged here that we start the day on an equal footing with interests and aspirations rather than diagnosis in common.

Today, I discover that as a service user, I'm contributing to the course with other attendees as well as the trainers. We're promised certificates at the end of the day, but these are not formal qualifications.

Instead of academics, Dr Clarke says each course at CNWL is designed and presented by both a health-care practitioner and a person who has direct life experience of mental health difficulties. This is called "co-production", and provides the crux of how Recovery College courses are delivered.

Today's training is led by a qualified social worker and a peer trainer, who has lived experience of mental illness. I'm told that this helps not only people attending but also the Peer Trainer's personal journey to recovery. As Angela Kinn, a Senior Peer Recovery Trainer at CNWL, states: "Before I started working as a Peer Trainer I feared that employment could be a risk to my recovery. It has proved to be the complete opposite. Working as a Peer Trainer has meant that I've been able to inspire people to recover by using my personal experience in my work and it's extremely rewarding as you see people turn their lives around."

Course times can vary from as little as one hour to several weeks. My course today is 10 am to 4 pm, but it doesn't really feel like studying. It's less formal, and presented more like a workshop.

The concept of Recovery Colleges appealed to the ambitious side of my nature, and it's a little bitter sweet that my day at Westminster University comprised small steps to eating well. As I leave through the campus I pass signs for creative degree courses and students carry portfolios in and out of class. There's a part of me that's sorry I ended up at a Recovery College at 34, and not with my BA (Hons) in Fashion Design at 22 (I dropped out in the second year—the bullying and stress got too much, and my weight had dropped to 5 stone, or about 30 kg).

I'm resigned to my situation; however, mental illness shows no discrimination in who it hits, only that it strikes so many of us down in our prime, our University days. I reason with myself that a nutritious diet may increase my lifespan, but will certainly help stop the psychosis coming back and assist recovery. I do feel a new-found confidence in my eating habits and I'm glad I'm enabled to take my time progressing through the day with regular rest breaks, too. This can only be a good thing.

Erica Camus

Learning for Life

Adult learning,
mental health and
wellbeing

“Un luogo dove poter essere studenti
del proprio benessere”

Julie Repper, Nottingham Recovery College

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Quando il desiderio ed il bisogno
di cambiamento si incontrano
si realizzano le condizioni
per trasformazioni sociali
innovative.

(Manuel Castells, 2012)

Grazie per l'attenzione.

Metamorfofi Festival: Scena mentale in cambiamento.
(Brescia, 2016)

Recovery Empowerment Continuum Characteristics

Perspective	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
	Traditional Psychosocial Rehabilitation Philosophy/Continuum			Peer-Driven Care	Peer-Driven System
Motto	Done to	Done for	Done with	Done by	
Characteristics	Clinical team identifies goals and develops service plans. Compliance with directives is focal point activities.	Strong dependence on system & artificial (paid) supports with no individual risk taking or family engagement.	Genuine voice and participation with some support for individual risk taking & engagement in natural supports.	Self-directed care is a core value with peers holding some leadership and advocacy positions within the system.	Many roles in the system are filled by peers, including workforce, governance, etc. Not a token gesture.
Core Value	Clinically sound professional services & stability	Safety and security with a goal of stability	Personal recovery through collaboration	Personal recovery through self-directed care	Culture change through peer leaders and staffing
Person(s)	Compliant	Dependent	Respected (Voice)	Leader	Empowered
	Subservient	Institutionalized	Involved	Advocate	Leaders
Staff Member	Prescriptive	Caretaker	Partner	Consultant	Peers
	Directive	Protector	Guide	Support	Advocate
Organization	Clinically driven	Protective	Collaborative	Recovery driven	Peer-driven
	Provider is expert	Risk Averse	Engaging	Person is expert	Peer-staffed
Risk Taking	Discouraged	Blocked	Supported	Encouraged	Expected
1950	Compliance/ Directive				
1980					
2010					
Present					
Future					
	Dependent/ Care Taker		Voice & Participation	Action & Leadership	Peer-Driven System

“Students choose their own courses, work out ways of making sense of (and finding meaning in) what has happened and become experts in managing their own lives”

Il College non è un centro diurno, non offre trattamenti o percorsi di cura. Gli studenti si iscrivono scegliendo da un catalogo dei corsi e non c'è nessuno che dice loro a quali si devono iscrivere. La selezione non è basata su una diagnosi o una condizione clinica, non viene fatta una valutazione sui rischi per dire una persona è in grado o no di frequentare. Come in tutti i college, un piano degli studi descrive quali sono gli obiettivi che possono essere perseguiti e che cosa il College si aspetta dai propri studenti in termini di frequenza e modalità di comportamento.

(Centre for Mental Health , 2012)

Recovery colleges: un approccio formativo

Il modello terapeutico tradizionale	L'approccio formativo
Il focus è sui sintomi, problemi e deficit	Aiuta a riconoscere e usare le proprie risorse.
Supera i confini degli interventi terapeutici e diventa un paradigma dominante	Aiuta ad esplorare le proprie potenzialità e a sviluppare le proprie abilità.
Trasforma tutte le attività in terapie	Supporta nel raggiungimento dei propri obiettivi e nelle proprie aspirazioni.
I problemi ed il tipo di intervento è scelto dagli operatori: c'è un esperto- l'operatore- ed un non esperto-il paziente.	Gli operatori aiutano gli utenti a trovare soluzioni nel modo più autonomo possibile.
Mantiene ruoli e rapporti di potere ben definiti rinforzando il concetto che gli operatori hanno tutte le competenze necessarie	Gli studenti scelgono in autonomia i corsi di proprio interesse, diventano esperti nel prendersi cura di sé.

Cross-national comparative mixed-methods case study of recovery-focused mental health care planning and co-ordination: Collaborative Care Planning Project (COCAPP)

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Guarigione personale

Un percorso profondamente personale di cambiamento dei propri comportamenti, valori, sentimenti, abilità e ruoli. E' un modo di vivere una vita con soddisfazioni e speranze e risultati anche con le limitazioni causate dalla malattia.

La Recovery comprende lo sviluppo di nuovi significati e nuove progettualità nella vita delle persone nel momento in cui costruiscono una prospettiva oltre gli effetti catastrofici della malattia mentale.

Anthony WA: Recovery from Mental Illness:
the guiding vision of the mental health
services system in the 1990s.

Psychosocial Rehabilitation Journal, 16, 11.23. 1993

Development of the REFOCUS intervention to increase mental health team support for personal recovery

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Background

There is an emerging evidence base about best practice in supporting recovery. This is usually framed in relation to general principles, and specific pro-recovery interventions are lacking.

Aims

To develop a theoretically based and empirically defensible new pro-recovery manualised intervention – called the REFOCUS intervention.

Method

Seven systematic and two narrative reviews were undertaken. Identified evidence gaps were addressed in three qualitative studies. The findings were synthesised to produce the REFOCUS intervention, manual and model.

Results

The REFOCUS intervention comprises two components: recovery-promoting relationships and working practices. Approaches to supporting relationships comprise coaching

skills training for staff, developing a shared team understanding of recovery, exploring staff values, a Partnership Project with people who use the service and raising patient expectations. Working practices comprise the following: understanding values and treatment preferences; assessing strengths; and supporting goal-striving. The REFOCUS model describes the causal pathway from the REFOCUS intervention to improved recovery.

Conclusions

The REFOCUS intervention is an empirically supported pro-recovery intervention for use in mental health services. It will be evaluated in a multisite cluster randomised controlled trial (ISRCTN02507940).

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None.

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National mental health policy mandates a recovery orientation in many countries. Implementing this policy vision in mental health systems is challenging.¹ The National Institute of Health Research funded the REFOCUS programme between 2009 and 2014 to support the development of a recovery orientation in adult mental health services. The programme of work was undertaken in two phases. In phase 1, existing evidence was synthesised through a series of systematic and comprehensive reviews, and new primary research was undertaken. The deliverables from phase 1 were a new manualised intervention, called the REFOCUS intervention,² including a testable description of the causal pathway between intervention and improved recovery, called the REFOCUS model. The intervention and model were tested in phase 2. The aim of this paper is to describe the phase 1 work.

groups addressed identified knowledge gaps. Ethical approval was obtained (South London REC Office (2) 10/H0807/4).

Setting

Multidisciplinary community mental health teams, providing case management primarily through patient (typically aged 18–65)/worker meetings, and often involving long-term rather than episodic care.

Procedure

Stage 1: theory

Three underpinning principles were predefined. First, meaningful involvement from people with lived experience in the REFOCUS programme was prioritised, in acknowledgement of the concern

Principi emergenti dall'analisi della letteratura sull'argomento:

- 1) La Recovery significa qualcosa di più dell'assenza di malattia.
- 2) La Recovery è una esperienza personale: non può essere «fatta a qualcuno».
- 3) La valutazione ruotinaria dei dati di esito sulla recovery è funzionale a favorire la recovery stessa.
- 4) L'orientamento alla recovery per essere reale ha bisogno di essere un valore dell'organizzazione diffuso.

BMJ Open The CORE study protocol: a stepped wedge cluster randomised controlled trial to test a co-design technique to optimise psychosocial recovery outcomes for people affected by mental illness in the community mental health setting

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ABSTRACT

Introduction: User engagement in mental health service design is heralded as integral to health systems quality and performance, but does engagement improve health outcomes? This article describes the CORE study protocol, a novel stepped wedge cluster randomised controlled trial (SWCRCT) to improve psychosocial recovery outcomes for people with severe mental illness.

Methods: An SWCRCT with a nested process evaluation will be conducted over nearly 4 years in Victoria, Australia. 11 teams from four mental health service providers will be randomly allocated to one of three dates 9 months apart to start the intervention. The intervention, a modified version of Mental Health Experience Co-Design (MH ECO), will be delivered to 30 service users, 30 carers and 10 staff in each cluster. Outcome data will be collected at baseline (6 months) and at completion of each intervention wave. The primary outcome is improvement in recovery score using the 24-item Revised Recovery Assessment Scale for service users. Secondary outcomes are improvements to user and carer mental health and well-being using the shortened 8-item version of the WHOQOL Quality of Life scale (EUROHIS), changes to staff attitudes using the 19-item Staff Attitudes to Recovery Scale and recovery orientation of services using the 36-item Recovery Self Assessment Scale (provider version). Intervention and usual care periods will be compared using a linear mixed effects model for continuous outcomes and a generalised linear mixed effects model for binary outcomes. Participants will be analysed in the group that the cluster was assigned to at each time point.

Strengths and limitations of this study

- This study is the first to implement a stepped-wedge cluster randomised controlled trial design to identify if an Experience Based Co-Design (EBCD) intervention designed to change recovery orientation of services improves psychosocial recovery outcomes in people with serious mental illnesses.
- With the stepped wedge design, all clusters will ultimately receive the intervention while those waiting for the intervention to commence act as controls.
- Data will be collected from a cohort of service users from the community mental health setting about recovery experience and intervention effects over time.
- System changes due to a major reform of service delivery models may impact on staff continuity and users' perceptions of service experiences, which may affect outcomes and participation.
- The stepped wedge design means that some clusters wait for a long period before starting the intervention, which may increase dropout rates and decrease motivation for participation.
- The study cannot include people who do not speak English well due to translation, lack of appropriate culturally specific recovery measures and resource constraints.

Trial registration number: Australian and New Zealand Clinical Trials Registry ACTRN12614000457640.

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colated for research." Nelson illustrates the value of systematically collecting information on patients concerns and priorities at the point of care and using outcome measures that they identify.¹⁸

Technologies have changed the landscape and provide new opportunities to harness the energy and expertise of patients. Clinicians and medical educationalists must catch up. Empowered, engaged e-patients are growing a social movement and spearheading a shift in roles "as profound as women's

Giuseppe Tibaldi, Lia Govers¹**EVIDENCE-BASED HOPE.
LA PROPOSTA DI UNA PROSPETTIVA COMUNE****■ TABELLA 2. I modelli a confronto**

Modello della guarigione	Modello medico
Centralità dell'esperienza	Psicopatologia
Biografia	Sviluppo del disturbo
Interesse centrato sulla persona	Interesse concentrato sul disturbo
Promuovere la salute	Combattere la malattia
Centrato sulle capacità della persona	Centrato sui trattamenti offerti
Esperti in base alla propria esperienza	Medici e pazienti
Significato personale	Diagnosi
Comprensione	Coscienza di malattia
Centrato su valori etici	Apparentemente sganciato da considerazioni etiche
Umanistico	Scientifico
Crescita e scoperta	Trattamento
Scelta	Adesione alle proposte di trattamento
Riferimento a "eroi"	Sorretto dalle metanalisi
Resoconti personali	Studi randomizzati controllati
Trasformazione	Ritorno alla normalità
Gestione personale	Coordinatori esperti
Controllo di sé	Riportare sotto controllo
Responsabilità personale	Appropriatezza professionale
All'interno di un contesto sociale	Decontestualizzato

RESEARCH ARTICLE

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Recovery and decision-making involvement in people with severe mental illness from six countries: a prospective observational study

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Abstract

Background: Clinical decision-making is the vehicle of health care provision, and level of involvement predicts implementation and satisfaction. The aim of this study was to investigate the impact of decision-making experience on recovery.

Methods: Data derived from an observational cohort study "Clinical decision making and outcome in routine care for people with severe mental illness" (CEDAR). Adults (aged 18–60) meeting standardised criteria for severe mental illness were recruited from caseloads of outpatient and community mental health services in six European countries. After consenting, they were assessed using standardised measures of decision-making, clinical outcome and stage of recovery at baseline and 1 year later. Latent class analysis was used to identify course of recovery, and proportional odds models to investigate predictors of recovery stage and change.

Results: Participants ($n = 581$) clustered into three stages of recovery at baseline: Moratorium ($N = 115$; 19.8%), Awareness/Preparation ($N = 145$; 25.0%) and Rebuilding/Growth ($N = 321$; 55.2%). Higher stage was cross-sectionally associated with being male, married, living alone or with parents, and having better patient-rated therapeutic alliance and fewer symptoms. The model accounted for 40% of the variance in stage of recovery. An increased chance of worse outcome (change over 1 year to lower stage of recovery) was found for patients with active involvement compared with either shared (OR = 1.84, 95% CI 1.15–2.94) or passive (OR = 1.71, 95% CI = 1.00–2.95) involvement. Overall, both process (therapeutic relationship) and outcome (symptomatology) are cross-sectionally associated with stage of recovery.

Conclusions: Patient-rated decision-making involvement and change in stage of recovery are associated. Joint consideration of decision practise within the recovery process between patient and clinician is supposed to be a useful strategy to improve clinical practice (ISRCTN registry: ISRCTN75841675. Retrospectively registered 15 September 2010).

Keywords: Clinical decision making, Patient involvement, Recovery, Severe mental illness (SMI), Routine mental health services, Multinational health service research

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The six principles explained

We need a new model of partnership to harness fully the energy of patients, local people and diverse communities. To support this new kind of relationship, the People and Communities Board, working with patients, the voluntary sector, vanguards and the wider health and care system, set out six principles for new care models:

- Care and support is person-centred: personalised and empowering
- Services which are created in partnership with citizens and communities
- Focus is on equality and narrowing health inequalities
- Carers are identified, supported and involved
- Voluntary, community, social enterprise and housing sectors as key partners and enablers

Fig. 1 Integrated Recovery-oriented Model (IRM) for mental health services

Fig. 3 Clinical Rehabilitation (CR) processes within the IRM supporting and promoting recovery

Table 1 Clinical rehabilitation (CR) processes

<i>Planning and Diagnosis</i>		<i>Intervention and Review</i>		<i>Transfer of Care/Discharge</i>
Recovery Goals	CR Assessment	Recovery Planning	CR Interventions	Clinical Review or Recovery-focused Tracking
<p>Aspirations - Hope of a better life may include: wellness enjoyment, participation, contribution and opportunity.</p> <p>Personal - working with an individual's goals no matter how well grounded, is pivotal in fostering commitment to recovery processes.</p> <p>Self-identified – imposing goals that are incongruent with the individual's is simply counter-productive and diametrically opposed to the tenants of CR.</p> <p>Well formulated - using assessment tools^a that have credibility with a person may assist in discussing and formulating recovery goals.</p>	<p>Comprehensive – thorough and holistic, not adopting a pathological view of SMI, but unashamedly a comprehensive appraisal of relevant factors to assist in the formulation of a collaborative recovery plan.</p> <p>Multiple domains - may include: medication, treatment, co-morbidity, substance-use, physical & cognitive issues, coping, daily living skills, living arrangements, education & employment, family interactions, social, sexual and existential needs & stage of change.</p> <p>Function oriented – may include an array of issues in domains of functioning, activity & participation, role & impact on environmental and personal factors.</p> <p>Promoting hope – the knowledge gleaned assists clinicians to work effectively with clients & their family in generating and validating hope.</p>	<p>Collaborative – may be developed using tools such as the MHRS^a. Recovery-oriented plan outlines individual recovery needs and develops strategies dependent on motivation for change in specific domains.</p> <p>Evidence-based - guiding access to a range of interventions (e.g., cognitive remediation, skills training, family interventions, employment & education strategies), as well as support & environmental adaptation.</p> <p>Delivery methods - interventions may be detailed as concurrent, sequential, in individual or group settings, as well as identifying who participates (family, carers, friends, support workers).</p> <p>Coordinated – across clinical and non-clinical interfaces, as well as addressing the interaction of CR & pharmacological intervention.</p>	<p>Goal focused - related to a range of personal, social & environmental factors, not diagnosis dependent. Interventions assist in achieving goals & improving mental & physical health.</p> <p>Individually tailored – interventions are individually tailored but, to assist clinicians in recovery-oriented service provision, core interventions may be linked with domains of recovery (e.g., using the MHRS^a).</p> <p>Integrated programs – provide a foundation for developing strategies and interventions. Core & elective programs operate in individual, group, milieu/residential and community settings.</p> <p>Structured – collaborative, goal focused, evidence-based and motivational to promote generalisation, and accommodate different learning styles and abilities. To support achievement, higher level therapy programs are run in parallel to compliment activity-based programs.</p>	<p>Aim to ensure the highest level of care & that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strategies are comprehensive, responsive & positive; 2. Support is available to the CR clinician at every step; 3. Continuity maintained through information sharing; 4. Concurrent interventions are implemented and monitored; 5. Early intervention strategies are available; 6. Multidisciplinary team skills are available; 7. Risks are quickly identified & resolved; 8. Interventions are evidence &/or practice-based; 9. Positive recovery-oriented outcomes are shared; 10. Care coordination facilitates high quality service; 11. Opportunities exist to build service networks and linkages; 12. Key performance indicators are discussed and reviewed. <p>The review provides a forum to oversee, support & co-ordinate service delivery & maximise recovery possibilities.</p> <p>Time demands - time intensive due to complexity of issues & need to ensure a positive and productive milieu. Recovery trajectories are complex & dynamic. Work contexts can be demanding, particularly when the time course is extensive & progress minimal.</p> <p>Recovery pathways - may be simple & linear or interspersed with minor setbacks, even relapse. Incremental recovery in some domains & profound in others. Gains may be interdependent. Numerous reiterations of CR processes may be required to trigger a decision to adopt a more inclusive & adaptive approach (e.g., for SMI & substance misuse).</p> <p>Processes – innovative, recovery-focused, inclusive & holistic. Review should be led by a senior CR clinician due to complex processes & time-frames, & include client, family, peer-support & relevant agencies. Feedback informs goal development & collaborative interventions.</p> <p>Achievements – Clinical review can objectively affirm achievements; facilitate development of options &/or determine when another strategy is warranted; & aid making complex decisions regarding level of service need. Achievement of self-determination in several domains may require minimal short-term interventions accompanied by follow-up & review.</p>

^aFor example, collaborative measures such as the MHRS provide a framework and shared language for discussing pathways to recovery and wellbeing that may be employed across a range of service settings including clinical and non-clinical. The strength of this particular tool lies in its ability to connect with people with SMI in identifying need, developing individually tailored recovery and relapse prevention plans, and reflecting progress along the recovery journey

PERSONALIZED PATIENT ENGAGEMENT PLAN

Assessment through the PHE scale:

FIGURE 2 | The personalized patient engagement plan: Goals of the four training's paths basing on the baseline PHE phase.

Supporting people to manage their health

Table 1 The four levels of patient activation

Level 1	Individuals tend to be passive and feel overwhelmed by managing their own health. They may not understand their role in the care process.
Level 2	Individuals may lack the knowledge and confidence to manage their health.
Level 3	Individuals appear to be taking action but may still lack the confidence and skill to support their behaviours.
Level 4	Individuals have adopted many of the behaviours needed to support their health but may not be able to maintain them in the face of life stressors.

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Positive Psychiatry: Its Time Has Come

Dilip V. Jeste, MD; Barton W. Palmer, PhD; David C. Rettew, MD; and Samantha Boardman, MD

Table 1. Main Differences Between Traditional Psychiatry and Positive Psychiatry

Variable	Traditional Psychiatry	Positive Psychiatry
Targeted patients	Those with mental illnesses	Those suffering from or at high risk of developing mental or physical illnesses
Assessment focus	Psychopathology	Positive attributes and strengths
Research focus	Risk factors Psycho/neuropathology	Protective factors Psycho/neuroplasticity
Treatment goal	Symptom relief and relapse prevention	Recovery, increased well-being, successful aging, posttraumatic growth
Main treatments	Medications and, generally, short-term psychotherapies for symptom relief and relapse prevention	Psychosocial/behavioral (and increasingly, biological) interventions to enhance positive attributes
Prevention	Largely ignored	Important focus across the lifespan

Self-Determination Theory

Tre bisogni umani fondamentali per la motivazione e il benessere:

- Bisogno di autonomia
- Bisogno di competenza
- Bisogno di relazionarsi con gli altri

Tutti gli esseri umani hanno una tendenza **naturale** a cercare risposte a questi bisogni

Self-determination theory: a framework for the recovery paradigm[†]

Anthony D. Mancini

Table 1 Hypothetical continuum of recovery-oriented practice

	<i>Controlling</i>	<i>Traditional/paternalistic</i>	<i>Recovery-oriented</i>
<i>Programme regulatory mechanisms</i>			
Nature of contingencies	Punishment focus	Reward focus	Non-contingent
<i>Associated practices</i>			
Role of medication	Mandated	Emphasised	Integrated
Individualisation	Absent	Moderate	Robust
Care planning	Boilerplate	Symptom focus	External goal focus
Client v. clinician-driven	Programme-driven	Clinician-driven	Client-driven
Consumer feedback mechanisms	Absent	Pro forma	Basic to programme
Role of choice	Minimal	Circumscribed	Present in all aspects
Implicit treatment focus	Control of behaviour	Maintaining stability	Promoting recovery
<i>Impact on client's self-regulation</i>			
Motivational profile	Amotivation	External	Internal
Attitudes toward self	Feelings of incapability	Contingent self-worth	Self-determining
Autonomous functioning	Helplessness	Dependency	Degrees of independence
	Provider-determined		Client-determined

Table 4 Tailoring support to patient activation levels

Level 1	<p>Focus on building self-awareness and understanding behaviour patterns, and begin to build confidence through small steps.</p> <p>What a coach might say: 'Let's not try to tackle everything right now. Let's just focus on one thing...'</p>
Level 2	<p>Help patients to continue taking small steps, such as adding a new fruit or vegetable to their diet each week or reducing their portion sizes at two meals a day. Help them build up their basic knowledge.</p> <p>What a coach might say: 'You're off to a great start. Let's build on your success by reducing your portion sizes at lunch time too...'</p>
Level 3	<p>Work with patients to adopt new behaviours and to develop some level of condition-specific knowledge and skills. Support the initiation of new 'full' behaviours (those that are more than just small changes – eg, 30 minutes of exercise three times a week) and work on the development of problem-solving skills.</p> <p>What a coach might say: 'You're making great strides. Do you think you're ready to take your efforts up one notch?'</p>
Level 4	<p>Focus on preventing a relapse and handling new or challenging situations as they arise. Problem solving and planning for difficult situations to help patients maintain their behaviours.</p> <p>What a coach might say: 'You've had terrific success. Let's talk about how you can maintain that, even when life gets more stressful.'</p>

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When Patient Activation Levels Change, Health Outcomes And Costs Change, Too

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ABSTRACT Patient engagement has become a major focus of health reform. However, there is limited evidence showing that increases in patient engagement are associated with improved health outcomes or lower costs. We examined the extent to which a single assessment of engagement, the Patient Activation Measure, was associated with health outcomes and costs over time, and whether changes in assessed activation were related to expected changes in outcomes and costs. We used data on adult primary care patients from a single large health care system where the Patient Activation Measure is routinely used. We found that results indicating higher activation in 2010 were associated with nine out of thirteen better health outcomes—including better clinical indicators, more healthy behaviors, and greater use of women’s preventive screening tests—as well as with lower costs two years later. Changes in activation level were associated with changes in over half of the health outcomes examined, as well as costs, in the expected directions. These findings suggest that efforts to increase patient activation may help achieve key goals of health reform and that further research is warranted to examine whether the observed associations are causal.

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Patient engagement has become a central pillar of health policy. The Affordable Care Act emphasizes patient engagement and activation, with initiatives that focus on shared decision making, wellness, and self-management.^{1,2} Health care delivery systems, payers, foundations, and community organizations are making major investments in patient engagement programs.³⁻⁵

There is evidence that links better outcomes with more engaged and activated patients.⁶⁻¹³ However, there is limited evidence that increases

In this analysis we begin to explore this question by examining the association between patient activation and outcomes over time and whether increases in activation levels are related to improved health outcomes and lower costs. If such associations were found, it would not imply that changes in patient activation caused the changes in outcomes. However, it would be consistent with that possibility and would indicate that further research is warranted to examine whether the association is causal.

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a partire dall'esperienza degli utenti

Pathways to recovery:

A case for adoption of systematic pathways in psychosis

1. Attendees were invited to share personal experiences of psychosis which highlight areas for improvement and development

2. We clustered these postcards to identify some key themes and opportunity areas

3. The teams then identify specific opportunities they wanted to work on during the afternoon – each team chose two opportunities.

4. Each team worked on a template to ensure they captured all relevant aspects of their proposed solution

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Are mainstream mental health services ready to progress transformative co-production?

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stony17

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Great that you can help out in the example.

"I have that, he asked us to support this and we saw this as a good fit."

How can that be replicated on a community scale where thousands are suffering from mental illnesses?

Reply

big milled

10 mins

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Hi stony17! For the intensive period (usually around ten days but variable) we can see the client live on line a day every day - longer if they are at a moment risk that day. The amount of contact reduces as they start to feel safer and the crisis subsides. That's similar to what mental health crisis teams do in terms of seeing someone every day during the intense crisis point (Crisis and Home Treatment teams).

Reply

ThinkTheOtherWay

10 mins

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This sounds wonderful, I wish there was something like this available in my area.

I'm currently unable and under the care of the crisis team, however they haven't been very helpful - they only visit once a day, often with hardly any notice so I worry about going and in case I miss them, I get seen by a different person every day so I can't build up a relationship with anyone, and someone who came round was so polite and patronising he made me feel worse. He was mostly just tripping me about doesn't help when you're suicidal.

I am grateful for the extra help as I've never been seen by them before, every other time I've been suicidal and told my psychiatrist I've just been asked why I haven't done anything yet and told to come back in two months. But this time I was taken seriously which is good. The crisis team did say I would get the same attention as I would in hospital though which in fact doesn't seem to be the case.

Reply

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I'm really sorry to hear that the crisis team haven't been helpful, ThinkTheOtherWay. But especially that one made you feel worse. I'm glad you say that you feel they are taking your risk seriously though - that's so important. Thank you so much for your kind comments.

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	Hope for recovery	Developing understanding	Finding tools for coping	Receiving counselling and practical assistance
EMPE	To get better from symptoms and distress Get well	To learn about the causes of the mental health problems	To develop coping strategies Get tools to keep emotional problems under control	To receive advice about choices that have to be made in life
Service	Get better from depression Get help with handling obsessive thoughts	Understand why things are difficult	Learn what to do to feel better	Get help with making decisions
Core	Experience less anxiety in social situations Improve concentration	Learn about why one has the thoughts one has	Learn how to sort out one's own thoughts	Focus on whether to continue education or not
Evaluation	Drink less Quit smoking cannabis 'Get through it'	Get to know the reasons why one reacted like one did	Learn to work things through on your own	Get advice about where to be in the future
(Peer)	Sleep better	Understand why one ended up like one did	Cope better with stress	To receive help with family issues
¹ Helse	To function like other people do	Learn more about the mental problems	Learn what one could get more energy from	Get help with family problems
³ Depart	Become able to get up in the morning	Get an evaluation with regard to if one has a disorder or not	Learn methods to reduce mood alterations	To get assistance with coordinating practical and financial issues
Univer	Do domestic tasks	Get a diagnosis	Learn a method for what to do to prevent oneself from ending up like this again	Get help with planning future activities
Univer	Keep appointments Function as other people do	Learn to function better	Develop one's own strategies to cope with social anxiety	Receive advice with regard to education
	Not need special treatment Get on with life	Learn to love oneself		Get assistance with finding a job
Scand	Move out from parents' home into one's own home			Get help with getting support from the Labour and Welfare Administration with education, job, and financial issues
Service	To get physically fit	To talk about the problems in order to understand and get better from them	To get help with pushing oneself to go out among other people	Get help with getting support from the Labour and Welfare Administration with education, job, and financial issues
at the	Get fit	To talk about the problems in order to see things one does not see oneself	Get help 'pushing' oneself to go out among other people	
recovery	Get better from pains	Talk about the problems in order to get better from them	Have a plan for training in social situations	
Background	To have a good family life	To learn to know oneself and early signals	To take medication that helps	
employment	Find a partner	Learn to know oneself better	Take medication that helps	
are supported	Have family and children	Learn to become aware of signals that things are not as they should be	Get counselling with regard to medication	
Health	Function with a partner and children		When the time comes, get help with reducing medication	
means	Become able to take care of children		Stop taking medications	
aims at	Become a parent who does not struggle with mental health problems			
vice versa	Enjoy being with grandchildren			
nity M	Become able to visit one's parents without feeling a desire to leave again immediately			
Objectives	To have a social life			
service	Become able to go out among people			
Comm	Become able to be in a group of people without having feelings of discomfort			
Method	To get an education			
hermene	Begin studies			
users	Complete studies			
expect	To be able to work			
The p	Get a job			
health	Earn well			
ated	Avoid getting disability pension			
approach	To experience enjoyable activities			
study	Experience new things			
Data S	Travel a lot			
	Have a fine spare time with one's partner			

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Antipsychotic treatment: experiences of fully recovered service usersJone Bjørnstad¹, Larry Davidson² , Inge Joa^{1,3}, Tor Ketil Larsen^{1,4}, Wenche ten Velden Hegelstad¹, Johannes Langeveld¹, Marius Veseth⁵, Ingrid Melle⁶, Jan Olav Johannessen^{1,3}, and Kolbjørn Bronnick^{1,3}

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Abstract

Background: There is lack of long-term controlled studies evaluating treatment effects of antipsychotic medication. A complete investigation should include the service user perspective.

Aims: To investigate experiences of clinically recovered service users of antipsychotic medications during and after a first episode of psychosis.

Method: We used a thematic analytic approach within an interpretative-phenomenological framework. 20 clinically recovered service users were interviewed.

Results: Themes: (1) *Antipsychotic drugs reduce mental chaos during the acute phase*, (2) *Non-stigmatizing environments were perceived to increase chances of successful use*, (3) *Antipsychotic drugs beyond the acute phase – considered to compromise the contribution of individual effort in recovery*, (4) *Prolonged use – perceived to reduce likelihood of functional recovery*, (5) *Antipsychotic medication was considered as a supplement to trustful relationships*.

Conclusions: Acute phase antipsychotic treatment was mostly perceived as advantageous by this sample, who was in clinical recovery. However, costs were often seen as outweighing benefits beyond the acute stage. Findings clearly emphasize the need for a collaborative approach to be integrated across all phases of care. This study underscores the need to investigate sub-group differences with regard to long-term antipsychotic treatment.

Keywords

Recovery, clinical recovery, psychosis, first episode psychosis, antipsychotic, antipsychotic medication, service user, first-person accounts

History

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In psychosis, standardized clinical treatment guidelines generally recommend that individuals should be treated with antipsychotic medication in the acute phase as well as throughout the protracted phases of maintenance and recovery (APA, 2006; Kreyenbuhl et al., 2010; NICE, 2014; Sohler et al., 2016). Antipsychotic medication has unequivocally proven effective in acute and short-term treatment (Bola et al., 2011; Leucht et al., 2012b). However, there is a lack of long-term, systematic double-blind controlled studies using clearly defined samples in terms of illness type, severity and duration (Adams et al., 2013; Sohler et al., 2016) evaluating treatment effect. This has resulted in a call for large-scale independent trials (Bola et al., 2011; Leucht et al., 2012a; Saha et al., 2016) in order to create a new and improved evidence base to sufficiently understand the long-term benefit/risk balance of antipsychotic drugs for different sub-groups of service users (Sohler et al., 2016). There is also a need for systematic investigations of different sub-groups of service users' perspectives on antipsychotic medication use throughout the course of illness. Such perspectives are necessary to develop

clinically relevant hypotheses for the suggested large-scale trials, and to illuminate implications for different sub-groups of individuals.

Representing a step in this direction, this exploratory study aims to investigate clinically recovered service users' perspectives on the use of antipsychotic medication during and after a first psychotic episode. This was done by interviewing a sample of 20 first-episode psychosis service users in clinical recovery (Davidson et al., 2008), operationalized as the fulfillment of strict criteria of both symptomatic (Andreasen et al., 2005) and functional (Hegelstad et al., 2012) remission throughout the past year. Between 9 and 21% of service users with FEP achieve clinical recovery (Jaaskelainen et al., 2013), making this a highly relevant sub-group.

Method

We used a thematic analytic approach (Boyatzis, 1998; Braun & Clarke, 2006) within an interpretative-phenomenological framework (Gadamer, 1989; Heidegger, 1996). In this study, the interpretative element implies that data were both generated from a reflexive dialog between participants and researchers and involved a member checking procedure throughout the interview. The phenomenological element

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Trauma, Dissociation, Attachment & Neuroscience: A new paradigm for understanding severe mental distress

Developmental psychology, traumatology and cognitive neuroscience literature suggests that psychosis and other forms of distress can be understood as meaningful responses to trauma and loss. Clinical and theoretical implications of this holistic, integrated paradigm are discussed.

Key words: sexual abuse, trauma, denial, dissociation, attachment, mental health service

A new and profoundly important paradigm for understanding overwhelming emotional pain has emerged over the last few years, with the potential to change the way we conceptualise human suffering across the whole spectrum of mental health difficulties. It is a strongly evidence-based synthesis of findings from trauma studies, attachment theory and neuroscience, which offers new hope for recovery. It also presents a powerful challenge to biomedical model psychiatry in that it is based on scientific evidence that substantiates and attests to what many individuals with first-hand experience of mental health problems have always known – that the bad things that happen to you can drive you mad. In this article we will summarise the key findings and reflect on the implications for current practice.

It should be noted that we do not accept the validity of diagnostic categories such as schizophrenia, psychosis and personality disorder; nor do we accept the biomedical model that is implied by terms such as symptom and delusion. However, much of the literature that we cite in this paper is framed in such terms; hence their use in parts in the article.