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Australasia's peak health leadership College brings mentoring expertise to leadership program for emerging leaders in mental health

The peak health leadership College of the Asia-Pacific, the Australasian College of Health Service Management (ACHSM), has joined forces with the National Mental Health Commission (NMHC) to help deliver one of the five components of the Australian Mental Health Leaders Fellowship program in mentoring. Federal Minister for Health Greg Hunt launched the program on Monday 16 July 2018 at the University of Melbourne.

The Fellowship is the first program of its kind in Australia, designed to meet the needs of emerging leaders with a passion and commitment to mental health. The prestigious Fellowship will equip emerging leaders with knowledge and skills to improve mental health outcomes in our community.

The first cohort of 20 participants brings people from all areas of the community, health and mental health services and consumers and carers. Twenty fellows of the College joined their mentees in Melbourne this week.

ACHSM National President Dr Neale Fong extolled the virtues of the College's decades of experience in implementing tools supporting health leaders in delivering health services, through its various programs including mentoring.

"The College has drawn on existing intellectual capital in terms of handbook, surveys, mentors and mentee guides to develop and contextualise appropriate material for the NMHC emerging leaders program," Dr Fong said.

"In addition, ACHSM competency standards, developed in close collaboration with the International Hospital Federation, will lead to a bespoke framework and skills gap tool for use in the program by mentors and mentees. The College will work closely with the program content delivery group who will be undertaking leadership assessments, including possible strengths based assessments.

"We are collaborating closely to ensure that the mentors and mentees have a clear understanding of what areas of growth and development need to be targeted."

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About

ACHSM is the peak professional body for health service managers in Australasia and brings together health leaders to learn, network and share ideas which in turn shape our current and future health systems.

The mission of the College is to recognise, develop and support effective health leadership and management. The aim is to help deliver quality services and improve health and wellbeing.

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