

COLLEGE OF CLINICAL NEUROPSYCHOLOGISTS

PROFESSIONAL ISSUES FORUM – 10th FEBRUARY 2016

“What Neuropsychologists Need to Know About Developments in the Decision Making Capacity, Powers of Attorney & Guardianship and the National Disability Insurance Scheme”

Presenters: Liz Mullaly and Dr Linda Borg

Liz Mullaly is a Clinical Neuropsychologist who currently works at the Caulfield Hospital memory clinic, the La Trobe University Psychology Clinic and in private practice. She has carried out decision-making capacity (DMC) assessments in a variety of settings in public health including rehabilitation, aged care, and psychiatry and has supervised numerous complex cases over many years. Along with La Trobe colleagues she has published a paper on DMC practices of Australian neuropsychologists and a guideline on report writing for the Victorian Guardianship Tribunal. She has also participated as a CCN representative on two working parties involved in preparing submissions in response to recent Victorian Guardianship Law Reform. She has given numerous presentations on the topic of neuropsychology and decision-making capacity including presentations to the Victorian Office of the Public Advocate and to the Members of the Guardianship Tribunal of VCAT.

Conducting neuropsychological assessments of decision-making capacity can be challenging and daunting, given the potentially serious implications of the outcome of the assessment. Neuropsychologists need to have up to date knowledge of the legal context in which they carry out these assessments. In September 2015 the new Powers of Attorney Act came into practice, providing an improved definition of capacity and a more streamlined approach for individuals appointing potential substitute decision makers. This presentation will outline the changes in the legislation and describe implications for neuropsychological practice. There will also be some discussion of proposed changes to the current Guardianship and Administration Act.

Dr Linda Borg is the Psychology Team Leader and Senior Clinical Neuropsychologist at McKellar Centre in Geelong and also works in private forensic and medico-legal practice. She has extensive experience conducting neuropsychological assessments in adult neurology and psychiatry, mental health, geriatric populations, drug and alcohol, trauma, as well as acute and sub-acute settings including rehabilitation. Dr Borg has particular interest and specialization in assessment of alcohol and substance related brain impairment, traumatic brain injury, dementia, decision-making capacity and psychiatric disturbance. She is a Board Approved Supervisor and member of the College of Clinical Neuropsychologists. In her public and private practice, Dr Borg has gained exposure to the National Disability Insurance Scheme during the Barwon trial phase and is a registered NDIA service provider.

Dr Borg will present on the National Disability Insurance Scheme, which is currently being trialed within the Barwon Region and scheduled to be rolled out nationally from 2016. The NDIS is a new means of disability service delivery designed to enable clients to have increased access, choice and control over their service support needs. In both her public and private roles, Dr Borg has gained exposure to the challenges and benefits of the NDIS system for clients and clinicians. This presentation will provide neuropsychologists with an understanding of the NDIS with specific emphasis on the implications of this rollout for neuropsychologists working in both public and private settings.

DATE: Wednesday 10th February 2016
VENUE: Michael Chamberlain Theatre, St Vincent's Hospital, Victoria Parade, Fitzroy 3065
TIME: **6:15 – 7:45 pm** Presentation
7:45 – 8:30 pm Refreshments (Finger food, alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks)

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