CHCMHS010 Implement recovery-oriented approaches to complexity

# Modification History

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# Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to identify and respond to issues of complexity when supporting people experiencing mental health challenges and their care networks. The unit is based on a strengths-based approach and acknowledges that complexity is not a characteristic of an individual. Complexity may be impacted by a range of interactions between the worker, the organisation and the environmental context.

This unit applies to work with people experiencing mental health challenges in a range of community services work contexts.

The skills in this unit must be applied in accordance with Commonwealth and State/Territory legislation, Australian/New Zealand standards and industry codes of practice.

# Elements and Performance Criteria

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| Elements define the essential outcomes | Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. |
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| 1. Identify the person’s issues that may contribute to complexity | 1.1 Invite the person to share their life experience, values, hopes, expectations and needs1.2 Respond sensitively and exchange information with the person to build understanding and establish rapport1.3 Identify with the person the breadth of issues they are facing and any associated or impacting factors1.4 Listen actively to ensure experiences are heard to support exploration and validation of issues raised1.5 Engage in collaborative record keeping and ongoing consent |
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| 2. Identify own or service’s issues that may affect capacity to work with the person | 2.1 Identify own strengths and limitations of expertise and experience in dealing with the person’s circumstances2.2 Discuss the compatibility of the service approach with the persons values and preferences to support real choice2.3 Identify systemic and personal issues and challenges and report according to organisation procedures |
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| 3. Identify environmental issues that may contribute to complexity | 3.1 Identify any limitations relating to geographical location and isolation3.2 Identify extent of the person’s social and support network and any indications of social exclusion or inclusion3.3 Identify current state and federal policies, including any funding limitations or criteria3.4 Identify differences in other service practice environments and compatibility to the persons preferences |
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| 4. Work collaboratively to prioritise needs and develop self-determined directions | 4.1 Seek agreement on the process for prioritising needs 4.2 Prioritise needs and hopes in collaboration with the person4.3 Agree on options, directions and timelines 4.4 In conjunction with the person, identify risks, opportunities and strategies 4.5 Identify other members of their support network, other services or professionals they wish to involve 4.6 Develop and agree on contingency plans as necessary4.7 Respond flexibly to the changing needs and circumstances of the person4.8 Provide and negotiate flexible responses in service provision |

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| 5. Coordinate and negotiate recovery oriented service | 5.1 Establish, expand and maintain partnerships and support networks to meet the person’s needs and create sustainable service pathways5.2 **Integrate existing service provision in collaboration with colleagues and partner organisations**5.3 Create supportive and collaborative partnerships with carers, family, friends and community supports5.4 Collect, review and maintain information on local community services and supports, and share and engage in knowledge exchange5.5 Use outcome measures and feedback to ensure the person’s needs are being met by contributing services and natural supports5.6 Use a range of strategies to inspire and support the person’s ongoing involvement 5.7 Proactively respond to support and service gaps both internally and externally 5.8 Proactively and consistently follow up with the person and gather feedback about service provision |
|  6. Address challenges to communication and relationships | 6.1 Communicate clearly, honestly and transparently to develop and maintain trusting relationships6.2 Adapt communication style and language to meet individual needs, and identify and address any barriers6.3 Adapt to changing circumstances and respond to the reactions and feedback of others, including responding to person in distress or crisis6.4 Proactively anticipate change and utilise advanced negotiation skills to address challenges and resolve systemic issues6.5 Respond to de-escalate potential incidents or risks and promote safety6.6 Promote and support self advocacy |
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| 7. Review and reflect on practice | 7.1 Reflect on own work practice and identify areas for improvement 7.2 Seek and use feedback from others as the basis for improving approaches to working with complexity |

# Foundation Skills

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| The Foundation Skills described those required skills (language, literacy and numeracy) that are essential to performance. |
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| Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency. |

# Unit Mapping Information

No equivalent unit.

# Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

Assessment Requirements for CHCMHS010 Implement recovery oriented approaches to complexity

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# Performance Evidence

The candidate must show evidence of the ability to complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit, manage tasks and manage contingencies in the context of the job role. There must be evidence that the candidate has:

* performed the activities outlined in the performance criteria of this unit during a period of 160 hours of work worked collaboratively with at least 3 different people with mental health challenges, and as relevant, their support network, to develop and implement a recovery plan
* worked with at least 4 of the following complexity issues with those people:
* alcohol and other drugs (AOD)
* gambling
* torture
* grief and loss
* disability
* family, domestic and sexual violence
* child protection
* justice system
* social housing
* homelessness
* at risk of homelessness

# Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must be able to demonstrate essential knowledge required to effectively do the task outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit, manage the task and manage contingencies in the context of the work role. This includes knowledge of:

* legal and ethical considerations (international, national, state/territory and local) for addressing complexity in mental health work, and how these are applied in organisations and individual practice:
* codes of practice
* continuing professional education
* discrimination
* dignity of risk
* duty of care
* human rights
* informed consent
* mandatory reporting
* practice standards
* privacy, confidentiality and disclosure
* policy frameworks
* records management
* rights and responsibilities of workers, employers and people accessing services
* specific mental health legislation and its impact on individual workers
* work role boundaries – responsibilities and limitations
* work health and safety
* values and principles of the mental health sector, including:
* recovery and recovery oriented practice
* health promotion and prevention
* holistic approach
* empowerment and the impact of disempowerment
* access and equity
* early intervention
* rights
* social justice and inclusion
* citizenship
* recognising the role of lived experience in recovery
* advocacy, including supporting self-advocacy and strength-based practice
* factors that may contribute to complexity in a person’s circumstances, including:
* co-occurring mental health and alcohol and other drug (AOD) issues
* trauma histories, including torture and intergenerational trauma
* grief and loss
* chronic physical health conditions
* gambling-related harm
* physical or intellectual disability
* family, domestic and sexual violence
* economic disadvantage and unstable income
* housing instability or homelessness
* limited access to education or employment
* involvement with the justice system
* involvement with child protection services
* cultural and linguistic diversity
* Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity and community context
* stigma, discrimination and social exclusion
* cultural safety considerations
* techniques for communication and motivational interviewing/counselling, including:
* active listening
* attending skills, use of body language, and non-verbal communication
* paraphrasing
* reflecting feelings
* open and closed questioning
* summarising
* reframing
* exploring options
* normalising statements
* communication techniques required for dealing with complexity:
* conflict resolution
* negotiation
* evidence-based approaches to practice, including:
* motivational interviewing
* solution-focused approaches
* strength-based approaches
* cognitive behavioural approaches
* narrative approaches
* acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT)
* dialectical behavioural therapy
* reflective practice and its role in supporting learning, growth and quality service delivery

# Assessment Conditions

Skills must have been demonstrated in the workplace with the addition of simulations and scenarios where the full range of contexts and situations have not been provided in the workplace. Where simulation is used, it must reflect real working conditions by modelling industry operating conditions and contingencies, as well as using suitable facilities, equipment and resources.

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