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Formation and work of Mental Health Centers within the reform of psychiatry in the Czech Republic

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The reform of psychiatry in the Czech Republic began in 2013, and it divided psychiatric care into four pillars. The first one contains psychiatric hospitals, the second pillar is the psychiatric wards in general hospitals, the third pillar is a network of outpatient psychiatrists, and the fourth low-threshold pillar comprehends Mental Health Centers (MHC). Research describes the development and current work of five MHCs, which were launched in the mid-2018, two in Prague, one in Brno, Prerov and Havlickuv Brod. In 2019 15 new MHC should be established. There is a plan to create 100 MHCs equaly distributed throughout the whole Czech Republic during next few more years. The MHC function team represents a close collaboration of professionals: psychiatrists, (clinical) psychologists, psychiatric nurses, social workers, peer consultants, or eventually other specialized specialists. Poster describes multidisciplinary teams and their current work, e.g. the assertive case management, CARe method, crisis intervention, psychotherapy and other specialized and leisure activities, which can ensure better recovery in the natural environment of the individual. This research shows the main function of MHCs ??? to provide a comprehensive communitybased social and health service to people with severe mental illness, to prevent or reduce hospitalizations, to recognize development of mental disorder, to rehabililate and help to reintegrate into community. Nevertheless, the MHC funding system, the ability to detect all potential clients, the missing link network and other community-based MHCs have not yet been fully resolved. This work was supported by the European Regional Development

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