

ABSTRACT

Supporting Population Mental Health Wellness through Case Managed Aftercare Care Service.



INTRODUCTION

A case manager plays a vital role in linking up community services for clients effectively (Fitzgerald et al, 1994). Therefore, under the Aftercare program, a creation of support network for each client was developed with community partners and AIC. Weekly home visits were made with community partners to understand clients (Lord et al, 1998). This study reports the outcomes of collaboration between IMH and Montfort Care in Kreta Ayer and Henderson regions from 2017 to 2023.

METHODOLOGIES

Microsoft Excel was used to process study data. Consent from caregivers was sought before including clients. They received regular updates on their condition during appointments.

RESULTS

A total of 125 clients in the Kreta Ayer and Henderson areas were involved in this study. 50 were co-managed with Montfort Care, 57 were monitored by the case manager and 18 were transferred to Montfort Care. 1056 telephonic management calls were made to ensure treatment compliance. Clients were met 389 times at the outpatient clinic and 192 times in wards when patients were admitted. 50 linkages were made to relevant agencies for financial/social issues. 280 home visits were done with Montfort care

Since the collaboration in 2017, readmission rates, emergency room visit rates decreased by 80%. Appointment default rates decreased by 90%.

CONCLUSION

Hospital and community carers understood their clients in a patient-centric manner (Audet et al, 2006). Clients were stable with regular follow-up in the community and medically compliant (Fitzgerald et al, 1994). Caring for clients in a supportive community ecosystem is an important strategy that the Aftercare program uses successfully.

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FIGURES/ DIAGRAMS (Optional)