



MENTAL HEALTH AND HOMELESSNESS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

26-27 OCTOBER 2011, PARIS, FRANCE

The mental health of homeless people is object to harsh prejudices. The image is that of «drunk, stone, crazy and sick» men. Numerous works, have shown interest on the relation between homelessness and mental health. While, generally, questioning the assimilation between madness and exclusion, these studies have also clearly noticed an over-representation of severe psychiatric disorders within the homeless population. There is too little French research in this field.

At a moment when the homeless people's health recieves a new audience, after, among others, the V. Girard, P. Estecahandy and P. Chauvin report, published in 2010, the Samenta survey (Mental Health and Addiction among homeless people in Ile-de-France) carried out by the Observatory of the Paris Samusocial and INSERM, provides paths of reflection and action for the world of research, social work and health and public authorities.

This survey has been conducted by questionnaires, on 2009, towards a representative sample of around 21,176 French adults, living in Ile-de-France, without personal accomodation. 840 people were questioned by a binomial of a professional investigator and a clinical psychologist, before a later opinion by a psychiatrist, in order to encode an eventual diagnosis. This original plan of survey allowed an estimation of people suffering from severe psychiatric disorders (psychotic, mood disorder, or generalised anxiety) to 31%, and, approximately, to one-third the number of the regulary consumers of or dependants to psychoactive substances.

These prevalences are significantly higher than that of the general population, and raise even more if we take a closer look towards the individuals who essentially frequent the devices of social emergency, where the maintainance in focused-care turns out to be entirely problematic. Nevertheless, even if the homeless people are particularly touched by addictions and a suffering mental health, it is not the entire population that is touched, nor does the entire population suffer in the same way.

Since these first results, new analysis have been conducted by a group of pluridisciplinaries, epidemiogists and sociologists. This conference gives the opportunity to make these original results public, to confront them to the international surveys, and to reflect upon and sketch forms of action and innovation in favor of people without a home.

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PROGRAMME
WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER

09:00 - 09:30 Welcome and registration

09:30 - 09:40 Opening
Representative of the Conseil Régional d'Ile-de-France :
Alain REGNIER, Délégué interministériel à l'hébergement et à l'accès au logement

1ST SESSION
SAMENTA IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT

09:40 - 09:50 Introduction
Chairs: Anne LAPORTE and Pierre CHAUVIN

09:50 - 10:20 Presentation of the Samenta survey
Anne LAPORTE and Pierre CHAUVIN

10:20 - 10:40 Retrospective on the survey methodology and comparison between the results of clinical assessments and the MINI
Christine CHAN CHEE

10:40 - 11:00 Discussion

11:00 - 11:20 Coffee break

11:20 - 11:40 A perspective on the methodology and tools used in Samenta
Bruno FALISSARD, Pedopsychiatrist, Maison de Solenn and Inserm

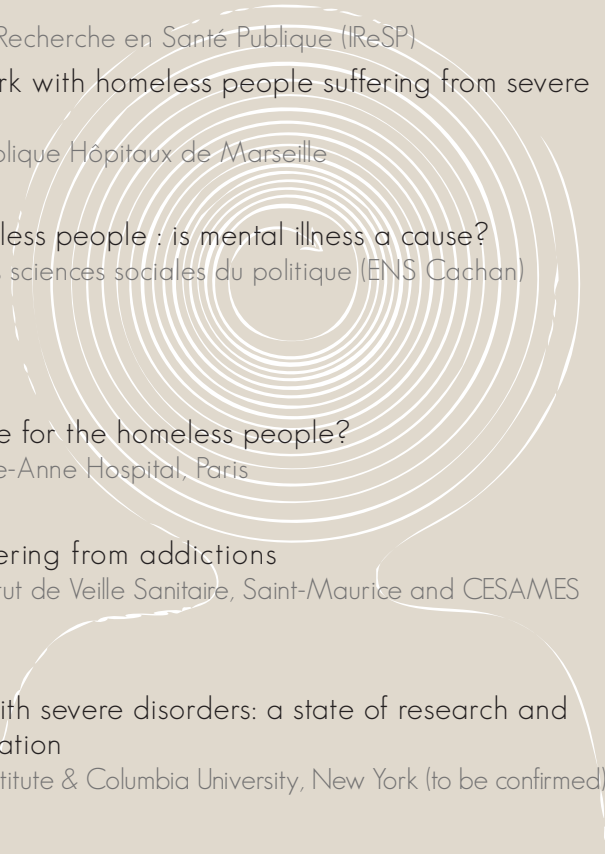
11:40 - 12:10 Mental health and homelessness : Samenta in the international scientific context
Seena FAZEL, Psychiatrist, Department of Psychiatry, University of Oxford (UK)

12:10 - 12:30 Discussion

12:30 - 14 :00 Buffet



2ND SESSION
THE DAILY «LABOUR» HOMELESS PEOPLE AFFECTED BY SEVERE DISORDERS

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- 14:00 - 14:10 Introduction
Chair : Alfred SPIRA, Director of Institut de Recherche en Santé Publique (IReSP)
- 14:10 - 14:40 Projection of a documentary on the work with homeless people suffering from severe disorders
Vincent GIRARD, Psychiatrist, Assistance Publique Hôpitaux de Marseille
- 14:40 - 15:00 Questions
- 15:00 - 15:20 The refusal of accommodation by homeless people : is mental illness a cause?
Edouard GARDELLA, Sociologist, Institut des sciences sociales du politique (ENS Cachan)
- 15:20 - 15:35 Discussion
- 15:35 - 15:55 Coffee break
- 15:55 - 16:15 What remedies and what needs of care for the homeless people?
Valérie Le MASSON, Epidemiologist, Sainte-Anne Hospital, Paris
- 16:15 - 16:30 Discussion
- 16:30 - 16:50 The daily life of homeless people suffering from addictions
Marie JAUFFRET-ROUSTIDE, Sociologist, Institut de Veille Sanitaire, Saint-Maurice and CESAMES (CNRS-Inserm-Paris 5)
- 16:50 - 17:05 Discussion
- 17:05 - 17:35 Taking into account homeless people with severe disorders: a state of research and activism in the US since deinstitutionalisation
Kim HOPPER, Anthropologist, Nathan Kline Institute & Columbia University, New York (to be confirmed)
- 17:35 - 17:50 Discussion
- 17:50 Summary and closing
Pierre CHAUVIN and Anne LAPORTE

THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER

08:30 - 09:00

Opening

09:00 - 09:05

Presentation of the program

Anne LAPORTE and Pierre CHAUVIN

3RD SESSION MENTAL ILLNESS IN UNDERDOCUMENTED SITUATIONS

09:05 - 09:15

Introduction

Chair : Marie-Jeanne GUEDJ, Psychiatrist, Sainte-Anne Hospital, Paris

09:15 - 09:35

ENFAMS (ENfants et FAMilles Sans logement) : a study about homeless children development

Erwan LE MENER; Nicolas OPPENCHAIM, Sociologist, Observatory of the Paris Samusocial and Laboratoire Ville Transport Mobilités (University of Paris Marne La Vallée);

Stéphanie VANDENTORREN, Epidemiologist, Observatory of the Paris Samusocial.

09:35 - 09:55

The case of families living in hotel

Erwan LE MENER, Stéphanie VANDENTORREN

09:55 - 10:10

Discussion

10:10 - 10:30

The case of homeless women


Maryse MARPSAT, Statistician and Sociologist, INSEE

10:30 - 10:50

Youth homelessness : element of comparison between 1998, 2001 and 2009 surveys

Jean-Marie FIRDION, Sociologist, Centre Maurice Halbwachs (CNRS-EHESS-ENS)



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- 10:50 - 11:05 Discussion
- 11:05 - 11:20 Coffee break
- 11:20 - 12:30 Round table «What actions and what policies to prevent mental illness among homeless people?»
Chair : Laurent CHAMBAUD, Director of Public Health, ARS Ile-de-France with : François BECK, Sociologist, INPES; Pascale ESTECAHANDY, General practitioner, National coordinator of the «Housing First» program (DIHAL); Tim GREACEN, Connie MENSK, Sociologist and Epidemiologist, and FEANTSA St Radboud Medical University Nijmegen, (Netherlands);
- 12:30 - 12:45 Closing
Representative of the Regional Council of Ile-de-France
- 12:45 - 14:00 Closing buffet

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Christine CHAN CHEE, Epidemiologist, Institut de Veille Sanitaire, Saint-Maurice

Pierre CHAUVIN, Epidemiologist, Research Director at INSERM (DS3 team, UMRS 707, INSERM-UPMC)

Bruno FALISSARD, Psychiatrist, University Professor, Director of the UMRS 669 (INSERM-Paris 11)

Tim GREACEN, Director of the Research Laboratory of the EPS Maison Blanche

Anne LAPORTE, Epidemiologist, prevention and health promotion, ARS Ile-de-France

Erwan LE MENER, Sociologist, Observatory of the Paris Samusocial and Institut des sciences sociales du politique (ENS Cachan)

Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available.

Registration is free but obligatory.

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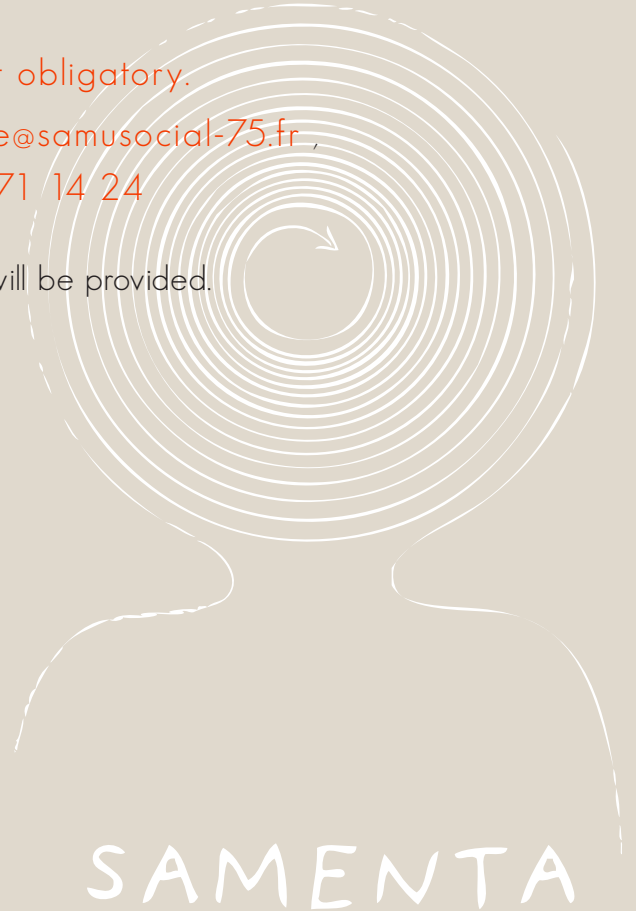
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