Creating an International Body for Soteria Ideas:

Adressing more Communities - Multiply the Impact!

Dr. med. Walter Gekle
Head of Soteria Bern
Chief Medical Officer
Universitary Psychiatric Services Bern
walter.gekle@upd.ch
www.upd.ch; www.igsbern.ch
www.sozialpsychiatrie.ch







Dr. Daniel Nischk Head of Soteria Reichenau Center for Psychiatry Reichenau d.nischk@zfp-reichenau.de



Soteria as way to promoting person-centred and rights- based approaches



Why?

- To make Soteria a part of every mental health system around the globe
- There are many «Soteria –ideas» floating around
 - dissolution is a real danger... What are the core ideas of «Soteria»?
 - Are the core elements still «up-to-date»? What needs to be adapted?
- We need to join forces to make a difference
 - We need to have an impact on «mainstream psychiatry»
 - Implementing the WHO Guidance 2021
 - Reducing coercion in mainstream psychiatry
 - Contribute to a better mental health care system
 - «Soteria Fidelity Scale» has to be re-discussed and validated
 - We need to combine experience with research who takes part?

What?

- We propose an international body «SOTERIA»
 - under the wings of ISPS
 - Physical meetings at every ISPS Conference
 - Internal organisation and reporting to the ISPD comittee is to be developed
 - Virtual or physical meetings of all participants at least once a year, or on demand.

Goals:

- 1. Unify Soteria ideas, which float around the globe
- 2. Use the diverse Soteria community, to create a new Soteria identity
- 3. Contribute to a fundamental change in mental health services according to the WHO Guidances
- 4. Create aceptance and increase implementation for the Soteria Fidelity Scale SFS in «conventional psychiatry»
- 5. Further research and publications on Soteria

How to become a member?

- Rules of the ISPS
 - You have to be a member of a regional group
 - Stand now, no further fees will pop up for being member in the Soteria Subcommittee
- What we Soteria subcomittee of ISPS expect
 - Participation in presence at the bi-annual meetings of the ISPS
 Meetings
 - Regular meetings online or hybrid or in presence, at least once a year.
- Interested? S end a mail to?
 - D.Nischk@zfp-reichenau.de
 - walter.gekle@upd.ch
 - <u>ludi.vanbouwel@skynet.be</u>