

Invitation for the 8th Health Policy Workshop:

Prospects for curative mental health care

The Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis (CPB), The Dutch Healthcare Authority (NZa), and the Tilburg Law and Economics Center of Tilburg University (TILEC) jointly organize a series of 'Health Policy Workshops'. These workshops cover relevant and highly debated topics in health care, and provide a platform for knowledge exchange and discussion between policy makers and researchers working in this field. This 8th workshop is partly sponsored by Erasmus University Rotterdam (iBMG).

Date, time and location:

Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2016

Time: 13.30 hrs – 17.30 hrs

Location: Dutch Healthcare Authority, Newtonlaan 1-41, 3584 BX Utrecht.

Travel info: <https://www.nza.nl/organisatie/Contact/>

Entrance is free if you register **before February 13, 2016** by sending an email to M.M.vanGenk@uvt.nl

Topics

In 2008, the Dutch government decided to include curative mental health care into the new health care system with regulated competition and performance based funding. The goal of this reform was to improve efficiency and client orientation in the mental health care sector. After almost eight years, it is time to decide whether this policy has been a success. Moreover, what are the challenges for the next eight years given the Dutch health care system.

Several questions will be discussed during the workshop:

- What are the pros and cons of including mental health care in a system of regulated competition?
- Did health insurers take up their role of stimulating mental health providers to become more efficient and demand oriented?
- What policies should be considered to increase efficiency in curative mental health?
- What are good instruments for the government to control costs and improve quality?

Speakers

- **Professor Tom McGuire, Harvard Medical School, USA**
- **Professor Edwin de Beurs, Leiden University, the Netherlands**
- **Femke van de Pol, Dutch Healthcare Authority, the Netherlands**
- **Professor Philippe Delespaul, Maastricht University, The Netherlands**

Programme

13:00-13:30 Registration and tea/coffee

13:30-13:40 Welcome by chairman Misja Mikkers, Dutch Healthcare Authority (NZa)

13:40-14:30 Presentation by **Tom McGuire, Harvard Medical School, USA**

Title: "Shall mental health be integrated with or separated from general health public policies? Major forces at play"

14:30-15:10 Presentation by **Edwin de Beurs, Leiden University, the Netherlands**

Title: "Quality assessment and improvement in mental health care"

15:10-15:35 Coffee/tea break

15:35-16:15 Presentation by **Femke van de Pol, Dutch Healthcare Authority, the Netherlands**

Title: "Fundamental health care developments? Moving towards a new funding system"

16:15-16:55 Presentation by **Philippe Delespaul, Maastricht University, the Netherlands**

Title: "Mental Health as a Public Health Challenge: and how to assess whether we succeed"

16:55-17:30 Refreshments

Practical Information

Badges

At the entrance of the building of the Dutch Healthcare Authority (NZa) you will be given two badges: an entrance pass that allows you to enter the building, and a name badge that you should wear during the whole workshop. A valid ID is necessary to enter the building of the NZa. *We kindly ask you to return both badges when exiting the building.*

Registration

Attending the workshop is free, but the location requires us to limit the number of participants. If you want to attend the workshop, please send an email to the following address M.M.vanGenk@uvt.nl otherwise attendance cannot be guaranteed.

Concluding remarks

The language of the workshop will be English. To enable free discussions, the Chatham-House rule applies to this Seminar: "When a meeting, or part thereof, is held under the Chatham House Rule, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed".