



Community Care Information Management (CCIM)  
Community Mental Health Common Assessment Project (CMH CAP)

## OCAN: Supporting Recovery by Capturing Consumers' Needs

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Today's Agenda

- OCAN and Recovery: An Overview
- OCAN Assessment Process
- OCAN Outcomes and Clinical Benefits
- OCAN Implementation Status
- Q&A

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## OCAN and Recovery: An Overview

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## What is recovery?

- A deeply personal, unique process of changing one's attitudes, values, feelings, goals, skills and roles. It is a way of living a satisfying, hopeful and contributing life even with limitations caused by the illness.
- Recovery involves the development of new meaning and purpose in one's life as one grows beyond the catastrophic effects of mental illness.

Anthony WA (1993) Recovery from mental illness:  
the guiding vision of the mental health service system in the 1990s,  
*Psychosocial Rehabilitation Journal*, 16, 11-23.



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## The Bigger Picture: Canadian Perspective

*Goal 1: The hope of recovery is available to all*

- A person-centred mental health system
- Genuine partnership between consumer and service provider
- Hope and expectation that people can achieve a meaningful life in the community

Mental Health Commission of Canada (2009)  
Toward recovery and well-being, Calgary, AB: MHCcC.



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## The Bigger Picture: Ontario Perspective

The system will continue to provide effective, evidence-informed clinical treatments, such as psychiatry, psychotherapy and drug treatment – but will do so within a recovery approach to care, which looks at the whole person and defines individuals positively, focusing on their strengths and goals rather than their illness.

Minister's Advisory Group (2010); *Respect, Recovery, Resilience: Recommendations for Ontario's Mental Health and Addictions Strategy*, Ontario: Queen's Printer for Ontario.



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## Project Overview and Development

2006

### Phase 1 – Initiation (with stakeholder representation)

- Analysis of many assessments tools
- Selection of a core tool – Camberwell Assessment of Need
- Province-wide consultations to introduce the tool
- Formation of working groups

2008

### Phase 2 – Pilot

- Piloting of the automated OCAN in 16 CMH organizations
- Early learnings gatherings
- NE LHIN Implementation pilot

2009

2010

### Phase 3 – Implementation

- Provincial roll-out
- Integration with a changing CMH landscape
- Powerful reporting to drive enhanced consumer-centered service and system planning

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## CAN Tool

- Consumer identifies unmet needs/serious problems
- Service provider identifies unmet needs
- Covers a range of life domains
- Value of both perspectives
- Also identify areas of met need and no need - strengths
- Focus on meeting consumer expressed unmet needs



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## Evidence-based Practice\*

Research has demonstrated that...

**Converting unmet needs into met needs improves outcomes**

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\* Source: Mike Slade and Tom Trauer, Made in Ontario conference, March 3, 2009



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## Empirical Conclusions\*

- Meeting consumer-identified unmet need improves outcomes:
  - Well-being
  - Relationship - Therapeutic alliance
  - Satisfaction with services
- Equivalent research into meeting staff-rated unmet need does not show the same benefits
- Agreement between consumer and staff ratings improves outcome; Agreement increases with more stable staff-consumer relationships
- Reassessment improves mental health outcomes

\* Source: Mike Slade, *Made in Ontario conference and The Power of Shared Information conference (2009)*



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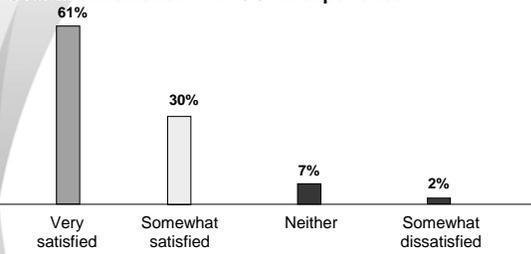
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## What we've heard OCAN with Consumers

100 consumers surveyed, 73% had been assessed before

### Overall satisfaction with OCAN experience



Source: OCAN Evaluation in NE LHIN C/SIs, March 2010



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## What we've heard OCAN with Consumers

- Despite initial uncertainty, consumers have embraced OCAN's holistic, recovery approach

Consumer Feedback (Rated strongly agreed/agreed)	Original Pilot* (July 2008)	NE LHIN Pilot** (March 2010)
Completing the assessment has:		
1. Helped me have a say in my service plan	66%	65%
2. Helped me focus on my goals	68%	65%
The assessment was useful for assessing my needs	74%	79%
My answers are helping my worker understand me better	84%	74%

\*Source: Caislyn Evaluation, August 2008

\*\*Source: OCAN Evaluation in NE LHIN C/SIs, March 2010



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What we've heard

## OCAN and the Sector

- OCAN users realize its value in improving assessment practice in Ontario
- The field is supportive of OCAN, however there is never 100% consensus

Pilot Coordinator Feedback (from Pilot, February – July, 2008)	Percentage of Respondents
Using the assessment helped:	
1. Provide staff with an accurate assessment of consumers' needs	81%
2. Identify consumer needs earlier than they might have using previous processes	56%
3. Identify consumer needs that might not have been identified normally	56%

Source: Pilot Coordinator Survey, July 2008

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## OCAN Challenges being Addressed

- **Need-based rather than strength-based**
  - Training encourages discussing areas of no need or met needs which can be interpreted as strengths
  - Added question on hopes and dreams
- **One tool – variety of services**
  - Support is provided to all CMH services
  - Flexibility in where OCAN fits in assessment process
- **Tool terminology takes time to learn**
  - Have definitions in training and communications
- **Multiple language environment**
  - Translation process in place; supports in place to share language versions
- **Demand for sharing between service providers as a result of the OCAN common language leads to challenges in understanding the privacy and security issues associated with sharing information**
  - Develop of CPF, toolkit, info for consumer and staff, data sharing agreements

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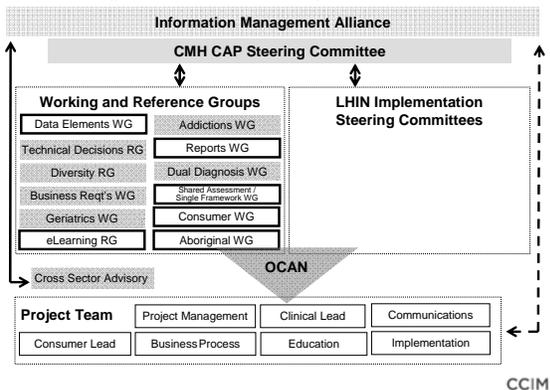
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## Working in Partnership



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## How OCAN Works

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### OCAN at a Glance

Consumer Self-Assessment	Staff Assessment	→ <b>What</b> (are your needs)
Consumer Information Summary		→ <b>Who</b> (are you)
Mental Health Functional Centre Use		→ <b>Where</b> (do you receive services)




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### Types of OCAN 2.0

There are three (3) "types" of OCAN:

- The **CORE OCAN** consists of the Consumer Information Summary and the Mental Health Functional Centre Use
- The **CORE + Self OCAN** consists of the Consumer Information Summary elements, the Consumer Self-Assessment and the Mental Health Functional Centre Use
- The **Full OCAN** consists of the Consumer Information Summary, the Consumer Self-Assessment, the Mental Health Functional Centre Use and the Staff Assessment

Consumer Self-Assessment	Staff Assessment
Consumer Information Summary	
Mental Health Functional Centre Use	




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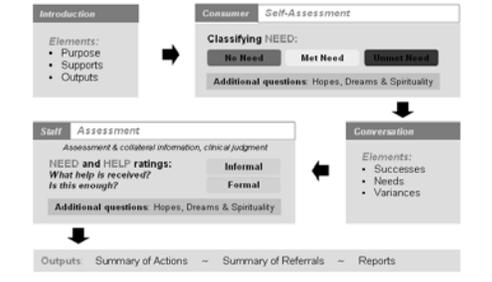
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## OCAN Assessment Process

### Reference Guide – Full OCAN

Ontario Common Assessment of Need (OCAN)

#### How OCAN is applied



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## Consumer Self-Assessment

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth (YYYY-MM-DD): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Start Date (YYYY-MM-DD): \_\_\_\_\_ Completion Date (YYYY-MM-DD): \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS:**  
 When you have completed this assessment, your worker will have a conversation with you about your needs.

- Please let your worker know if you have completed a Common Assessment in the last six months.
- Please read the pamphlet provided on how your information will be used.
- Please ask about any questions you don't understand.

Please tick one box in each row (24 in total) using the following key:

**No Need** = this area is not a serious problem for me at all  
**Met Need** = this area is not a serious problem for me because of the help I am given  
**Unmet Need** = this area remains a serious problem for me despite any help I am given

Rating need		No Need	Met Need	Unmet Need	I Don't Want to Answer
1.	Accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	What kind of place do you live in?				
	Comments				

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## Consumer Self-Assessment

**Please write a few sentences to answer the following questions:**

What are your hopes for the future?

What do you think you need in order to get there?

How do you view your mental health?

Is spirituality an important part of your life?

Is culture (heritage) an important part of your life?

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## Staff Assessment

Score Need

20. Basic education <i>Do you have difficulty in reading, writing, speaking or understanding English? Any other languages?</i>	Staff Rating
1. Does the person lack basic skills in numeracy and literacy? <i>(If rated 0 or 9, skip questions 2 &amp; 3 and proceed to the additional questions below)</i>	[ ]
2. How much help with numeracy and literacy does the person receive from friends or relatives?	[ ]
3a. How much help with numeracy and literacy does the person receive from local services?	[ ]
3b. How much help with numeracy and literacy does the person need from local services?	[ ]
Comments: [ ]	
Action(s): [ ]	By whom: Review date: [ ]
<b>What is your highest level of education? (select one)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No formal schooling <input type="checkbox"/> Some Secondary/High School <input type="checkbox"/> College/University <input type="checkbox"/> Some Elementary/Junior High School <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary/High School <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary/Junior High School <input type="checkbox"/> Some College/University <input type="checkbox"/> Client declined to answer	

Score Help

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## OCAN Outputs and Clinical Benefits

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## OCAN Output: Summary of Actions

- Actions will be pulled from where they are entered in the staff automated assessment and populated with the corresponding domain
- The consumer and staff will determine the priority for each of action

Summary of Actions		
Priority	Domain	Action(s)

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## OCAN Output: Summary of Referrals

- Provides staff with a place to consistently document referrals and their status
- Documents service gaps (b/w services available and optimal services) for planning

Summary of Referrals					
Optimal Referral	Specify	Actual Referral	Specify	Reasons for Difference	Referral Status

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## OCAN Output: Reports

### 2 different types and levels:

Individual Reports	Standardized Reports
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Individual level</li><li>• Captures information relating to a specific, identified consumer</li><li>• Data resides at HSP organization</li><li>• Used by consumers, managers and clinicians to support individual recovery</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• System level</li><li>• Shows only aggregate information on unidentified consumers</li><li>• Data collected from each HSP organization</li><li>• Used by HSPs, LHINs and MOHLTC for service and system planning</li></ul>

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## Reassessment and Reporting

OCAN Reassessment is conducted every 6 months.

It is a structured way to:

- Provide consumers with a chance to stop and recognize achievements and identify next steps
- Provide staff with the opportunity to demonstrate how they are making a difference over time
- Provide ongoing trending information to support service and system planning

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## Using OCAN Information to Support Consumers in Recovery

The need information gathered from the self and staff OCAN assessments can be used to:

- Improve relationships
- Promote well-being
- Review changes in need over time through reassessment, which improves mental health outcomes
- Support social inclusion
- Assist in service and system planning

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## OCAN Implementation Status

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## Where We Are Today

MILESTONE	ESC	SW	WW	JNHB	CW	MH	TC	C	CE	SE	CH	NSM	NE	NW
LHN ENGAGEMENT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
INFORMATION SESSION	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	»	✓	✓
EXECUTIVE LEAD FORUM	✓	✓		✓	»	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓		✓	»
KICK-OFF (%)	55%	»		85%	»	100%	65%	60%	»	83%	75%	36%	85%	»
PRE GO-LIVE EDUCATION	»			»		✓	»	✓	»	✓	»	✓	»	✓
ASSESSMENT PROCESS INITIATED	»			»		✓	»	✓	»	✓	»	✓		✓
GO-LIVE (%)	»			»		20%	25%	»		58%	17%	36%		15%
POST GO-LIVE EDUCATION										»				
DATA SUBMITTED (%)												17%	38%	15%
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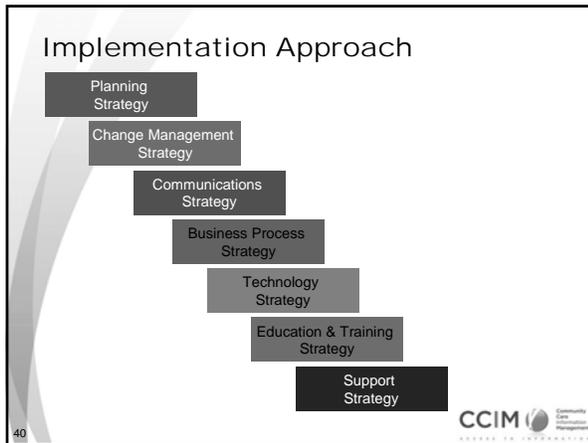
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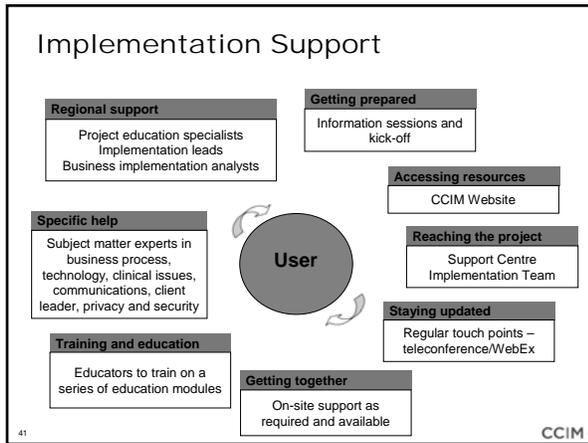
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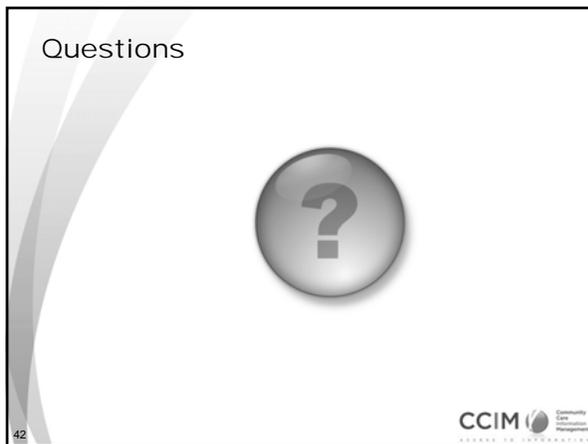
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Thank You!



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