### **The Wishing Well Intervention**

### - always room for improvement in Mental Health Organizations

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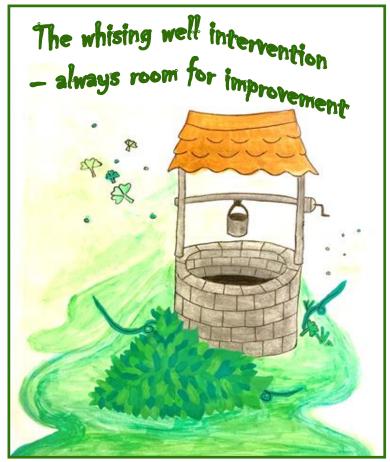
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### Take Home messages

- Co-creation is possible in in-patient psychiatric settings
- User by experience must influence future mental health practice



### Aim of the study

- To contribute with new knowledge on how to cocreate a sustainable recovery-oriented intervention on an acute psychiatric ward
- To explore how the intervention influenced the practice towards a recovery-based approach seen from the perspective of the staff and the hospitalized individuals

Co-creation and Participation; a democratic right, also when you are in a acute psychiatric ward in the Danish Welfare State

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### Towards a new Paradigm in psychiatry

Nothing about us, without us

Mowing from what is wrong with you - to what has happened to you

Founded in the public health perspective

User by experience as an active participant

Builds on positive relations

Uses the interactions as a treatment method

Aware of users by experience hope, preferences and wishes

Empowering patients

ETC...

A new paradigm requires new interventions

# **Changing Psychiatry**

#### In 2003: Recovery was introduced

➤a deeply personal, unique process of changing one's attitudes, values, feelings, goals, skills and/or roles. It is a way of living a satisfying, hopeful, and contributing life even within the limitations caused by illness

#### In 2015: Safewards was introduced

- >to make psychiatric wards more peaceful
- ➤to create better relationships between patient and staff
- ➤to use less time on containment and more on engagement

#### In 2021: Wishing well meetings



- Safewards, a recovery-
  - The patient community
  - Physical environment



# The outset of the intervention

- A meeting between in-patients and staff
- Improvement based on requests from in-patients
- > Inspired by lean

We wanted to co-create an intervention to:



- Strengthen the relationship between in-patients and staff (safewards-inspired)
- Support a recovery-oriented practice with hope, meaning, identity, connectedness and empowerment

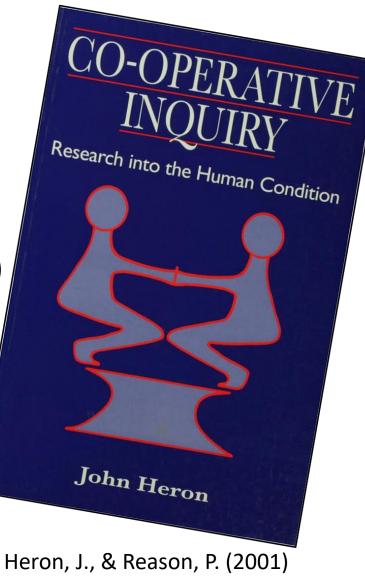
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# **Developing the intervention: A joint venture**

Co-operative inquiry group:

- Experts by experience
- Employed with different educational background
- The head nurse
- A development instructor (the original idea maker)
- A researcher as advanced secretary





# Phases in the co-operative inquiry

#### **Preparation phase:**

6 meetings in the inquiry group, a workshop and an evaluation of the collaboration

#### **Orientation phase:**

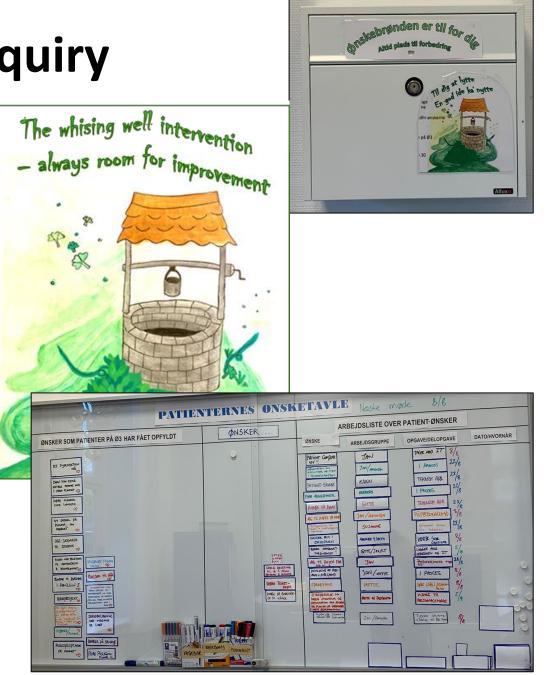
2 meetings in the inquiry group, 5 wish meetings at the ward (led by the instructor)

#### **Intervention phase:**

2 meetings in the inquiry group, 1 evaluation of the collaboration and 7 wish meetings at the ward (led by employed at the ward)

#### **Evaluation phase (not conducted):**

3 meetings in the inquiry group planned and small ad hoc working group



### Challenges and possibilities – the inquiry group

It is a challenge to inform, include and engage the staff besides the inquiry group Co-creating the wish meetings is one of the coolest and most meaningful things I have been involved in - to develop something together was a completely different role and togetherness.

It can be a challenge to bring the group together

It was important I felt safe and comfortable for joining in at the discussions

Being a part of the inquiry group is a part of my own recovery process

It really made good sense for me to partake - also because I have been in the psychiatry so many years, thus I really have a lot to contribute

### **Preliminary results of the intervention (with reservations)**

- 52 % of the present in-patients participated in the wish meeting (66 out of 127)
- 85 wishes within the domains: the patient community, staff team and physical environment
- 38 wishes was closed down (no interest among the patients, safety reasons, already existing, in process, not a general wish, combined with another wish)
- 47 wishes for processing
- 43 wishes with a working group to process the wish (Staff: n=34, staff and patients: n=9, patients: n=0)
- 4 wishes on the waiting list
- 17 wishes fulfilled
- 12 rejected after processing
- 14 still in process

# **Fulfilled wishes**

#### The patient community

1) Children as relatives can visit the creativity room with their hospitalized parent

2) Joint garden project (herb garden)

#### Staff team

3) A new note on the door to the office about contacting the staff under rapport

4) Week schemes for the patients room for more structure and predictability

5) The contact person must greet the patient at the beginning and the end of their watch and offer a conversation (to make the patients feel acknowledged)

6) More user-led beeds (restricted and based on approval by the leaders)

#### **Physical environment**

7) A new remote for the television

8) Repairing the doors on the ward reducing noise when closes/opens (preventing disturb sleep)

9) Speakers to play music at the training facilities and the creativity room

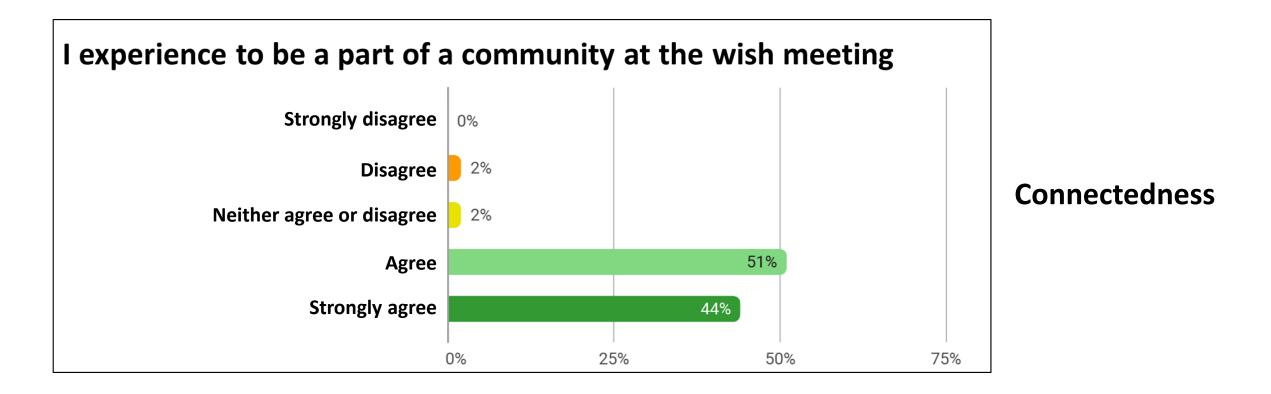
10) Disposable slippers

11) Lighter in the smoke room are fixed

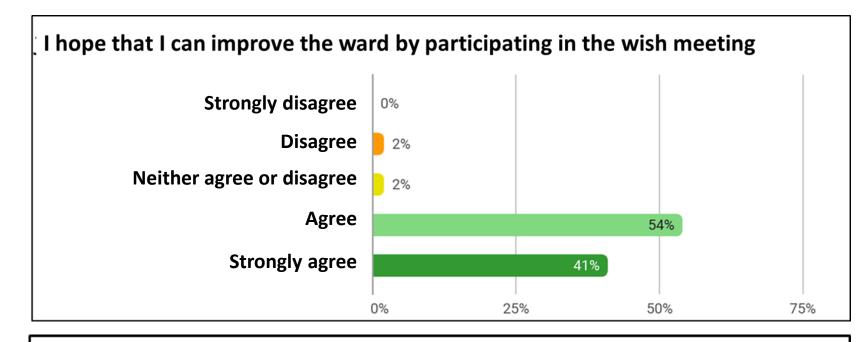
- 12) Boards to assemble puzzles on
- 13) Hair conditioner (in limited quantity)
- 14) Table benches in the pavillion
- 15) More puzzle boards
- 16) Hangers for clothes in the patient rooms
- 17) Non-slip tape at the entrance to the ward

# **Evaluation: 65 % of the participants (N: 43)**

Survey with participating in-patients inspired by CHIME and formulated by the co-operative inquiry group

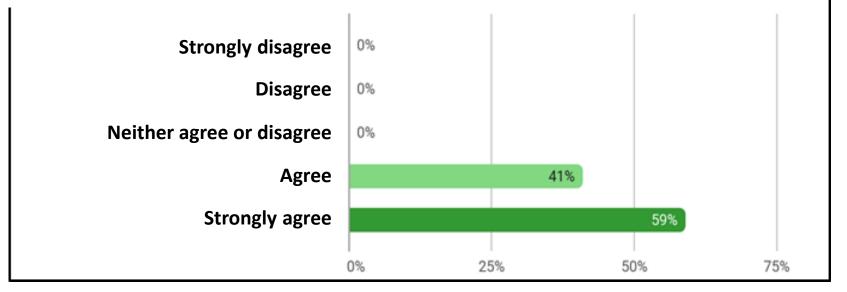


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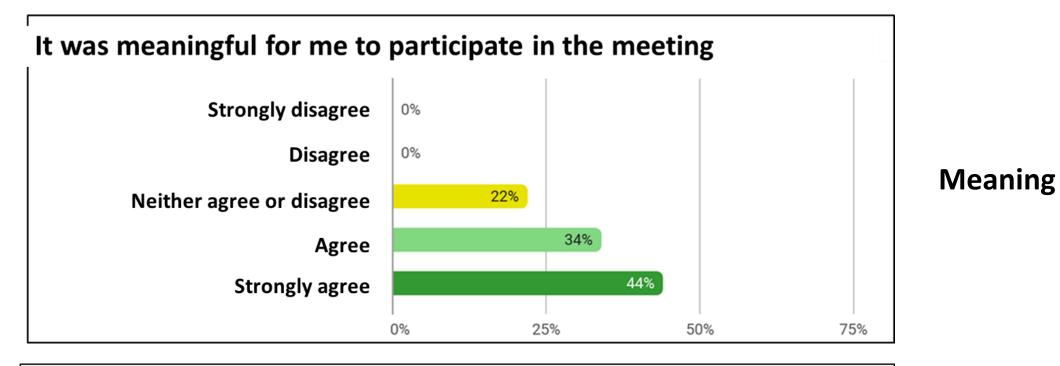


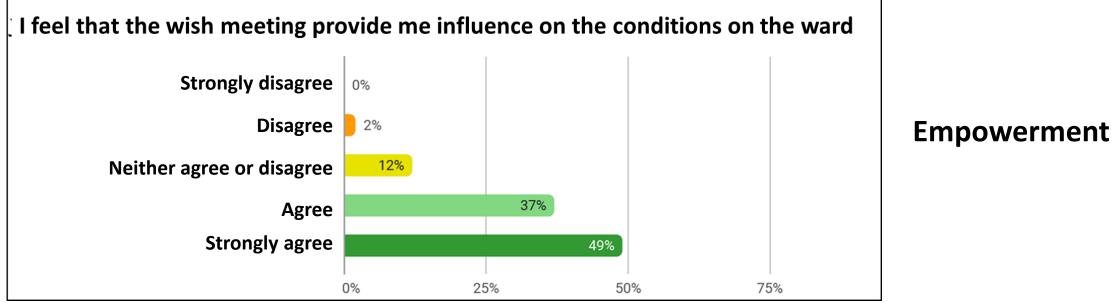
#### Hope and optimism

#### I experience that I was respected at the wish meeting



#### Identity





# Challenges and possibilities

I have realized how difficult it can be fulfill even simple wishes due to a sluggish system

It is a great meeting, some of the ideas are probably hard to implement – but it is god that they are mentioned Time consuming to process wishes

It is meaningful togetherness with the patients

It means a lot for me with a mutual plan between me and the staff

Thanks a lot for at good wish meeting

A good meeting and a great idea

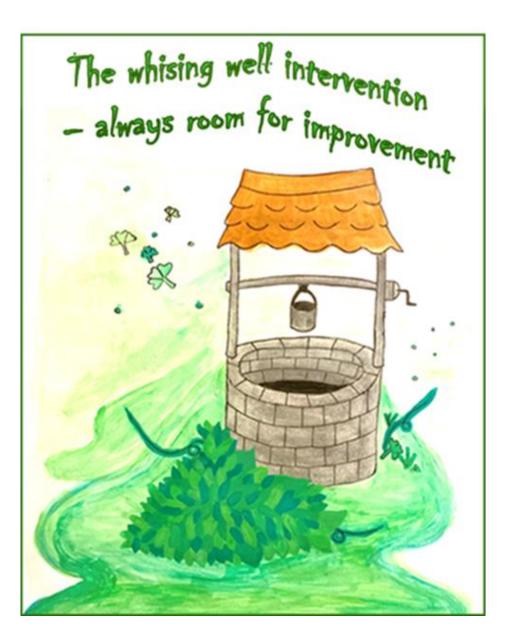
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# **Questions and comments**

#### Learning objectives for the presentation:

- To gain knowledge about how to cocreate interventions in an in-patient setting
- To gain knowledge about how users by experience can influence future nursing practice



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