

WPA Bucharest Statement on Collaborative and Integrated Care

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WHEREAS, cardiovascular and mental disorders lead in the global burden of non-communicable diseases;

WHEREAS, most mental disorders are attended to in primary care;

WHEREAS, mental disorders account for 30-45% of the global burden of disability;

WHEREAS, 50% of mental disorders exist by age 14, and 75% by age 24;

WHEREAS, these disorders result in billions of dollars of negative economic consequences across low-, middle-, and high-income nations;

WHEREAS, significant global health systems fragmentation diminishes access to care and its effectiveness;

WHEREAS, more research into the brain and into the determinants of health is needed;

WHEREAS, effective treatments for mental disorders exist for most cases; and

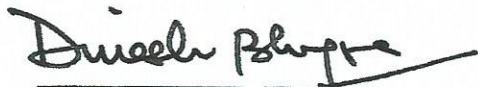
WHEREAS, the collaboration and integration of primary care, mental health, and public health is proven to enhance access, quality, and sustainability;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT

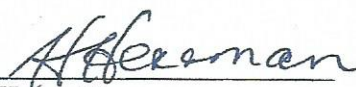
United Nations member states adopt collaborative and integrated care as a means toward *achieving total health for all in the 21st Century*; and be it further resolved that

This goal be included in the updated United Nations Sustainable Development Goals; and be it further resolved that,

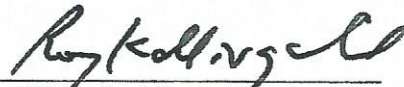
United Nations member states allocate the necessary human, financial, and technological resources for training, education, and implementation of this resolution.



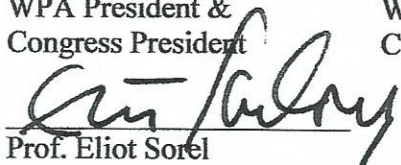
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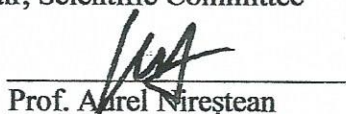
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