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In between.

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Learning Goal:

Alienation/adaptation in a changing environment is a basic threat/challenge, common to the psychotic person and the healthcare provider.

Abstract Text:

Stranger in the City.

In between.

Treating psychosis requires an intricate network of care services. As an independent partial hospital, the PSC has gained a unique place in that set-up: as stranger within the existing care facilities. For over more than 40 years, it is a house in the city where in-patient care is offered for people dealing with psychosis.

Important basic principles in regard to this are proximity, approachability, homeliness, contact, customized care, connection with the own social environment and family. The practice of Institutional Psychotherapy has been a guiding influence in this, corresponding to the reviving ideas of Soteria, supported by a phenomenological body of thought.

That way, the place of the *part-time hospital* has always been an 'in between': between residential and ambulatory care, between homeliness on the one hand and clinical standards and expectations on the other, between all surrounding facilities of the network, between people. A continuous search for a proprietary position in and connection to the medical and clinical approach to psychosis, which is often experienced as alienating. With this central problem of alienation that is essential to the psychotic and his struggle, this then seems a parallel process. A process that never ends and will never offer a definitive solution.

For some years now, the PSC has therefore ceased to exist as an independent entity to become part of a psychiatric hospital: De Alexianen Zorggroep van Tienen. PSC is now AZT/Campus Mechelsestraat. The setting remains the same, just like the ambition. But the identity changed as the relationship focusses on a more clinical and scientific approach.

Accordingly, the search for a proper interpretation is still up for discussion.

As a 'necessary' parallel to the quest of the psychotic condition?

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