KK Psych Hospital—25 Feb. 2014

4 wards and covers the provinces of Roi Et, Kalasin, Mahasarakham, and Khon Kaen.

[staff asked the students before the lecture: How does psych/mental health fit into public health?]

300-500 patients

Established in 1968.

19 Acres

There is a rehab center about 5km from the hospital and it is about 60 acres.

Responsibilities of this hospital include:

-mental health promotion and prevention

-clinical service

-research and technology development

-training center

-mental health network

-covers 4 provinces—5 million people

18 mental hospitals total in Thailand (5 in NE, 2 in S, 2 in N)

There are 20 departments: outpatient, social work, rehabilitations, psychiatric, dental, nursing, pharmacy, administrative, financial, nutrition, forensic, medical, public relations, computer, communications, mental health, clinical pathology, quality, planning and policy, health insurance.

Staff: 10 Doctors, 2 pharmacy, 2 dentist, 130 psych nurses, 6 social workers, 220 other.

A bit over half of the patients pay via social welfare, a bit over a quarter pay on their own, a bit under a quarter are civil servant benefits

There are 3 main types of service: out patient, in patient, and community

There are about 80,000-100,000 outpatient visits per year and about 350-400 per day.

There are special clinics on counseling, stress reductions and forensic psychology, psychosocial work for substance users and a hotline offered by the hospital.

The most common in patient (6000-7000 per year) are anxiety, schizophrenia (pretty big problem), disorder from alcohol.

Nearly half of the outpatients are schizophrenia.

The hospital admits 10-15 patients per day and the average stay is 30-40days

This hospital goes out to community hospitals to visit psych patients. There is a home visit program (using social worker, pscharitrist, and pysch nurse to explore the home environment).

Mental health crisis: the deal with police calls, affect from flooding, and a mobile unit.

Would like to be an excellence center for suicidal patients. Also work on policy. They have received a reward for suicide assessment.