MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING in integrated care

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MI is...
Your hopes?
Your goals?
A personal taste of MI
- Accepting what I cannot change
- Alcohol/drug use
- Allowing others to take advantage of me
- Anger/frustration management (e.g., cussing)
- Always late
- Avoiding action on issues such as the environment or social justice
- Avoiding conflict
- Awfulizing; making “mountains out of molehills”
- Behaviors regarding rules/policy
- Behaviors with my supervisor or managers
- Blaming
- Bossy; Pushy
- Busy mind—lack of serenity
- Can’t say no—take on too much responsibility
- Co-dependent behaviors
- Computer games
- Controlling others
- Creating drama
- Criticizing others
- Criticizing others to third parties
- Diet, food choices
- Disorganization
- Duping/misrepresentation
- Emotionally distant
- Emotional numbness
- Emotional reactivity
- Excessive worry and anxiety
- Excessive daydreaming
- Excessive spending
- Excessive talking
- Fear of rejection
- Feeding off of others
- Frustrating other people
- Gambling
- Giving up
- Guilt
- Harassment
- Inability to set boundaries
- Implied threats
- Impulsive
- Insensitive
- Intimidating others
- Jealousy
- Lying
- Lack of assertiveness
- Lack of confidence
- Lack of generosity (e.g., giving to charity)
- Lack empathy
- Lack of tolerance
- Leaving undesirable tasks to others
- Listening to spouse, partner, teenage child
- Materialistic
- Meddling
- Money management
- Neglecting time with family or friends
- Not sticking to goals (e.g., furthering education)
- Not doing my part
- Not letting go—“beating dead horses”
- Neglecting my needs for sake of others
- Opinionated
- Over-eating; Under-eating
- Overly concerned about what others think of me
- Overly confident
- Passive-aggressive behaviors
- Pessimism
- Perfectionistic
- Physical sloth
- Pride
- Push-me away
- Rationalizing bad behaviors
- Recklessness
- Repetition
- Sadness
- Self-destructive behavior
- Selfish
- Shaming
- Shape-shifting
- Skepticism
- Sloppiness
- Social isolation
- Social loafing
- Social withdrawal
- Stress
- Stereotyping
- Stubbornness
- Suggestion
- Talking too much
- Throwing a temper tantrum
- Throwing tantrums
- Tiring
- Uncommunicative
- Unworthy
- Untrustworthiness
- Wasting time
- What I don’t want to do
- Xenophobia
- Yelling
- Zealous
- Dominating conversations
- Driving behaviors (e.g., speeding, road rage)
- Exercise, under-exercising
- Failure to set priorities, goals
- Failure to take risks
- Failure to reconcile breached relationships
- Failure to volunteer; Always volunteering
- Fear of speaking up
- Fighting lost causes
- Getting even
- Giving unsolicited advice
- Gossiping
- Hard to admit I’m wrong
- Health issues
- Holding grudges
- Impulsive spending
- Interpersonal control issues
- It’s all about me
- Judgmental attitudes/behaviors
- Jumping to conclusions
- Keeping up with the Jones’s
- Picking fights
- Procrastination
- Smoking
- Solving other people’s problems
- Spending emotional energy on issues over which I have no control
- Spiritual or religious disciplines (e.g., church attendance, meditation, study)
- Stirring up conflict
- Taking medications
- Taking offense easily
- Tactless
- Take things too personally
- Too critical of myself
- Too much TV
- Time management
- Too outspoken
- Too neat; too messy
- Unforgiving
- Wasting time
- Whining
- Worry too much
Dilemma/concern?
If no change, what (if anything) would be at stake?
If change, your reasons?
If change, how to be successful?
How important?
How confident you could change?
If change, who/what could help?
If change, next step(s)?
Motivational conversations are about facing forward...coming alongside someone and facing the person’s future together

Stephen Rollnick
“You don’t need to be clever and complex, just interested and curious. An uncluttered mind helps.”

Miller & Rollnick, 2013, p. 61
A collaborative conversation style for strengthening a person’s own motivation and commitment to change.

Lay definition
A person-centered counseling style for addressing the common problem of ambivalence about change.

Practitioner’s definition
WHEN YOU KINDA WANNA JUST DO IT BUT NOT REALLY
Or...

A way of helping people talk themselves into changing
The average patient visiting a doctor in the United States gets _______ for their initial statement, then the doctor takes the lead. This style of communication is probably based on the assumption that patients will mess up the time schedule if allowed to talk as long as they wish to.
The average patient visiting a doctor in the United States gets **22 seconds** for their initial statement, then the doctor takes the lead. This style of communication is probably based on the assumption that patients will mess up the time schedule if allowed to talk as long as they wish to.

But for how long do patients actually talk, at least initially? We found only one study, from a neurological practice, investigating this question. The author reported one minute and 40 seconds.

Langewitz, W., Denz, M., Keller, A., Kiss A., Rüttimann, S., Wössmer, B.,
Spontaneous talking time at start of consultation in outpatient clinic: cohort study, 2002
Study results: Mean spontaneous talking time was 92 seconds.

Conclusion: Doctors do not risk being swamped by their patients’ complaints if they listen until a patient indicates that his or her list of complaints is complete. Even in a busy practice driven by time constraints and financial pressure, two minutes of listening should be possible and will be sufficient for nearly 80% of patients.
How to best use the remaining time?
If you’ve got 5 minutes...

Engage/breathe

Mutually find a focus

Evoke internal motivation

Provide information and suggestions (as needed)

Invite to action (while “letting go” of the outcome)
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finding a strategic direction

Mutually establish the agenda. Ask what the person wants to focus on. State what you wish to address (if anything).
focusing:
finding a strategic direction

Of the things you just mentioned, what would you like to focus on today?

We could discuss A, B, C or something else.

Would it be all right if we took a look at...?
Common areas of focus in your practice?
If you’ve got 5 minutes...

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Activity

Pairs – practitioner, patient/client

Five minute conversation

Practitioner asks: “What would you like to focus on in our time together?” or “Would it be all right if I asked you a few questions about...?”

Patient/client – real or role-play
Possible questions. You choose.

Dilemma/concern?

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If change, your reasons?

If change, how to go about it to be successful?

How important?

How confident you could change?
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Exchanging Information

“It is easy to overestimate how much information and advice clients need to be given.”

Miller & Rollnick
Elicit-Provide-Elicit

A simple strategy for providing information, suggestions, advice
Elicit-Provide-Elicit

- Ask what the person already knows
- Ask what person would like to know
- Ask permission to provide information
Elicit-Provide-Elicit

- Prioritize what person most wants to know
- Be clear; use everyday language
- Offer small amounts of information with time to reflect
- Acknowledge freedom to disagree or ignore
Elicit-Provide-Elicit

- Ask for person’s response, interpretation, understanding
**Activity: E-P-E**

**Elicit**
- Ask what person already knows
- Ask what person would like to know
- Ask permission to provide information

**Provide**
- Offer small dose of suggestions, advice

**Elicit**
- Ask for person’s response
If you’ve got 5 minutes...

Breathe

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Invite to action (while “letting go” of the outcome)
Ask “What do you think you might do next?” ... “How can I or others support you in moving forward?”
What do you think you might do as a next step in your own practice to facilitate motivational conversations?
The clinical relationship takes the form of a partnership, not an expert-recipient stance.

Acceptance and compassion are at the heart of the conversation.

Motivation to change is elicited from individuals, not imposed on them from without.
Key ideas

Direct persuasion is rarely effective to resolve ambivalence or promote lasting change.

The worker uses primarily a guiding style.

It is the task of the individual to resolve his or her ambivalence and come up with the reasons for change.
Implementing MI

Two-pronged approach:

1. Focus on organizational aspects of infusing a motivational interviewing approach, and

2. Build staff skills to facilitate motivational conversations
Implementing MI

Organizational strategies

- Designate an MI Skills Development person or team to promote ongoing training and skills practice opportunities within the agency.

- Develop an organizational philosophy of care statement that aligns with MI spirit and practice.

- Include MI experience as a job requirement or preference when advertising for, screening, and hiring new staff, especially direct-service and supervisory positions.
Implementing MI

Organizational strategies

- In job interviews, ask applicants to provide MI-adherent responses to sample statements (e.g. Helpful Responses Questionnaire), demonstrate their MI skills in a “mock interview” in the moment, or submit a sample tape of their practice to be reviewed later.

- Ensure that clinical supervisors are trained in MI and are MI-consistent in their supervisory methods.
Implementing MI

Organizational strategies

- In supervisory sessions make it an expectation for supervisors to pay attention to staff progress in MI skill-building
- Include MI skill-building as a professional development goal for all practitioners in their job performance plans
- Revise program intake forms and progress notes to reflect and promote an MI-consistent approach
Implementing MI

Organizational strategies

- Participate in MI-related clinical research studies (or possibly seek out opportunities to conduct research)
- Create MI-related visual reminders (posters, signs, buttons, importance and confidence rulers)
- Develop an online MI discussion forum within your agency
Implementing MI

Organizational strategies

- Provide opportunities for select staff to be trained in using the MICA (Motivational Interviewing Competency Assessment) or MITI (Motivational Interviewing Treatment Integrity) tool to code MI conversations for feedback and coaching.

- Encourage selected staff to become trained as MI trainers through the Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers (MINT) and participate in the MINT community of practice.
Implementing MI

Strategies to build skills

- Establish MI learning circles (aka communities of practice, coaching circles) that meet regularly to sustain learning and strengthen skills
  - Groups of 4-8
  - Focus on practicing specific MI skills and incorporating them into practice conversations with accurate feedback and coaching
Implementing MI

Strategies to build skills

- Offer regularly scheduled introductory and advanced MI training opportunities (ensuring that participants are assigned to or already a part of an ongoing learning circle)

- Contract as needed with external MI coaches, trainers, and consultants to promote ongoing learning
Implementing MI

Strategies to build skills

- Code audiotaped segments of MI conversations using the MICA (Motivational Interviewing Competency Assessment) or MITI (Motivational Interviewing Treatment Integrity) tool to provide feedback and coaching.

- Encourage self-initiated learning by providing resources such as MI books, ebooks, articles, training tapes, skill-building exercises, and other learning tools.
Discussion