

'Dangerous Territory':

A nurse-led ethnography of methamphetamine users accessing recovery services in Queensland

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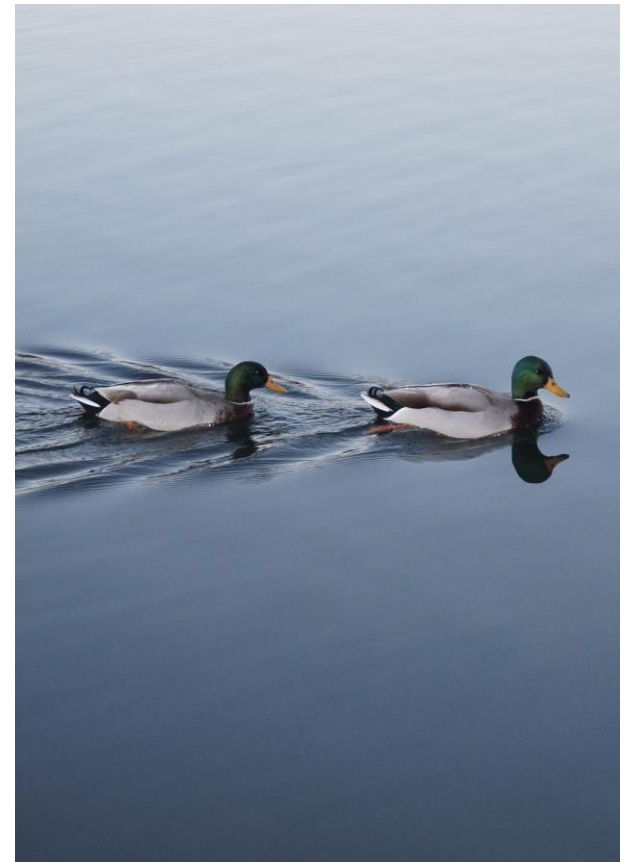
Ethnography

What people **say**

What people **do**

and what people **say they do** are
entirely different things

– Margaret Mead



Bridget

“..I’m not looking forward to this Sam. Don’t want to do it..”



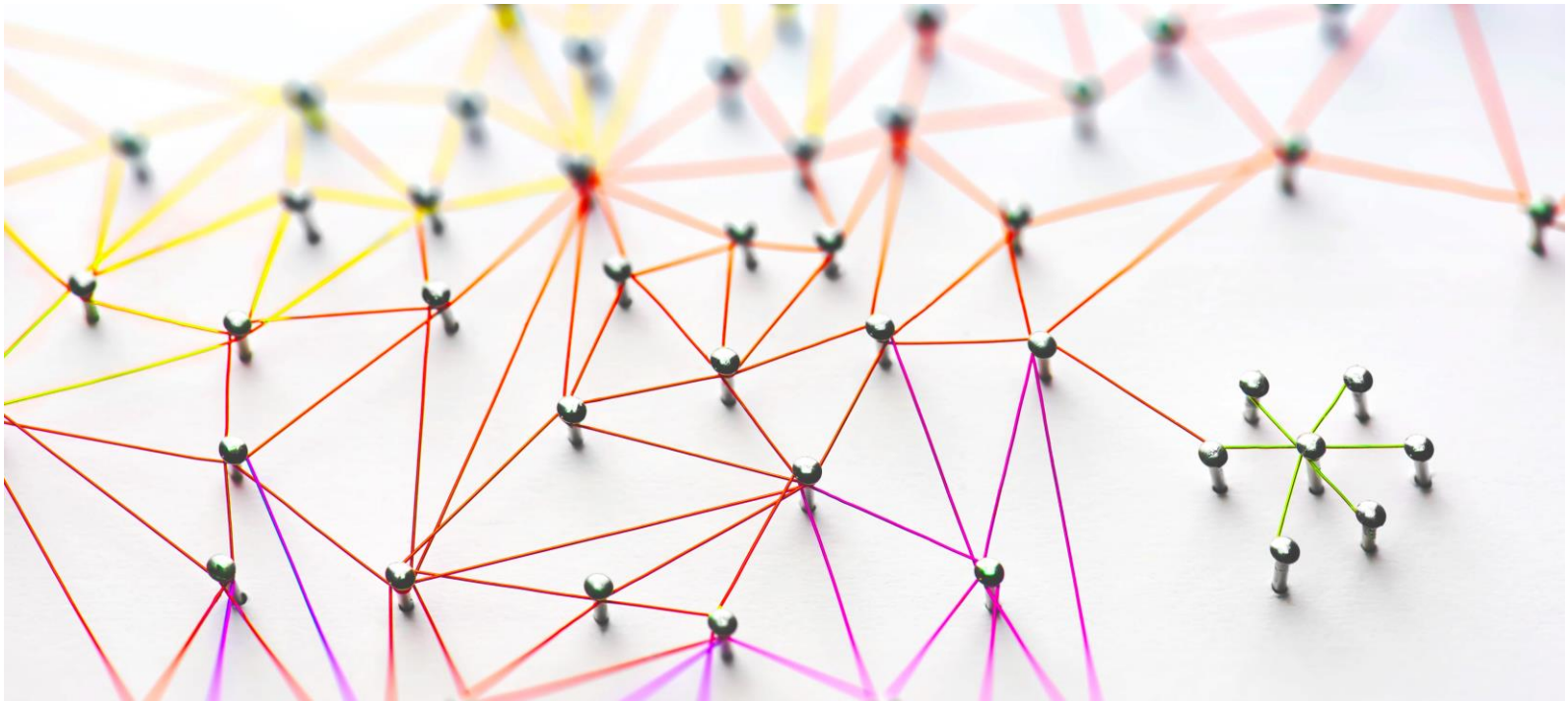
Jane

“..every time we relapse, I learn more..”



Kira

*“..I don't know how to take myself out of...
I don't even know what I'm in..”*



Summary

- Different relationships with different clinicians
- Clinical interaction excludes large parts of life
- Progress and improvement can occur despite frequent drug use
 - Improving abstinence skills
 - Improving functionality, reducing harm
- Lived reality can make recovery goals unrealistic or unappealing



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