

Research Title

The impact of diversity on health and social care provision

Research Question

Does cultural diversity in a specific community create a significant effect on how health and social workers provide care services?

Introduction

The paper intends to discuss the overview of cultural diversity in many disciplines, especially in the sector of community service. The paper will include specific and researched claims from related studies through gathering of qualitative data. Part of the research paper will also include existing quantitative data focusing on the demographics of medical services. Combined qualitative and quantitative data will be used to discuss the importance of the aspect of cultural diversity for health care services.

Background (Including rationale)

Medical services are the core of community service, as it promotes selflessness and health awareness in ensuring the healthy condition of individuals and communities. Cultural diversity is existent due to the globalization trend. Moral laws and ethics emphasize the virtue of fairness, equality, and transparency in public service. However, several social and cultural implications may deprive many people access to basic needs. Cultural diversity is one reason because communities are built upon various philosophies, morals, and views. Likewise, personal limitations and existing laws based on conscience and ethics may put the minority at disadvantage. Cultural diversity issues include racial and ethnic discrimination, age gap-related issues, and individual socio-cultural status. Specific review of related literature will be thoroughly discussed in order to address the issues surrounding cultural diversity.

Aim(s)

This study has two aims. The first aim is to determine the issues surrounding the disciplines of social service and socio-cultural perspective. The second aim is to raise potential solutions on how the negative implications of cultural differences must be prevented from hindering medical services.

Objectives

- To perform an extensive research on essential information regarding the variables of this study and proper gathering of data
- To accurately cite all qualitative and quantitative data gathered for this research study
- To conduct a personal research and data gathering on the actual state of medical public service for the minority groups and communities.
- To provide a cohesive framework and an informed opinion on addressing the issue of cultural diversity implications on social health service.

Literature Review

Researchers have conducted an extensive study on the issues of cultural diversity in the field of social health and public medical services over the years. Numerous cultural issues surround health and illness, and these are (1) provider self-awareness, (2) consumer-related issues on delivery and acceptance of health care, (3) poverty and health care as a right, and (4) continued application of traditional health practices in certain populations (Spector, 2004). These issues mentioned may be the reason most social health services may be inaccessible due to cultural implications or its luxury. Cultural consonance is the ability of a person to realize and judge his behavior based on his conscience, within the domains of lifestyle and social support (Dressler and Bindon, 2000). While the mentioned study determines the individual health of a

person, cultural consonance becomes an important factor on determining the commitment of social health service providers.

Research Methodology

The theoretical and conceptual framework of the topic on hand will be addressed through extraction of relevant and informative fact and theories through gathered data. Notable theories and important statements from the review of related literature are essential, and specific information related to the topic will be discussed from relevant and selected studies.

Besides gathering existing data, participants will be carefully selected for interview and will be subject to consent before proceeding with the interview. The method for selecting participants will use non-probability sampling techniques since the interviewees are limited to social health workers. The researcher and the selected participant will sign an affidavit mentioning that the researchers may not be responsible for any effects of the research interview the participant may experience. The interview process will be formal and will be coordinated in lieu with the participant's availability. It is the responsibility of the researcher to make sure that every guideline pertaining to the participation of the selected interviewee is addressed during the whole interview process. Any data gathered from the participants will serve as supporting information from the review of related literature and relevant theories discussed.

Since the research would heavily focus on qualitative sets of gathered data, inputs from research participants will then be quoted and be used for presentation purposes. Parts of the research will then be included as notes as a guide for the flow of presentation.

Limitations of the study

One of the research study's aims is to inject more opinion on the issue of cultural diversity. Therefore, some of the participants' informed opinion may not address the research's

objectives. Time constraints are one of the research's limitations, as because the framework of the research is only limited to processing, gathering and presenting information within the required timeframe. Resources and budget will be limited, and the majority of the allocation will proceed to the research materials and transportation.

Overcoming Limitations of the study

In order to overcome some of the study's limitations, it is always important to have a solid plan. Hence, formulating a timeline of the research study helps in minimization of tasks. To present informed opinion from participants with accuracy, careful formulation and selection of questions will be included in the questionnaire. To overcome the study limitations, it is important to select participants from a pool of professional workers with adequate experience in the field of social healthcare. Likewise, the interview process will be conducted in a more natural, yet conversational tone. This way, the selected participant and the researcher will feel more comfortable and more open to possible ideas that can help increase knowledge and informed understanding of the subject matter.

Research Specifications

Work Plan/Timeline

Preparation of literature review - (include date here)

Questionnaire preparation - (include date here)

Prepare a timeline for research steps - (include date here)

Preparation of informed consent for participants - (include date here)

Questionnaire validation and pilot testing - (include date here)

Gathering of participants' responses - (include date here)

Reference

Dressler, W. W., & Bindon, J. R. (2000). The health consequences of cultural consonance: Cultural dimensions of lifestyle, social support, and arterial blood pressure in an African American community. *American anthropologist*, *102*(2), 244-260.

Spector, R. E., & Spector, R. E. (2004). *Cultural diversity in health and illness*(pp. 256-268). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Prentice Hall.