

Week 5 Assignment: Weekly Journal

Instructions

After doing the reading and watching the lecture, answer the following questions and then submit them as .doc, .docx, or .pdf by 11:59 pm on Sunday. You can copy and paste the questions below, or download a copy of the worksheet to work on here.

Part A

Read the following vignette and respond to the questions that follow:

Tahir is a 53-year-old man, struggling with back problems he has had for many years. Tahir was a seasonal employee and found work when he could, though this did not provide him with any health insurance benefits through his work. So when he was in a car accident at age 44, he had to rely on his car insurance to cover any medical costs.

Though the accident was not his fault, the other driver had no insurance and Tahir's insurance had to cover the initial hospital bills. Not having a lot of money, he opted for the least expensive insurance he could get and his policy did not cover follow-up visits to the doctor. Making too much to receive Medicaid benefits, Tahir would have to pay out-of-pocket for any additional services he needed, and ended up not being able to afford it. He was slowly recovering and was still able to work, though often in pain.

One day while on the job, he had an accident which caused further injury to his back. Since it was determined to be a preexisting condition, workers' compensation at his job refused to cover any care. Tahir could no longer perform his duties and was fired. He has since spent the last ten years taking odd jobs that did not last very long or in which he could not continue working at the level needed. When his back problems become so bad and the pain so unbearable, Tahir's only option is to go to the emergency room. Struggling with chronic pain, he becomes depressed.

Since he is without insurance, the hospital reduces and stabilizes his pain, but does not provide any treatment beyond that. Tahir's back issues are only temporarily relieved and he knows he will end up back in the hospital when things become intolerable again.

1. What services would help Tahir stabilize his health and work life?
2. How would universal healthcare help Tahir?
3. What other problems is Tahir at risk for if he doesn't have adequate health care?

Part B

1. What is the difference between family forms and family functions?
2. What challenges do human service professionals in healthcare fields face? What characteristics and skills would be most valuable to someone who wants to work in health care?
3. Could you see yourself working as a human service professional in a healthcare setting? Why or why not? If you had to choose a role, which one would you prefer and why?
4. Questions, thoughts, concerns?

Purpose

These Weekly Journal assignments should help you to identify what is important in the lecture, create study tools to prepare for the exam, and reflect on and think more deeply about the week's topic and material.

Grading Criteria

- Answer each question fully and concisely, addressing all aspects of it. Points will be taken off if you fail to answer all questions or do not provide sufficient detail. Please refer to the rubric for this assignment, which reflects these criteria.
- Submit your answers as a .doc, .docx, or .pdf by 11:59 pm on Sunday. One point (aka 5%) will be taken off your grade for each day the assignment is late.

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