Nurse Research Internship

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Research Intern (RI): Selection Process

- Paid Position
- RI program 144 hours over 18 months
- Participated in multi-disciplinary team meetings.
Preparation for the Project

- KUMC tutorial on Human Subjects Protection
- Review of qualitative analysis techniques: Making Sense of Qualitative Data:
- Read Complementary Research Strategies by Amanda Coffey & Paul Atkinson.
- Principal Investigator (PI) assigns tasks and roles
The Project:
Living with Chronic Mental Illness:
A Photo-voice Study

• Definition of Photo-voice:
  Enable people to act as recorders of their own story
• Entrusts cameras to those who have the least access
• Values knowledge provided by people who live with specific circumstances: poverty, mental illness or abuse, or the underserved.
Goals of Photo-voice

• To enable people to record their community’s strengths and problems.
• To promote dialogue about important issues through the use of photographs.
• To engage policy makers on the critical populations studied using this technique.
Purpose of Our Study

• Find out if the photo-voice methodology could be used to enhance the level of empathy professionals feel when meeting a person with a psychiatric diagnosis.

• We hoped the subjects could tell their stories using photos they took themselves
Process

Interview

Transcription

Team content analysis: coding
Thematic Analysis

• Feeling misunderstood and invisible in the world
• Attempting to gain control and be safe
• An ongoing effort to repair injured self-esteem
• Use of a variety of coping mechanisms
Implications for Practice

- Photo-voice can be used as a therapeutic tool in mental health
- Investigators concluded with an enhanced sense of empathy and compassion for their patients
- Participants reported they enjoyed the process of taking photos to help describe the experience of living with a chronic mental illness
- A need for continued societal education on mental illness is identified
Manuscript development

- PI and team wrote the research manuscript
- Team members edited
- Manuscript submitted
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Presentations

• Grand Rounds
• Research Symposium
• Major Psychiatric Nursing Conferences
  – ISPN
  – APNA

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Any Questions?