

The Challenges and Dilemmas which Transforming the Community Care Centers to the Neighborhood LTC Stations

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Abstract

The objective of this study is to explore the challenges and dilemmas which the community care centers transform will encounter when providing primary LTC services. The community care centers in Chia-Yi County were the analysis unit of this study, and the parallel mixed designs of mixed-method were applied to verify the qualitative data and the quantitative data mutually. The findings indicated that the public sector manager and the NPO counseling agency of the community care centers all evaluated the competence above average that the community care centers transform to provide primary LTC services. The administration and manpower of the community care centers positively determined the competences that providing primary LTC services significantly. The undertakers of the community care centers determined the administrative competences, and especially the aggressiveness and the willingness that transforming to provide primary LTC services. The adequacy of manpower closely correlated with the activities of social participation and health promotion that the community care centers could provide. However, under the circumstance that the community care centers were facing the manpower problems that volunteer-based, aged and recruitment, it would be the challenge that if the community care centers transform to provide primary LTC services.

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