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Intersection of Social Justice and Healthcare: Nurses Can Lead these Discussions: A Pilot Project

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The purpose of this proposal was to educate nurses and nursing students on the history around social injustice, its infusion into healthcare, and start dialogue and solution building on the change needed to right the inequalities within healthcare. The platform lent itself to including community members who also wanted to participate.

Goals

1. Provide nurses and the public with historical context for today's disparities in health and health outcomes.
2. Introduce issues of racism, inequality and the impact on Kentuckians' health and health outcomes.
3. Develop a platform for strategy building on the issues affecting marginalized populations.

Participants: The social injustices we see within healthcare affect nursing practice, but also put nurses at the forefront for positively impacting health and healthcare, particularly with communities who have traditionally been left out of healthcare conversations. Nurses and nursing students are the participants.

Method: Showed Social justice videos, particularly as they related to healthcare, which were 55-85 minutes in length, once a month for six months starting in January 2021 through June 2021. This was a trial to see if we could get adequate interest in this project. If it is successful, as demonstrated by at least 15 people (excluding nursing students) attending each session, further discussion can be had to continue the project. Videos from Bullfrog films will be used. Bullfrog films "is the leading U.S. publisher of independently-produced films about environmental and related social-justice issues — films that point the way to living healthily, happily, and with greater concern for the other inhabitants of this planet, and for our descendants." (Bullfrog Films, 2009) A survey to evaluate the benefit of each offering will be given to participants.

Marketing for the movie night will be on KNA social media platforms, The Kentucky Nurse, KNA eNews and KNA monthly special bulletin. The KNA has the social media presence to promote this project.

Cost: These videos are Documentaries. The cost of the videos is \$100 each to participate each person will be charged \$15, \$2 per student. The total cost of the project would be \$600. With the projected registration of \$15 per session. The initial videos have been viewed by me and Delanor Manson as to relevancy. Members will view future films for relevancy. Bullfrog films has an extensive catalogue from which to choose the films for this project. Due to the pandemic, the films will be broadcast through Zoom™. Staff from the Kentucky Nurses Association (KNA) will schedule on Zoom™, and the distribution of the dates and times of the offerings. KNA already has the Zoom™ platform, so this will

not be an added cost. The chat feature will be utilized for comments by participants during the film to stimulate discussion on each topic, the polling feature will be used for voting on some questions and then a structured conversation will be conducted after the video by a member of the Practice Cabinet. Continuing Education Credits (CEs) will be offered and supplied through the KNA. The KNA is an approved provider of CEUs. A member of the Cabinet will complete the paperwork for the CEs.

Evaluation

A summary and evaluation will be provided with a projection for any future goals for the program and a recommendation related to continuance of the project.

Summary

It is felt by educating nurses, and the public about inequities, we can impact solutions whether those be at the community level or within the legislature, or both. By educating about health inequities, and social injustices, nurses will become more informed advocates for communities impacted. These inequities have been found in all aspects of healthcare but particularly in Nephrology.

Social injustices, as they impact health, are important aspects nurses must consider when delivering care to all patients, but particularly communities that have been disenfranchised throughout this country's history. Educating nurses on social justice issues impacting health and healthcare will positively impact communities who need us to advocate for them.

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