

Week 7 Case Study for Discussion

This case study provides you with an opportunity to apply professional nursing standards and ethical principles to provide culturally appropriate care. As you work through the case, reflect on what you have learned from this course about community health nursing and apply it to this scenario.

Your role: You continue to work with the violence task force and begin to implement a violence prevention program. During implementation, the task force finds that some of the health department employees appear to be insensitive to people from other cultures. The health department director decides to adopt a Think Cultural Health initiative. As part of this initiative, the department will adopt national standards related to cultural sensitivity. A cultural competency seminar will launch this initiative.

Background: One of the American Nurses Association Public Health Nursing (2013) standards is about ethics. It addresses the delivery of programs and services in a manner that preserves and protects beliefs, dignity, values, and rights of individuals, communities, and populations. Providing culturally competent care helps to meet this ethical standard.

Your charge: As part of the health department's Think Cultural Health seminar each team member will discuss one of the 15 National Cultural and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) standards.

Visit https://www.thinkculturalhealth.hhs.gov/Content/clas.asp#clas_standards. Browse the site and click on the link to open the list of the National CLAS Standards.



- Describe one National CLAS Standard.
- Discuss one way that you could implement this standard for a specific cultural group in your community.

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