

Integrating Mental Health Services into Primary Health Care In Nigeria

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ABSTRACT

Mental health is an indispensable component of health as defined by the World Health Organization (WHO) as “a state of well-being in which every individual realizes his or her own potential, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to his or her community” (WHO). There are three components of mental health: emotional well-being, psychological well-being and social well-being. The social and economic burden of mental illness is increasingly visible in our society. Mental health refers to cognitive, behavioural and emotional wellbeing. It is all about how people think, feel and behaviour. Mental health problems comprise a wide range of health conditions such as: Depression, Drug and alcohol abuse and Bipolar Affective Disorder, Chronic Anxiety Disorder Which affect people across their life course from infancy to old age. They vary in severity and impact. The only sustainable method for reducing the burden caused by these disorders is prevention.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Long lasting sadness or irritability, extreme high and low mood, excessive fear, worry or anxiety, social withdrawal and dramatic changes in eating or sleeping habits are five sign of Mental illness. It was observed that Overall, mental health disorders represent 7.4 percent of the world’s total burden of health problems. One person in four will develop one or more of these disorders during their lifetime. The fifth

leading cause of non-communicable diseases and global burden is projected to reach 15% by the year 2020 (Ngui, Khasakhala & Ndetei 2010). Mental health problems command an even greater share of the time lived with disability (Whiteford et.al 2013).

2. RELATED WORKS

The schematic overview of risk to mental health over the life course is shown below in the figure.

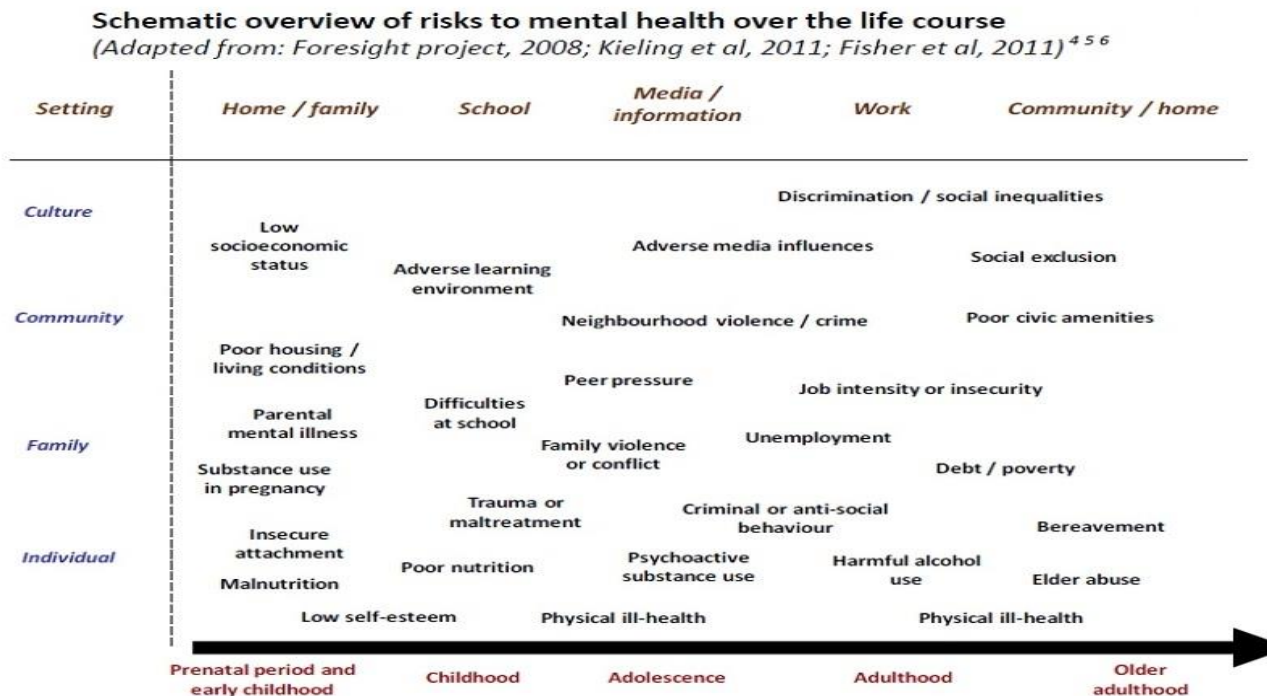


Fig1: The schematic overview of risk to mental health over the life course

In Nigeria, an estimated 20%–30% of our population are believed to suffer from mental disorders (Onyemlukwe, 2016). Mental disorders represent an immense psychological, social and economic burden to society. Also the increase in risk of physical illnesses will give the current limitations in effectiveness of treatment modalities for decreasing disability due to mental and behavioural disorders. At this time, most mental health illnesses cannot be cured, but they can usually be treated effectively to minimise the symptoms and allow the individual to function in work, school, or social environments. To begin treatment, it is essential to see a qualified mental health professional. The component of Mental Health includes Pro-

motion of well-being and mental health promotion, Prevention of mental health problems, Stigma removal, Psychosocial support, Rehabilitation of those in need (WHO). Prevention of harm from alcohol and substance use, Integrating mental health services into the primary health care system. Mental Health Promotion "Is the enhancement of the capacity of individuals, families, groups or communities to strengthen or support positive emotional, cognitive and related experiences" (Hodgson et al. 1996). Mental health promotion includes "strategies to promote the mental well-being of those who are not at risk, those who are at increased risk and those who are suffering or recovering from mental health problems" (WHO 2004). Mental health promotion mainly deals with the determinants of mental health. Aims to keep people healthy or become even healthier (Kalra et al. 2012). Mental health promotion aims at enhancing individual's ability to achieve psychosocial well-being and at coping with adversity. Prevention efforts in mental health tend to be directed towards populations at risk of developing mental disorders. They seek to eliminate those factors that cause or contribute to the incidence of mental illness. Mental health promotion is any action taken to maximize mental health and well-being among populations and individuals. Strategies for mental health promotion are related to improving the quality of life and potential for health rather than amelioration of symptoms and deficits. Stigma is a negative differentiation attached to some members of society who are affected by some particular condition or state (Alboleda-Florez 2008). The term stigma connotes a deep mark of shame and degradation carried by a person as a function of being a member of a devalued social group" (Hinshaw 2007). It can also be observed that the model is able to correctly predict IT employees suffering from Mental Health Disorders with 97% recall. Additional insight has gotten from the results in this experiment reveals that there was only a marginal improvement in the performance of the hybridized model when compared with the result of the parameter-tuned RF. [9]. Set of attribute data. Unsupervised ML primarily necessitates the processes of feature selection, clustering, and association rule mining [10]. According to [11], more than 30% of people suffering from major mental disorders do not seek treatment, while more than 80% of people battling with some form of mental disorder do not seek to be treated at all. The result of the study also showed the factor(s)

that determines the choice of most family planning utilization are: accessibility, availability, cost, perceived effectiveness, no side effects, past practices and from health workers. The result revealed that attitude towards family planning services utilization was significant determinant of family planning services utilization in [12].

3. Methodology

The study descriptive method provide an interaction of educating the community about mental illness, Raising awareness about mental health, Promoting a happy, healthy childhood, Reducing the exposure to violence, Reducing the use of substances such as alcohol, and illicit drugs, Supporting in coping with life's problems. It was observed that the stigmatized individual experiences social distancing, fear, rejection and ill treatment from others in the society. Resulting in stigmatization and discrimination against a person with far reaching consequences, Stigma of mental illness is exhibited by individuals, families, social groups, communities and societies, Stigma robs people of rightful opportunities for housing, employment, socialization, and marriage. Therefore, Advocacy, Educational support groups, Patient empowerment groups, Educating the community, Replacing inaccurate stereotypes and false assumptions of mental illness with facts and accurate conceptions about the illness, Increasing awareness and Change negative attitudes toward the mentally ill through direct interactions with affected persons are required.

4: RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The discussion of the finding based on Integrating Mental Health Services into Primary Health Care in this study shows that the basic services in providing mental health services in PHC involves diagnosing and treating people with mental disorders; Putting in place strategies to prevent mental disorders, Ensuring that PHC workers are able to apply key. The interviewing, counselling and interpersonal skills, in their day to day work psychosocial and behavioral science skills. To reduced chronicity and improved social integration of people with mental health conditions. For better health outcomes for people with mental disorders. Reduced stigma for people with mental disorders, and their families, To improve access to mental health

services and treatment of co-morbid physical conditions, To improved Prevention and detection of mental disorders, To improve treatment and follow-up of mental disorders

5. CONCLUSION

The social and economic burden of mental illness is increasingly visible in our communities. As responsible women of repute and labour leaders we have a responsibility to the public to deliver competent, safe, ethical, psychosocial, physical, and spiritual leadership skill to: People with mental illnesses require their caregivers, their families and communities for better health outcomes for mental health.

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