

Tevera Journal Entry Records

Entry 1: This week I was able to assist my field instructor in the case management activities. Besides accompanying her to many patient visits, I was able to help behind the scenes by tracking phone numbers and care coordinator information for patients on Medicaid. For one resident, we advocated for more frequent care giving in the home, for the other client, we advocated to get him set up with CHOICES through Medicaid. It is important to understand how programs like Medicaid can help advance human rights by providing access to medical care that patients would not be able to afford on their own.

Entry 2: On Thursday, I was able to accompany my field instructor on a home visit to meet with a hospice patient and his spouse. This visit was for the purpose of getting this patient on the CHOICES program. This patient is needing care above what his wife can provide. He is unable to afford to pay for caregivers in the home. Getting this patient signed up with CHOICES will allow for him to get state funded care giving services. This will allow him to remain living in his home. I was able to be with the patient's wife as she was participating in the intake interview. This upcoming week, I will be able to follow up with another social worker to provide support during the physical assessment. Assisting patients to get enrolled in state programs is a way of demonstrating advocating for economic justice.

Entry 3- On Friday, I was able to independently send in a referral for CHOICES, Meals on Wheels, and Homemaker services for a patient. I assisted in filling out the paperwork and submitting it to the EHTRA office that processes the applications. This patient is on a low fixed income and often has trouble caring for herself.

Field Instructor Feedback: Kaitlyn is continuing to grow in her independence and competence, and I am excited this semester to give her more responsibility! Kaitlyn did a great job completing the CHOICES application to the AAAD/ETHRA in Knoxville. Completing referrals appropriately is an important skill for her to be comfortable in regardless of what area of social work she goes into upon graduating. Kaitlyn also did a good job of being culturally sensitive and this is something we will continue to work on in the coming months.