

Discussion Week 1: Comprehensive Integrated Psychiatric Assessment

Below are my answers to the questions based on the YMH Boston *Vignette 5* video:

What did the practitioner do well? In what areas can the practitioner improve?

The Social Worker (SW) is an experienced practitioner. She was able to recap all the client narratives to validate that something is not right with the client's presenting symptoms. This eventually led the client to open up and tell her the major cause of his anger and depression — his girlfriend breaking up with him for no reason. She also asked appropriate and leading questions to capture the symptoms of depressive mood in the client and sometimes reframe her question when the client seems to not get it. For example, when she asked if the client feels edge sometimes and the client asks what you mean? She framed the question and asked do you feel angry sometimes? Conversely, the practitioner needs to ask more open-ended questions rather than questions that require yes or no answers, which could not allow the client to elaborate about his feelings in detail. According to Goto & Takemur (2016). Open-ended questions are interview skills that are effective in eliciting verbal indications of undisclosed feelings of depression and anxiety. The client would have discussed his feeling of depression and panic or anxiety attacks in detail if give that opportunity rather than rushing the client and telling him she will talk about some of the client's challenges later.

The social worker at this point in the clinical interview, do you have any compelling concerns? If so, what are they?

The SW has no doubt done a good job by asking the client about the feeling of anger suicidal ideation, which the client validated. My concern is that she should have follow-up more on these issues as a matter of safety. Besides, the client has disclosed some warning signs like