

FAMILY STIGMA WHO'S FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE SCHIZOPHRENIA

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ABSTRACT

Introduction: Schizophrenia's stigma has a serious effect for schizophrenics and their family. This stigma may worsen the relationship between a schizophrenic and normal people. Once this stigma is detected within a person, they will do anything to reject the fact. Such example is by social isolation or some extreme cases of this are being put in a stock and family's refusal in taking the proper medication. The purpose of the research is to identify the schizophrenia stigma in the inflected family. **Method:** This research is a study case descriptive with 2 research subjects. It was held in 2-27 April 2015. This research used free guidance interview to take the data with previously prepared instrument. The data was in the form of narration. **Result:** Result of this research showed that the second subject (Mr. M's family) suffered from public stigma and self stigma. These two points were indicated by labelling, separation, and discrimination on their social relationship with the neighborhood rapidly. **Discuss:** for families do not cover your self with the presence of schizophrenic at home and still socialize with their environment, as well as play an active role in their care.

Key words: stigma, family, schizophrenia

INTRODUCTION

Recently, mental disorders has become serious problem. Increase the number of mental disorders have considerable influence in the increased morbidity of a nation, as well as a decrease in the number of productivity of a country. Schizophrenia is the most severe form of functional psychosis (Ingram, 1993) which is characterized by disorganization of the personality that is severe enough, the distortion of reality and an inability to interact with daily life (Ardani, 2008). The disease is likely to continue or chronic and require treatment in the long term.

Various clinical manifestations, symptoms, and treatment of patients with schizophrenia are at cause various perceptions in society. Negative perceptions regarding patients with mental disorders are often the labeling and stereotypes for patients with mental disorders.

Baron (2002) defines stigma as the characteristics of a person that is considered negative by some other individual. NN (2014) also explained that the stigma is a marker of the disgrace that is formed on the part of someone. When someone has been labeled on their diseases, they look like a group stereotypes. The negative attitude creates a presumption that forms the negative action and discrimination.

The existence of stigma often cause negative impacts. Stigma can lower self-efficacy, self-esteem and self-concept is also owned by a person or group, without exception by a family with a mental disorder. When this happens to a family stigma, the effectiveness of the treatment and cure of patients with schizophrenia can be said to be doubtful. While the role of the family is fairly important for further treatment in dealing with this schizophrenic patients as well as to prevent recurrence.

The number of shackled person who suffer schizophrenia is quite large. The phenomenon that occurs at this time is about the denial of family to schizophrenic patients. Schizophrenic patients often ostracized by society and often for security reasons many patients shackled (Kurniawan, 2014).

In the other cases concerning the treatment of schizophrenia, there is rejection by the family toward the patient of schizophrenia. Neglect is often found in some of the services which are managed by the department of health or social services. The family did not want to take back and care for family members with schizophrenia. The results of observation the author, the patients with psychotic has improved rarely visited by family or heard from family.

Based on preliminary studies that have been conducted in 2015, recorded at least 40 psychiatric patients who are in Singosari Community Health Center and 62.5 % of these patients are schizophrenic. The existence of these patients led to differing perceptions on the surrounding community, especially among teenagers who have a negative perception of this. Some people believe that person with mental disorders (schizophrenia) scary, disgusting appearance, they do not understand when is being talked to, difficult to cure and their recovery is doubtful. One of the families of schizophrenia patients also revealed that families sometimes feel embarrassed and confused by his condition and appearance.

Based on the above description of the phenomena, it is important to do a further study on the stigma of families who have family members with schizophrenia. Formulation of the problem in this research is "How does stigma overview of families who have family members with schizophrenia?"

The purpose of the research is to describe the picture of the stigma of families who have family members with schizophrenia. This study is expected to be beneficial to health workers, the health department and social services, which is expected to assist in preparing the program which can reduce the stigma that exist in the community or family about mental disorders the stigma.

METHODS

This type of research used in this research is a case study that aims to describe (explain) the stigma of families who have family members with schizophrenia will intensively examines the stigma of the research subjects.

Subjects in this study is a 2-3 member family of two families who have family members with schizophrenia. The criteria established in this case study are as follows: Has a close relationship with a schizophrenic and is responsible for the care him/her. Live in a house with schizophrenic. Communicative

The main focus of research or focus study is the stigma of families who have family members with schizophrenia. The operational definition of the focus study, as follows stigma families who have family members with schizophrenia in this case study are the views and negative thoughts that are owned by families who have family members with

schizophrenia, which is based on the level can be classified into three, namely: public stigma , self- stigma and label avoidance. 1) Public stigma or social stigma is the negative perceptions held by the public regarding mental disorder schizophrenia that appear on people's lives and felt schizophrenic patients and his family. 2) Self -Stigma is the perception or negative view of themselves are often marked with self-esteem and low self-efficacy, lack of confidence, and a sense of self-blame that one of them as a result of the stigma that exists in society. 3) Label avoidance is an attempt to avoid the health service in order to avoid the label or stamp mental disorder given by others. This is done as a result of the stigma about mental illness, either of oneself or others

The parameters used is based on the components of stigma which consists of labeling, stereotyping, separation, loss of status, and discrimination.

Research was conducted in February 2015 at the family house who have family members with schizophrenia in Singosari Community Health Center is one of 39 health centers located in Malang East Java.

This research used the free guided interview technique. The research instrument is the questionnaire with open-ended questions that had been prepared in advance and made by researchers according to the theory of Link and Phelan (2004) of the component stigma. Research carried out by the data collection techniques such as interviews intensively and observation by visit to the home of research subjects.

In the case study used data processing nonstatistic is a qualitative analysis, that used inductive thinking process. The data has been processed will be presented in textual form and accompanied by footage of the verbal expression of the research subjects. The author will omit some dialog or sentence delivered by research subjects as supporting data to support conclusions or identification data obtained. This research used the ethics approach, included: informed consent, anonymity and confidentiality.

RESEARCH RESULT

In this study, researchers took two research subjects who have family members with schizophrenia.

1) Overview of Subject 1

Subject 1 live in a permanent house with an area ranging from 72 m². The housing conditions is fairly clean and neat with tile floors and sufficient ventilation.

The neighborhood around the house is a settlement with people who have a social relationship and concern is high enough. Various social activities in the township is also often carried out as a routine recitation and *tahlil* (Islamic religious activity)

Subject 1 in this case study is the family of Mr. S. The subject is a Muslim family with the ethnic background of Java. Mr. S is the biological father of clients. Mr. S 69. The family members Mr. S can be seen in the table 1 as follows:

Table 1. List of family members subject 1

| Initial | Age | Relation | Education | Job |
|---------|-------|------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Mr. S | 69 th | Father | Islamic secondary School | Tailor |
| Mrs. M | 65 th | Mother | Elementary | House wife |
| Mr. F | 36 th | son/client | Vocational Highschool | <i>Ojek</i> (motor cycle) driver |

Clients in the subject 1 was Mr. F. The client was 36 years old and suffered schizophrenia since 2002, is six years since graduating vocational school. At that time he became the students and pursue his Islamic studies in one of the Islamic Boarding School in Kediri.

Mr. F still experiencing hallucinations with frequency reduced and he has been able to control his hallucinations. Currently he is undergoing treatment in the way Dr. Radjiman Wediodiningrat Mental Health Hospital of Lawang. Previous history he had been treated in Dr. Radjiman Wediodiningrat Mental Health Hospital of Lawang much as 13x and 10x Saiful Anwar Hospital. He underwent treatment last in about 1 month, that is September 2014 at Dr. Radjiman Wediodiningrat Mental Health Hospital of Lawang.

2) Overview of Subject 2

Subject 2 live in permanent residential houses with an area of about 28m² or 7x4 m,

consists of two floors. Ventilation and lighting of the house can be somewhat less because of the location of the house which coincide with the house next to it. The home environment area is in the villages with a fairly dense population.

Subjects 2 in this study is the family of Mr. M. The subject is a Muslim family. Mr M is the biological father of the client, he is 63 years old, the last junior high education background and Sundanesse. Mrs. M. is the biological mother of Mr. A that directly involved in the care of Mr. A. She is 62 years old, with the last junior high education background and Javaness. The family members Mr. M can be seen from the following table 2:

Table 2 List of subjects 2 family members

| Inisial | Age | Relation | Education | Job |
|---------|--------|------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Mr. M | 63 y.o | Father | Junior High School | Merchant |
| Mrs. M | 63 y.o | Mother | Junior High School | Housewife |
| Mr. A | 63 y.o | Son/client | Junior High School | No job |

Clients in the subject 1 was Mr. A. He is the third child of four siblings who are all married. The client is 32 years and suffered from schizophrenia since 2009. He has been undergoing treatment at Dr. Radjiman Wediodiningrat Mental Health Hospital of Lawang as 1x in 2009. The treatment was not long since he ran away from this hospital.

This time he underwent treatment in the outpatient treatment of Dr. Radjiman Wediodiningrat Mental Health Hospital of Lawang but still do not comply with good treatment. With regard to this day he is still experiencing some hallucinations, such as auditory hallucinations, visions, and also smell and he still has not been able to control his hallucinations well. In addition, he also ever hurt other family members, which beat his mother up to the area around her eyes and also hit his brother

Focus Exposure Study

The focus of study in this research is the stigma of families who have family members with schizophrenia. Here is a description of the exposure of stigma on both the research subjects.

1) Subject 1

Mr. S family's always try to have positive thoughts about healing his disease. Subject had never tried to discriminate or differentiate the client from other family members. In the family, the subjects also had several children have grown up and successful, who continue to give positive support to the family for the healing process of the client until the client's wedding plans.

The exposure of the components of stigma interviews conducted on the subject 1 as follows

a) Labeling

The subjects revealed that people still give a good response to the client and his family. Society always call the client with his name and no discrimination to the family members of schizophrenia. It is a statement that reveals the subject:

"The response of people still good to my family, they understand my son condition".

The subject also revealed that the condition of the client sometimes made her sad, but she never felt shame or remorse. Subject has positive thoughts and believe that this was a test from God for their families. This is the subject said:

"I do not feel embarrassed, because this is all the trials of God. Only sometimes I feel sad, stressed by conditions like this and kept me thinking". Subject also explained that the family will never cover their schizophrenic in his family.

b) Stereotypes

Family has the perception that mental disorders experienced by members is a disease that occurs because of a trance. Families have a perception that because inside there is no family history of family members with mental disorders. The family thought that this disease is still curable. This is consistent with the statement that expresses the subject:

"I am confident that this time he has healed in shaa Allah by looking at his condition now, hopefully this is the last, because something bad that is not properly has been taken from my child. I'm sure there is not even a disease that has no cure, there must be a cure for every disease".

c) Separation

Subject says that they never felt separated from the environment, isolated, ostracized or to isolate themselves. The process

is also well established interaction between the family and society. This is the subject said:

"The process of interaction is good, my son is also aware of his condition and previously known as child friendly and courteous. He often recite Al Qur'an/prayer in mosques sometimes led the recitation in the mosque. My relationship or family are good people, people can accept me and my son".

Based on observations, people in the village subject of a fairly high level of awareness. This is shown by the attitude and friendliness of the people against the client's family.

d) Lost status

The family is still running the role and duties as normal. Mother's clients continue to have its role as a housewife, client's father run his role as head of the family and toilor, as well as clients remain a child and will soon propose to his future wife. In community activities, client and client's mother is still active in participating in various activities.

e) Discrimination

Family and client have never discriminated against or treated differently from others. Families are always seeking the best for the client and the client wants a speedy recovery. This is the subject explains:

"..They understand but do not attempt to distinguish or designated of the environment. I also attempted to apologize when my son makes mistakes on them. I always tried to do everything, and I hope in return to goodness and success for my children later."

2) Subject 2

Second subject is the family of Mr. M. In the process of interview subjects tell all about her family and her condition and occasionally the subject cries when she felt her condition. He also explained that the relationship with other family members is not good and do not understand the conditions of perceived subject and client. The exposure of the interview concerning the components of stigma on the subject as follows:

a) Labeling

Based on current observations and a description of the subject, the subject is rarely socialize with their environment unless their next home and health authorities. This is the subject saying:

"I do not know what people are says about us. I do not care others as well. It

makes me not to listening to them, do not know what their response. I also do not join with them. "

Subjects also said that he felt shame and regret with their schizophrenic in his family:

"I was crying and crying. I kept thinking of how to do something with him and his activities. He was loud and constant angry with me, like he does not want to take medication, and if he was angry sometimes hitting goods... "

In addition, the subjects makes the opinion that it is better the client (Mr.A) who died ahead than us, while other family members are still there who do not understand and care about the condition of the schizophrenic.

b) Stereotypes

In terms of stereotypes regarding their mental disorder schizophrenia, the subject stated that he did not understand the disease, the symptoms it causes, and the genetic factors and the potential reduction in these diseases are genetic. The subjects also found the disease is likely due to the existence of the problem and still be cured

c) Separation

The subjects explained that clients shunned by the local community. Subjects also explained that they are also less care for his family. The existence of these conditions and supported by the state of poor families as well as the client's condition as such, make the subject more restricted himself and clients to associate with their environment. Many communities that do not provide a response in particular to the clients. When clients talk, a lot of people do not care and leave the client. Subjects said:

"Yes someone say that A is mumbling, or say something which is no clear..."

Additionally, subjects also added:

" nobody can be trusted, sometimes they good at the only time but after that just like that... " The subjects were also limiting the client to associate with their environment.

d) Lost status

Subjects revealed no change in the role that occur in the presence of mental disorder schizophrenia. But the other explanation, the subject explained,

"His father did not want to know about things like this, housing conditions, etc. He just get to work and earn some money, work, and work. I take care and

bear all the things, nobody seem not understand. "

Based on the observations, the family tends to be the subject of a passive society. The client and his father rarely join and take part in community. This is consistent and appropriate by one of the speakers outside the research subject, namely Mr. X. He says " he has a close relationship with clients and find out how the client's life and family".

According to Mr. X, the client is a child which has limited freedom by his mother. His mother is an authoritarian where his every step and association severely restricted and monitored. The client's mother did not want the client to have too close a relationship with others. Mr. X also argues that the restrictions made by his mother to make the client more stress and frustration with life. So with these restrictions, also rarely socialize and follow the activities on the environment.

e) Discrimination

The subject explains that the public is less caring to client and being picky, especially in people with a family less fortunate and are characterized as clients. The subjects revealed that people tend to talk about something in the back and there are some people who initially close to be so much for no apparent reason and a definite problem.

DISCUSSION

Based on the presentation, it can be concluded that there is no negative stigma towards clients and research subjects. The public has a positive assessment and showed sympathy to the family and the client schizophrenia. Subjects also have a good attitude towards the client and there is no stigma and negative thoughts to himself.

This is not in accordance with the opinion of Been Zeev et al (2010) which explains that a psychiatric disorder is havoc in the life of someone who has the disorder. Gullekson in Florez and Sartorius (2008) also revealed that stigma is a loss, which resulted in the issue of unresolved grief which could also lead to mistrust other people and families will bear the effect of the continuation of the effects of the stigma (Dubin & Fink, 1992; Fink & Tassman, 1992).

Some of the things that allow influential that stigma does not occur, such as: the existence of a good reception from the family, the factors of good socialization, family support

and social identity are positive, and environmental conditions that support that is the people who have a concern is high enough to each other.

In theory and the concept model of consistency of the cultural heritage of Spector RE: Cultural diversity in health and illness ed. 3 in Potter and Perry (2005) explains that there are several factors that can affect the socialization factor. These factors, namely: cultural factors, religion, and ethnicity. In addition, several important points were involved in it, namely: a large family and its role in raising a person, place of residence and raised, and the name they owned.

Based on the exposure it can be concluded that the subject 2 experienced public stigma and self-stigma. This is indicated by the presence of some components of stigma experienced, that their labeling, lost of status, discrimination and separation from society. Based on interviews, the subjects also had low self-esteem and to restrict themselves to the social environment.

This is consistent with the theory described by Passman (2010), which explains that the negative experiences of stigmatization and discrimination result in a person fear of rejection, impaired self-efficacy, and someone could act more defensive, the decline in confidence, or sometimes avoid social interaction.

With self stigma and publicly stigma owned by the subject can be caused by several factors. These factors, among others: poor social identity, lack of socialization factors, and family support as the main support system is inadequate.

Social identity according to Goffman (1963) is the appearance that helps a person assess and put others first, and their social life and regular repetition will explain which of these categories is expected (Larsen & Lubkin, 2009). Social identity includes a variety of characteristics, such as: gender, name, self-concept, ideology, interpersonal relationships, custom attributes, and ethnic or religious affiliation (Baron & Byrne, 2004).

The existence of discrimination by the society makes these families increasingly withdraw from social life. Link and Phelan (2001) explains, there are five components of stigma: labeling, stereotyping, separation, missing status (status loss), and discrimination. Link (2001) in Green et al (2005) found that

labeling is a recognition of difference and determination of social protrusion of the discrepancy. Involvement labeling not only on the perception that someone is different, but also on the determination of the differences in social meaning. Rosenhan (1973; Foster, 2005) revealed that as in the case of psychiatry, for example schizophrenia, when the person has been labeled with schizophrenia and schizo impressions are formed, then the views or other people's expectations of the person will be forever.

Another characteristic of social identity which refers to the emergence of stigma is a factor of interpersonal relationships. There are various things that can affect or change the social identity, such as the inability or 'disability' which could potentially form the stigma (Markowits, 1998; Larsen & Lubkin, 2009). Interpersonal relationships in the family is quite less because of the family that limits itself to socialize with their environment. Besides this, the symptoms shown clients, lack of family support as the main support system and role dysfunction can further lower sense of confidence in solving this problem.

Subjects also had ever a problem with the social environment, it may cause him more shy with their surroundings. Their negative experiences of stigmatization and discrimination result in a person fear of rejection, impaired self-efficacy, and someone could act more defensive, the decline in confidence, or sometimes avoid social interaction (Passman, 2010).

CONCLUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION

Conclusion

Based on the exposure results and discussion, it can be concluded that:

On the subject 1 of family research Mr. S did not reveal any stigma associated with schizophrenia in their client families. This is supported by the good perception of the family, good socialization factors, family support and positive social identity, as well as environmental conditions favorable for that is the people who have a fairly high awareness of each other

On the subject 2 of family research Mr. M suffered the stigma of public stigma and self-stigma. This is indicated by the presence of some components of stigma felt by family, namely: labeling, separation, loss of status, and

discrimination. Families also have the self-confidence is low and resulted in more families avoid the social interaction with the environment. It can be influenced by several factors, among others: poor social identity, lack of socialization factors, and family support as the main support system is inadequate.

Recommendation

For health professionals, health services and social services related with the stigma of families who have family members with schizophrenia, it is expected health personnel both health centers, health departments, or agencies associated establish a program to reduce the stigma of schizophrenia in the community or the family of the patient, such as health education and advertising and propaganda assessed can reduce the stigma about schizophrenia.

Family, expected families do not cover yourself with the presence of schizophrenic at home and still socialize with their environment, as well as play an active role in their care.

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