

The Lake Assignment

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This podcast focuses on child neglect, social justice, and the nurse's role in involving the state. After listening, answer the following questions completely. You must include at least 1 scholarly source within the last 5 years that addresses child abuse or removing children from parental custody to support your opinion in at least one of the questions. This source must be properly cited with in-text citations and the full citation must be provided in APA format. **Total word-count for this assignment is to be no less than 700 words** (this only applies to the content of your answers, not the questions or citations).

1. Do you think that investigators (DCFS/police) made assumptions based on the social status of Amanda and Maurice?
 - No because investigators like DCFS/police must take everything into consideration which includes their background. I think it could play a role into the investigation, but I do not think they made assumptions based on their social status.
2. Based on your knowledge of psychotropic medications, do you think it was appropriate for investigators to interrogate Amanda after she received 3 different medications while admitted in an inpatient psych unit? (This occurs around 11 mins in).
 - Psychotropic medications affect how the brain function by altering perceptions and consciousness. These are given to target symptoms the client may have, such as delusional thinking, panic attacks, or hallucination (Videbeck, 2020). Before the interview, the doctors had given her three different medications, and she was then interviewed for 7 hours. Right after administering these drugs, I do not think she shouldn't have been interviewed. Psychotropic medications interact with the brain in many ways, and if this was her first time taking the medications, especially three different ones, they don't know how she could react to them.
3. Based on Maurice's testimony (about 15 mins in) regarding his behavior with Amanda's children, do you think he was acting maliciously or using poor judgment during the day of the accident?
 - I think Maurice had malicious intent because he has said he does not want them around on many different occasions due to the children not fitting in with their lifestyle. When he parked on the boat ramp, he stated he was trying to scare the children about driving into the water. This was malicious and led to them ending up in the water and drowning the three children. When Amanda was interviewed, police stated she nodded when asked if Maurice wished to harm the children. In another statement in the podcast, they both have said they want to eliminate their children so they can move and have a life of their own without children. I don't think

these actions of past incidence could lead to this poor judgment. He is abusive, and he would play harmful pranks on the children. For example, in the podcast, Maurice said he was acting like he would drive into the water to scare the kids as a prank, and on another occasion, he put one of the children in an oven.

4. Do you think there was a racial bias that impacted Maurice's sentence more than Amanda's?
 - Racial bias could have impacted his sentence slightly, but I think since he was the driver, and he has also had another prosecution of child endangerment, he should've gotten more years. He has a history of abuse and has said things about not wanting children. Amanda did run to get help by calling 911, and he didn't contact or even try to get them out. So, I think the charges were okay for both of their situations.
5. Since Amanda was convicted of child endangerment, do you think she has the right to have additional children after serving her time in prison?
 - Since she served her time, then DCSF should monitor her. I do not think Amanda's children should have had her kids taken. Anyone who comes out of prison should have the right to change and start a new life. If they decide to go the same route, there should be consequences.
6. Do you think the hospital staff had the right to notify DCFS that Amanda Hamm had more children? What about the father's rights?
 - The hospital staff should notify DCSF of her situation, but she didn't have any allegations with the new children to have them call DCSF. They did not have any abuse or neglect shown toward the three children removed from their custody. If there was an issue while they were in the hospital, DCSF should have been called, but there wasn't. I do not think the children should have been taken away. The father had nothing to do with her past incidences, so he should've had the right to keep them and not take them away.
7. What is your opinion on "anticipatory neglect" in this case? Do you think that the courts ruled in the benefit of the Hamm-Ware children in this case?
 - Anticipatory neglect is in the case when neglect could occur. In this case, my opinion of anticipatory neglect is that it could happen again with Amanda's new children. Amanda's past child endangerment allegations resulted in these actions being reported in this situation. So, having DCFS check on them and having them show up to family court occasionally would have benefitted more than having custody taken from the parents. Amanda and Leo were supposed to go to therapy and have drug tests. Although they participated and attended, a few slip-ups could put the children

at risk for future danger. DCSF and the court ruled to protect the children from future engagement. Still, Amanda should get a second chance with ongoing monitoring since there were no previous issues with this new situation. Specific requirements include going to therapy and counseling and participating in things that involve healing from the past and keeping her children safe. I do not believe the courts ruled for the benefit of the Hamm-Ware children because they have not had any recent cases in which the children should've been taken.

References

Videbeck, S.L. (2020). *Psychiatric mental health nursing* (8th ed.). Wolters Kluwer.

The Lake Assignment Rubric N433: Clinical Learning Activity

Debriefing Journal Rubric Minimum Words: 100 per question

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<p>Concise and Complete</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total: 3 points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content is incomplete. • Major points are not clear and /or persuasive <p style="text-align: center;">1 point</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content is not comprehensive and / or persuasive. • Major points are addressed, but not well supported. • Research is inadequate or does not address course concepts. <p style="text-align: center;">2 points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content is comprehensive, accurate, and persuasive. • Major points are stated clearly and are well supported. • Content and purpose of the writing are clear. <p style="text-align: center;">3 points</p>
<p>Thoughtful Reflection - How will this affect your practice?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total: 10 points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper lacks many elements of correct formatting. • Paragraphs are inadequate or excessive in length. • Unspecific as to how simulation meets learning objectives. <p style="text-align: center;">1 point</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper follows most guidelines. • Paper is under word length. • Lacks some specifics as to how simulation meets learning objectives. <p style="text-align: center;">5 points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper follows designated guidelines. • Paper is the appropriate length as described for the assignment. • States clearly as to how simulation meets learning objectives. <p style="text-align: center;">10 points</p>
<p>APA Format Correct spelling/Grammar.</p> <p>At least 1 scholarly reference required.</p> <p>Each question is answered with at least 100 words</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total: 10 points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of APA format. • Paper contains numerous grammatical, punctuation, and spelling errors. • Language uses jargon or conversational tone • Lack of APA citation use and Reference page if references used. • 2-3 questions do not meet the 100-word requirement <p style="text-align: center;">1 point</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inappropriate APA format. • Paper contains few grammatical, punctuation and spelling errors. • Language lacks clarity or includes the use of some jargon or conversational tone. • Inappropriate APA citation use and reference page if references used. • 3 questions meet the 100-word requirement <p style="text-align: center;">5 points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct APA format • Use of 1 scholarly reference • Rules of grammar, usage, and punctuation are followed; spelling is correct. • Language is clear and precise; sentences display consistently strong, varied structure • Correct APA citation and reference page if references used. • All questions meet the 100-word requirement <p style="text-align: center;">10 points</p>
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