

Ester Pineda

Generalist SW Practice I

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Due date: 3/31/21

Process Recording

Case Notes

Screening conducted by Epineda.

Intake patient: CL

Intake interview date: 2/27/21

Patient: CL  
Age: 38 years old  
Gender: Male  
Race: Hispanic  
Ethnicity: Mexican  
Orientation: Confused  
Occupation: Unemployed  
Address: Undomiciled  
Status: M/D/S Single  
Religion: Pentecostal  
Children: None  
Insurance: None

<b>Content/ Descripti on of Transact ion</b>	<b>Skill Used</b>	<b>Reaction Thoughts/Feelings</b>	<b>Supervisor's Comments</b>	
Epineda	Good afternoon CL. Please follow me. My name is Ester. I am a social worker and I will be asking you a few questions, so that we can determine if you will be admitted and how your treatment will go.	Showing respect	I wondered how a good looking young man ended up like this.	Great intro
Epineda	CL why are you here today?	Probing Question	None	
CL	I have a gambling	Critical Listening	If he knew and understood his	How do you view addiction?

	addiction. I cant hold on to any money. Right now I have \$70 in my pocket and if it werent because i'm here i'd be out there spending it. I am unable to keep a roof over my head. I am broke and homeless and I am only 38 years old. This is not how life should be.		addiction so well why wasnt he able to beat it?	Do you believe it is a disease?
Epineda	So how do you think its supposed to be?	Leading question	My thought was, I just asked such a rhetorical question. I immediately realized that it was not a rethorical question, because it gave the client an opportunity to voice and hear his expectations.	Good question
CL	I should have money and an apartment and a way to help my family. I make a lot of money when I work, but I cant hold on to any of it.	Active Listening	Hind Sight is 20/20	
Epineda	What type of	Probing question	None	

	work do you do?			
CL	I work in construction. In the summer time the money is really good. Its the only time that I can keep a room, but as soon as I get a break, I spend every penny. Right now I have \$70 in my pocket. All I can think about is spending it.	Sympathetic Listening	I felt his powerlessness.	
Epineda	I appreciate your honesty. May I ask you a question?	Probing question	none	
CL	Sure	Active Listening	none	
Epineda	Would you say that sometimes you win enough to break even?	Probing question	I was trying to get him to see the futility his addiction	Tell me more. What were you attempting to do?
CL	Never. But that doesnt change he fact that I am still going to try. I have an addictive personality. I do everything compulsively, eat, drink, gamble clean. It doesnt matter what it is.	Sympathetic listening	Wow. This man really understands himself.	How can the patients insight help him or hinder his treatment?
EPineda	Its good that you know this	Probing question	none	

	about yourself. Have you seen a mental health professional about this?			
CL	No. I know I need to see a psychiatrist but my money is always being used for something else. Do you think I can see the psychiatrist here?	Empathetic Listening	Again, I felt his powerlessness	
Epineda	Yes. If admitted you will speak to the psychiatrist.  Are you married or single? What religion do you belong to? What pronouns do you prefer Have you been here before? What is your sexual orientation?	Open ended questions	none	
CL	I am single. I am a Christian. Male pronouns. I know I am a man, but sometimes I am a little confused about my orientation. I dont think I'm	Empathy	I felt bad for him	

	gay.			
Epineda	Do you consider yourself bi-sexual?	Open ended questioning	curious	
CL	I dont know	Active Listening	none	Do you believe he understood the question?
Epineda	Ok. How old were you when you started gambling. Also, do you use other substances?	Open ended questions	curious	
CL	<p>I have used cocaine, marijuana, cigarettes, pills.</p> <p>As a teenager I was addicted to video games in my country, I just didnt realize it. It got bad once I got to the U.S. I was 18, my addiction became very very bad, I guess, its because I was able to make money.</p> <p>I've used cocaine, marijuana, liquor, pills, but I lose interest after a while. Everything requires money and all my</p>	Critical listening	Not everything that glitters is gold. He came to the land of opportunity only to land in addiction because of the opportunity.	Was that the reason he came to the US? How would you proceed with this person?

	money goes towards gambling. I would rather gamble than eat.			
Epineda	So... if I understand you correctly, you have left all our other vices to concentrate on gambling correct? and you will gamble as long as you have money?  When is the last time you gambled?	Rephrasing	none	
Carlos	Yesterday	Active Listening	none	
Epineda	CL, have you ever suffered something so traumatic in your life that it affects your life even now?	Probing	Curious	
Carlos	Yes. I was raped by my uncle when I was 7. I think that's when all the bad things in my life began. I don't think I'm gay, but I don't know if I am not because I've prostituted myself so that I could have gambling	Sympathy and empathy	I was appalled. Who does that to a 7 yr old. Now this man's life is so scarred he can't even figure it out.	How do you feel that the patient was able to trust you in admissions and was able to reveal this personal information?

	money and sometimes I find men very attractive. My religion forbids homosexuality.			
Epineda	If you had the opportunity to set your religion aside, would you say that you are a homosexual?	Open-ended and probing question	I wondered if he would be willing to admit to his preference, but I guess some things are so ingrained in us we cant escape them.	What made you continue to focus on his sexuality?
CL	I dont know. Right now I just want to focus on getting rid of this addiction.	Critical Listening	I feel that CL is sincere, but I dont know if he is committed.	
Epineda	Have you been here before? Have you completed any rehabs or detoxes in the past?	Close ended questions	CL seemed to be more interested in making excuses for his behavior than owning up to it.	
CL	I came here once before, but I didnt stay. No, I havent done any of those	Active listening	None	
Epineda	Do you have medical insurance and a doctor?	Closed ended questioning	None	
CL	No	Active listening	None	
Epineda	These are my last questions.	Closed ended question	Addiction robs you of your	How do you feel asking

	<p>1. Do you have any legal (criminal) charges?</p> <p>2. Are you a registered sex offender</p> <p>3. Do you have a cell phone or any property with you?</p>		dignity and your privacy	these questions?
CL	No to everything you asked. When you are addicted to gambling you have nothing.	Empathy	CL's attitude is so defeated. I wish I could help him see a better future for himself.	If you were given the opportunity to work with him, where would you begin?
Epineda	Well CL, I've gotten all the answer I need. Thank you for taking the time to talk to me. I wish you all the best.	Expressing gratitude	I was relieved that the screening was over. I felt sad for CL. I really believe that he wants to be clean, but his addiction his a monster that he nurses.	

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