

Abstract

The thesis entitled “The directions of the development of the rehabilitation services for the disabled in the next decade (B.E. 2549-2558) a case study of the Social Development and Welfare Department with the Ethnographic Delphi Future Research (EDFR) technique” has employed the future research form with EDFR technique with seventeen specialists who have been working or have experiences related to the disabled in various fields. The objective of the study is to study the rehabilitation services for the disabled of the Social Development and Welfare Department currently available, desired trend to manage the rehabilitation services for the disabled in the views of the specialists in the next decade (B.E. 2549-2558) and to try the EDFR research technique for analysis of efficiency in the interviews with EDFR in this study. Questionnaires and interviews are employed to collect the data and the statistical analyses employed are frequency distribution, percentage, standard deviation, median, mode and range between quartiles.

The study found that the current condition of the development of the rehabilitation services for the disabled are agreed by most specialists that both private and public agencies have nowadays made devotion and development to the services provided to the disabled related to the rehabilitation work and welfare for the disabled continuously but the economic condition of the country, both public and private sectors have been running short of the budget to undertake the work seriously and efficiently for the disabled. For the directions of the development of the rehabilitation services for the disabled in the next decade, the specialists have believed that the outcome are reached the objectives because the disabled have more opportunities to study and educate. The modern academic progress, the technological progress, the media development, facilities, policies and plans have actually develop the career and employment of the disabled grow with efficiency towards the development of the rehabilitation services for the disabled. For efficiency analysis on the interviews with EDFR, it is found that the interviews with EDFR was efficient and the outcome from the interviews could be

employed to construct a questionnaire later. The researcher should arrange the preparation to interview the interviewees to ensure their understanding of the objectives of the study, form of the interview and the interviewer is required to have techniques and skills for data collection.

Recommendations from the study The Rehabilitation Center for the disabled should be developed to become an international rehabilitation center for the disabled, improve the budget system with focus on the result, prepare the master plan on the profession and improvement on the new curriculum, arrange an efficient monitoring and assessment system, promote the professional and local cooperation network, as well as mental training for the disabled for ethics, morals and social responsibility.