

Abstract

As the community based rehabilitation (CBR) project was conducted in Phutthamonton District, Nakornpathom Province, Thailand. Consciousness or intentionality of the 11 CBR participants/workers as well as positive and negative conditions of such CBR phenomena were explored by phenomenology approach. Tape recordings of discussion and activities in CBR, depth interviews, autobiographical narratives, tracing from secondary data and participatory observation of researcher were undertaken as data gathering. Typology analysis and thematic analysis were administered on those data for constructing a coding frame and interpretation.

The research results illustrated 11 types and 2 levels of consciousness or intentionality of those participants which supported for being and sustainability of CBR. In addition, the past life experiences as autobiographical narratives, facilitating conditions as critical sharing, equality of communication and direct practice orientation of CBR participants were related to their formations of consciousness and making meaning. Meanwhile there were many negative conditions which have still challenged to being of CBR.

The findings reflected that these types and levels of consciousness/intentionality supportably existed under CBR phenomena and could not be seen by the past conventional approach. An alternative perspective towards CBR and disability was expanded and differently redefined from the traditional concept. Thus, the new definition of CBR is the homogeneity of diverse consciousness of community members for emancipatory and equal life of persons with powerless within unequal daily life world.