

Abstract

The study on “Self-Empowerment Guideline on Elderly Caregiving of Village Health Volunteers : Samutsakhon Province” aims to study (1) elderly caregiving performance of village health volunteers (volunteers); (2) volunteer attitudes on elderly caregiving; and (3) volunteer attitudes on self-empowerment for elderly caregiving. The population was 132 village health volunteers in Samutsakhon Province and the study tool was the questionnaire. The data was analyzed by the SPSS; the statistics included frequency distribution, percentage, mean, standard deviation, Chi-square, t-test and One-Way ANOVA. The study results appear as follows.

Most volunteers were female, aged 41-50 years, and had lower secondary education. Their occupations were farming, rice farming, paddy farming, live stocking; incomes between 10,001-15,000 baht; the number of elderly under responsibility was 1-3. Their performance on knowledge providing and visiting was at the high level; the referral was at the low level. The volunteer attitude on elderly caregiving in the community was at the high level; their attitude on self-empowerment for elderly caregiving was at the high level as well. From the hypothesis testing on relationships between their personal factors and attitudes, it was found that educational level, income and the number of elderly under responsibility were different at the statistic significant level of 0.05. In terms of their attitudes on self-empowerment for elderly caregiving, it was found that educational level, occupation, income and the number of elderly under responsibility were different at the statistic significant level of 0.05.

With regard to the recommendations on elderly caregiving performance of village health volunteers related to referral services, Samutsakhon Provincial Health Office should establish strategies on enhancing volunteers' self confidence and proud. Hence, they are able to perform their duties efficiently and effectively. Their educational backgrounds should be adjusted to the same level in order to support empowerment.