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The Principles of Funding of the Public and Voluntary Formalised Solidarity in the Social Care Services in the Czech Republic

Abstract:

The social care services are a specific system within the social protection system. Opposed to the public benefit systems they allow the coexistence of public and voluntary solidarity.

There are many welfare state models and systems of cooperation of the public and NGOs in Europe. These models offer differently formed relationships of their entities. This thesis raises the question of finding a more convenient organisation of the whole system of the social care services in the Czech Republic where the problem is currently being discussed

The objective of the thesis is to find possibilities of public and voluntary solidarity in the social care services settings and to suggest ways for their cooperation. The research is mainly based on qualitative methods. Firstly, the causal links of statistical nature from the fields of demography, social relations and economics are introduced. In the next step a combination of methods of in depth interviews and expert discussions is used. They focus on public solidarity and regulation in the system. The last research step brings 3 case studies with examples of the best practice in financing of NGOs in the social care services system.

The first result describes the possibilities of the social care services funding principles settings, and it includes the impacts on the neighbouring areas of the social care services (system management, the role and competencies of public entities, entitlements to social care, quality and availability guarantee, client-provider relations).

The second result consists of a description of the best practice. This study describes the NGOs social services funding by self-financing. We can identify three main types of the self-financing principles. There are:

- well-balanced funding resources: public funding, client payments, strong fundraising and entrepreneurship
- raising the added value of the hotels for the elderly endorsed by the social care services
- co-funding based on entrepreneurship aimed on other areas than the original mission of the NGO.

Only marginally, the entrepreneurship entities in the social care are discussed due to legal regulation which does not yet exist in an ideal form. Despite that there are several organisations built on this principle.

Key words:

Public Solidarity, Social Care Services, Non-Governmental Organisation, Funding of Social Services, Deregulation of Social Services, Elderly Care