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**Custody of people with a mental disorder** is the first book which comprehensively describes practical performance of custodian's activities and reflects the change of paradigm of the custody institution. The author PhDr. Lubica Juříčková, Ph.D. works as the representative of the Head of Department of Social Medicine and Health Policy at Faculty of Medicine at Palacký University in Olomouc. She specializes in andragogy, medical management, public medicine and human sources in medicine. She deals with this issue in the long term view. The author doc. PhDr. Kateřina Ivanová, Ph.D. is the Head of Department of Social Medicine and Health Policy at Faculty of Medicine at Palacký University in Olomouc. Her specialization is sociology, social medicine and public medicine. She organized a conference on social and legal custody of adults in 2003. The author PhDr. ThLic. Ing. Jaroslav Filka works at Cyril and Methodius Faculty of Theology, Department of Pastoral and Spiritual Theology, Palacký University in Olomouc. He specializes in Christian spirituality studies. He deals with issues of traditional forms of piety. He also devotes to certain issues from iconography and the new evangelization.

The authors compiled the issue of custody of people with a mental disorder comprehensively ranging 160 pages in five chapters. The first chapter describes the phenomenon of custody in the form of institutionalization custody in general. Subchapters define basis for institutionalization custody and recent form of institutionalization custody. Legal documents to support people with a mental disorder are described briefly and clearly in the first chapter.

In the second chapter the authors evaluate health and social context of custody. Terms such as mental health and normality of mental health are defined here. This chapter also includes clinical forms of mental disorders. The health context introduces readers into the field of psychiatric care. The care in psychiatric ambulances and its development as well as the care in inpatient facilities is described here. The authors deal with the issue of social care of people with a mental disorder. Statistics on the number of patients and the number of facilities, which offer health and social care, is described in details and gives a reader a clear overview.

The third chapter deals with the system of custody in practice. The authors describe the process of administration on legal capability and the scheme of custody very accurately. The chapter is supplemented by charts with results from research of Palacký University specialists, who found out data on the cherished as to the age, sex, psychiatric diagnoses and court decisions. Similarly, the results of this research regarding the guardians are represented and described here.

The fourth chapter called "Performance of Public Custody in Practice" indicates results of the follow-up research from 2011, which comprehensively describes the most frequently performed activities of guardians and identifies problems at performing the guardianship. Part of this chapter is practical advice from public guardians including recommendations at dealing and communication in the relationship of the guardian and the cherished. The authors highlight the insufficient communication between guardians and the cherished. As the authors mention, the number of families who are willing and capable to look after a family member decreases, which is caused by the changing social and economical situation. The authors see the problems also in the field of legal definition of custody which is insufficient.

The last chapter points out prognosis and perspectives of custody development. Many thoughts are valuable for the improvement of the custody institute level. These thoughts include proposals for changes of the system of care of people with a mental disorder, reforms of psychiatric care and transformation of social services. The authors reflect on demographic conditionality of custody development. The conclusion of the book includes anchoring of the custody performance according to the new Civil Code which defines clear regulations for custody performance.

The book is elaborated very clearly, provides theoretical and mainly practical view on custody of people with a mental disorder. Descriptive and graphical processing of results of mentioned researches and the review in legal anchoring of custody institute enable the reader to gain a comprehensive overview on this topic. The book can be recommended to public admi-

nistration employees, executive power employees, social employees, guardians and other people interested in custody of people with a mental disorder.

I would recommend further description of the issue of custody in social services, which is very wide and offers many impulses for custody evaluation. I miss a description of the custody institute in a psychological context and a deeper analysis of quality of relations between guardians and the cherished. Appendix „Research on Custody of Palacký University (2009–2011)“ does not include detailed description of preparation and realization of the research, which could be useful in further theoretical and practical application.

The publication proposes a reader the issue of custody, which has not been compiled in such a comprehensive, brief and clear way yet. The connection of mentioned theoretical concepts with a practical view on the guardian performance is unique.

Applied literature offers a review of sources, which can inspire readers. The basic orientation in the issue is assured by an overview of terms connected to the topic listed at the end of the book.

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