Psychiatric mental health care is moving rapidly into the community setting. For this project/report, you will need to visit a community mental health center (or obtain the information online) and discuss the following:

* Identify services provided by the agency
* Determine the referral process
* Identify the members of the treatment team (by discipline) and the roles that they serve
* Identify the source(s) of funding for the services provided
* Description of the population served by the agency

Suggested community mental health agencies:

 Columbia Area Mental Health

 Lexington County Mental Health

 LARADAC

 Rosewood Clubhouse

You also need to address the following:

* Characteristics of a health community
* Concepts of care associated with primary prevention, secondary prevention, and tertiary prevention
* Populations at risk for mental illness within a community
* Services provided by community mental health centers and community support groups
* Role of the nurse in community mental health
* Resources needed in a community that promote mental health

Finally, you need to write a position paper that addresses the following:

* The role of community mental health centers in the treatment of mental illness
* The possibility of preventing mental illness
* The role of the nurse in a community mental health setting
* How would your family feel about a group home for individuals with a mental illness moving into your neighborhood?
* Describe an innovative psychiatric nursing service you could provide for the mentally ill in your community.

The paper is a minimum of 5 typed (12 font) double spaced pages. Identify the professional resources (i.e. internet, textbooks, journals etc.) you used to formulate your position and to respond to the areas addressed. The position paper is your view and is neither right nor wrong. Be sure you support your views. See chapter 27

**Rubric for Community Agency Report (30 points)**

Description of community agency 5

Characteristics, concepts of care, populations at risk, services provided, and the role of the nurse in a community mental health setting 15

Description of innovative psychiatric nursing intervention for care of the mentally ill in the community 4

Position paper 6

**IF ANY OF THE HIGHLIGHTED AREAS ABOVE ARE MISSING, THE PAPER IS NOT A MINIMUM OF 5 PAGES, OR REFERENCES ARE NOT CITED USING APA FORMST, POINTS WILL BE DEDUCTED**