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POSITION PAPER

by Assoc. Prof. Albena Taneva, PhD

in reference with a dissertation thesis for awarding a scientific and educational degree „PhD“ in a field of higher education 3.3 Political Sciences (Public administration), PhD Program of the Department Sofia University Public Administration Department

Statement prepared as a member of a scientific jury as required by RD № 38-231/14.05.2021 of the Rector of Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”

Doctoral student: Emmanouil Bempekidis, enrolled in a full-time form of the PhD programme of the Department of Public Administration at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"

Topic of the dissertation thesis: Public Health, National Health System in Greece during the Economic Crisis and Satisfaction of Citizens from the Services Provided

1. General characteristics of the presented dissertation

The presented dissertation has a total volume of 212 pages, of which the main narrative part is 187 pages, 53 of which present in detail the empirical results of own research and 21 pages for bibliography of the cited 236 sources in Greek and English, regulations and electronic publications. The structure of the dissertation follows the classical approach in three chapters, introduction and conclusion.

The topic of the dissertation is relevant in its practical and theoretical significance, exploring aspects of health policy and in particular in the organization of hospital care in times of economic crisis. The analysis is developed along the lines of the concept of fairness and satisfaction in the categories of management theory and in particular that of leadership. PhD

student Bebekidis has achieved a systematic review of interpretations and use of the concepts of fairness and satisfaction in relation to the subject of the study, namely the quality of hospital care as a function of the management approach in a hospital in relation to the overall picture of the health care system.

Evaluation of the obtained results

As the supervisor of Emanuel Bebekidis's dissertation, I must highlight his high motivation to work on the chosen topic, desire and ability to advance in conceptualization, to accept critical remarks and to be able to integrate them into the already constructed structure of the text. The initial impetus for the dissertation project, namely the state of various aspects of the Greek health care system, set primarily by the state of the issue in reality is preserved, but was placed in the focus of a clear methodological framework and conceived through the prism of key public administration concepts.

In this way, Emanuel Bebekidis managed to achieve a synthesis between his initial impressions of the functioning of the Greek health system with selected and analyzed data from publications based on various studies, well studied by him in connection with his own dissertation research. On this basis, he carried his own relatively limited study of a segment of the Greek hospital care system in relation to health policy conclusions.

The overall analysis in the dissertation is systematically linked to two important concepts for the subject of the research, namely that of fairness and satisfaction as the main categories of the analysis. The results are defended in the context of classical and modern analyzes of this issue within a valid limitation for the dissertation research. The results achieved have a clear contributing character both for the theory and for the practices in the field of healthcare and in particular the organization of the hospital care.

Evaluation of scientific and scientific-applied contributions

The claimed scientific contributions can be accepted and are adequate at the level of analysis. Three publications on the topic of the dissertation are presented, which demonstrate the consistent interest of the doctoral student in the subject of his research and ability to consider specific problems arising from the practice within the categories of public

administration in the field of health care. They are articles based on participation in three international scientific conferences. All publications are in the topic of the scientific field of the dissertation. They reflect significant results of his work (namely on the issues of administrative fairness and healthcare system in Greece and the understanding of possible improvement of hospital management based on the leadership approach). The dissertation covers the requirements for successful completion of the procedure.

Evaluation of the abstract

The abstract presents exactly the content of the dissertation in its general sense and conclusions, as well as the exposition of each of the chapters. It correctly describes and highlights the main contributions of the dissertation.

Conclusion:

The dissertation, abstract, publications and participations in scientific forums presented by doctoral student Emanuel Bebekidis give grounds for positive assessment and finding that they meet the requirements for awarding the educational and scientific degree PhD in the scientific field 3.3 Political Science (Public Administration). I will vote "FOR" the award of the educational and scientific degree of Doctor to Emanuel Bebekidis.

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