University of Phoenix Material

**Latonya Wilkes Scenario**

**Part 1:**

**Complete** the following matrix as a team.

**Imagine** that the individual described below is a family member, and you are responsible for his or her care. Using the table, you must identify what benefits, services, or agencies you would seek out or choose for the individual at each unique stage of his or her life. Consider what is available locally as well as what may be available in other parts of the state or country.

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| **Individual** | **Stage 1** | **Stage 2** | **Stage 3** | **Stage 4** |
| Latonya Wilkes | Ms. Latonya Wilkes is 55 years old, educated, and a retired banker. She has three grandchildren and four grown adult children she adopted. She recently lost her husband due to cancer, and she herself is a breast cancer survivor. She is a social butterfly, and sold her home so that she can move into 55+ retirement community. | Latonya is now 78, and she is of sound mind and body. She enjoys her adult children (most of them still visit on a regular basis). She sees all 10 of her grandchildren. She recognizes that she loves her independence; however, the 55+ community may not meet her future health care and social needs. She is considering moving into a continuing care retirement community such as Patriot’s Landing. The benefit is that she can live in a cottage by herself and still use all of the amenities of the main facility. She is experiencing some aches and pains. She felt a lump in her left groin area and is concerned her cancer might be back. She is really worried and schedules an appointment with her doctor. | Latonya recently married a gentleman named John Lakes. John is a resident of Patriots Landing and is 92 years old. They decided to move into the main facility. Latonya is very happy these days and enjoys spending time with her new husband. They are the talk of the town as they go everywhere together. Her cancer is back, and she undergoing treatment for her cancer. She is scheduled for surgery in December. | Latonya and John are enjoying the holiday season. Latonya is expecting her children to visit this week and next week. She has decorated her home and all of her shopping is finally done. John is quietly participating the holidays and is excited to see Latonya’s grandchildren. He is also looking forward to seeing her son, whom he has not seen since their wedding. Married life agrees well with Latonya and John.  Latonya is undergoing hospice care and elected not to have the surgery because the surgery would leave her disfigured. On January 15th, Latonya takes her last breath and dies in John’s loving arms. The celebration of life ceremony is beautiful and enjoyed by all. A slide show portrays the loving life of Latonya in full detail. |
| Per stage, **write** a 200- to 300-word explanation of the following:   * Potential benefits, services, and agencies you would seek out and choose for Latonya * Why did you make your choices? Provide rationale. | For a loved one that has lost a spouse or partner, I would make sure that they are connected to a hospice care service. Hospice care services are usually provided for those that are terminally ill, but one of the benefits that they provide is supporting the family of the patient as well. They “provide bereavement care and counseling to surviving family and friends” (National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, 2019).  Since Latonya is a breast cancer survivor, I would make sure that she has connected with a local cancer support group. “Research shows that joining a support group improves both quality of life and survival” (National Cancer Institute, 2019). Not only does she get to socialize with other people, but she can connect and lean on others that have gone through the same experience she has. According to the National Cancer Institute (2019), “support groups can help you feel better, more hopeful, and not so alone, gives you a chance to talk about your feelings and work through them, help you deal with practical problems” (para 2).  With all the changes that Latonya has experienced lately, it is important that she receives support for these changes. Latonya has recently retired and has decided to move into a retirement community. To help her transition into retirement, I would make sure that she receives support via different avenues. There are “midlife transition groups that can connect people going through the same thing at the same time to help normalize the process” (Collamer, 2016). According to Collamer (2016), “AARP runs free, in-person workshops that help guide you through a process of personal  reflection, introspective exercise, and conversation designed to help you decide what’s next” (para 12). As she is a social butterfly, she can also start her own group at the retirement community based on her hobbies and connect with other residents who have the same thing in common. | Ms.Wikes, is now a widow and is ready to find a place where she can still thrive and enjoy life. Ms. Wikes is planning on moving into the Patriots Landing Careage Community. This is a beautiful facility, with a variety of lifestyle choices. She is a social light, and will be happy with their pool, sauna, fitness room, and a social café. The Patriot Landing will allow her to live independently either within the main building with several care floors or in one of their separate cottages. She is a cancer survivor and is currently dealing with some aches and pains. She recently discovered a lump in her groin area. She has already scheduled an appointment to see a doctor, who will order lab work and other test to see what type of lump it is. The community does have 24/7 hour on duty nurses that will check her vitals and give pain medication as advised by her doctor. Caregivers are there around the clock, to assist the residents with daily their activities that may become too strenuous over time. The great thing is that, she can continue to stay in her cottage, while she receives care from the nurses and caregivers. This way her social and independence is not stripped. If the lump found is cancerous, then the treatment or medications given will cause Ms. Wikes to feel fatigued. Fatigue can cause daily limitations, that can include driving. I think that she will hit a stumbling block with her communities’ current accommodations; she will need to seek other health care agencies. Companies that can give her the extra care that she needs and will be able to assist her until the end of her life span. Advanced Health Care is an in-home care company, assist seniors in their home. They work very closely with the client’s primary care physician, and other health care providers. Patriots Landing does not accommodate transportation, and her family may not be able to get her to and from her appoints. She will need services from a place like Advanced Health Care; the company provides transportation to and from doctor’s appointments. The lump in her groin may need to be surgically removed. The home health company can provide her with rehabilitation until she gets her strength back. All from her cottage there at Patriots Landing. Although the community she lives in has caregivers, their duties are to assist all the residents. So, they are limited to the amount of time they send with each resident. Mrs. Wikes can also use the home health caregivers as her appointed caretakers around the clock. To help her bath, get dress, groom, transport, cook or as a companion. If there are any more physical conditions in the future, that doesn’t allow her to be as independent as she once was, she will then have a choice of using one of the many care floors.  (Patriots Landing Careage Community.)  (Advanced Health Care Serving Home Care Needs with Compassion.) | Latonya is happily married to John and her cancer has returned. They are a thriving senior couple facing difficulty due to their unforeseen circumstance. They have moved to the main facility of the community they reside in. The benefits of moving to the main facility includes a 24-hour licensed staff to assist residents with their needs. Residents and family members actively participate in developing individualized plans of care so that each resident is catered to and gets the specific care they need (Patriots Landing, 2019). Due to surgery, Latonya will need assistance with her recovery and John is 92 and may feel challenged due to his age. They are a vibrant couple, but Latonya will require specialized care throughout her cancer treatments. At the main facility, licensed staff will assist in medication management, bathing, meal prepping, housekeeping services, transportation, health promotion and rehabilitation, assistance with laundry, self-care, psychological and recreational activities. Latonya will have access to health care providers, hospitals, medical clinics and assistance to other daily activities. The facility will provide a safe environment and support for Latonya and John. The choices made for Latonya and John will boost morale, help maintain their dignity, and will improve their quality of life giving her a sense of purpose.  (What to Do When Someone Dies.) | Latonya and John enjoyed the holidays with family. Latonya has decided not to have the surgery for Cancer because it will leave her disfigured. She was under the care of hospice and died with her husband by her side. Her life was celebrated with a beautiful ceremony.  Latonya’s death certificate will need to be obtained from the funeral home. Copies will need to be made for financial institutions, government agencies, and insurers. Her personal belonging will need to be gathered from the retirement community. If there is a will it will need to be taken to the county or city office. An attorney may need to be contacted to help with transferring assets and help with issues regarding the will. Latonya’s birth certificate, marriage certificate, social security information, life insurance, and financial documents will need to be obtained. The bank will need to be contacted to get Latonya’s account. A life insurance claim will need to be made if there is life insurance. The social security office will need to be notified to stop benefits and ask about survivor benefits. All pensions need to be stopped and claim forms need to be obtained.  These are the proper steps to take up to ten days after the death. These steps can help a sad situation from being even more difficult. End of life plans are important. (What to Do When Someone Dies.) |

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**Part 2:**

**Discuss** the choices above with your team.

**Write**, as individuals, a 700- to 1,050-world analysis of the team’s choices. Include the strengths and weaknesses of their choices, relevant points from your team discussion, and what you would personally change if given the opportunity.