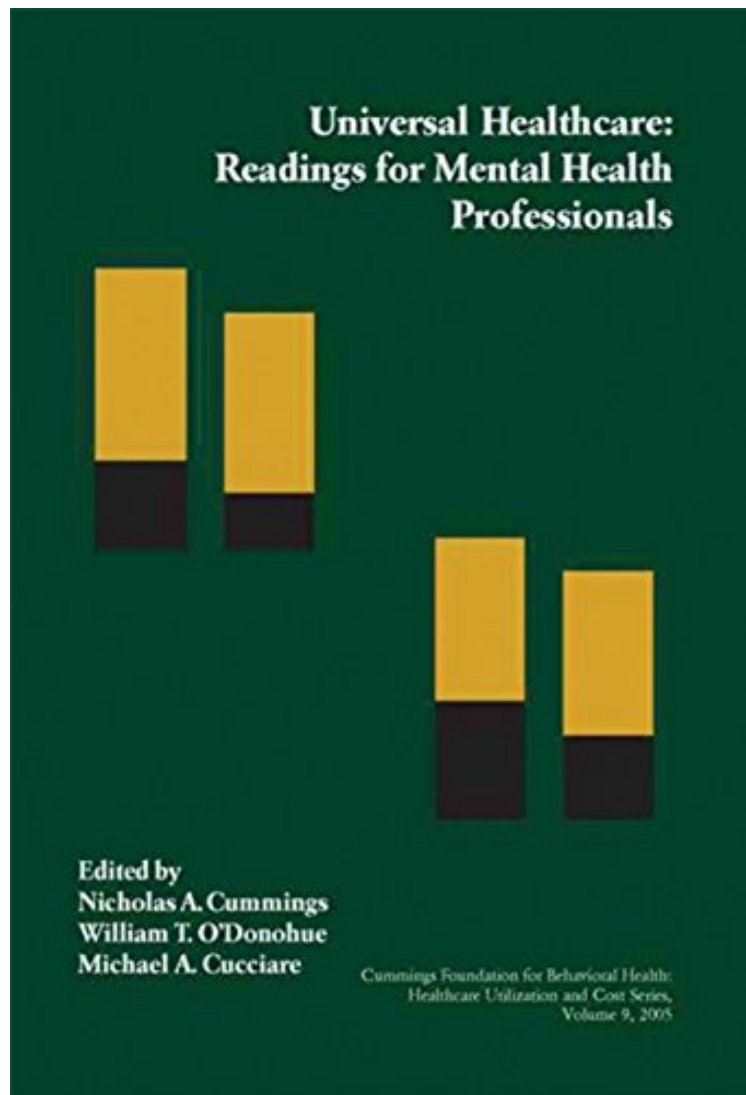


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that I am against "universal healthcare" or socialized healthcare, as it better called. The organization I work for has a specialization in rural mental health, which is why we were asked to write the chapter. The information contained in the chapter about issues that face rural Americans who have mental health problems is accurate. Thus, I'm not necessarily distancing myself from that basic information. However, I was unaware that the chapter would be used in a book that promotes the idea of socialized healthcare. We frequently write reports or other accounts of current issues in rural mental health for various publications, but none have been specifically to promote socialized healthcare. Thus, I didn't think to ask about it when we received this request. I was also given a general description of the book as having to do with the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health report, which has a special report on rural issues. Both reports are commonly discussed in various projects we undertake, so, again, nothing seemed noteworthy in this regard. We were asked to provide a summary of various policy recommendations that various groups, Task Forces, government agencies, etc. have made regarding rural mental health. Some of these recommendations call for some type of government action. However, one should bear in mind that these recommendations come from others, which we were asked to summarize, and do not necessarily represent the views of a particular author. Of course, I cannot speak for my co-authors; I can only say these recommendations were not developed or offered by me to anyone. That being said, it was my responsibility to go deeper and know exactly what I was associating myself with, which I failed to do. But I am taking steps now to rectify this, including this comment and a request to the editors to have my name removed from future print publications and any current or future electronic publications or advertisements. I don't know if my requests will be granted. I have not read the entire book and so cannot offer any review of it (I had to give it a rating to post this statement; 3 stars for me means neutral). I will say there is a good, brief history of government encroachment into the healthcare arena and criticisms of various socialized healthcare plans that have been proposed or currently exist (such as in other countries). This comment is not to discourage anyone from reading the book. However, I cannot associate myself with a book that promotes any form of socialized healthcare. S. J. Adams--February, 2006

The United States is currently facing a healthcare crisis. Fourteen percent of its total gross domestic product is spent on healthcare, and, alarmingly, costs continue to grow rates far outpacing inflation. Yet millions of Americans face financial devastation because they lack basic healthcare coverage. President Bush's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health has identified several inadequacies in the current system of behavioral health services delivery that are contributing to increased spending. In an attempt to remedy these inadequacies, the President's Commission set forth six goals that call for a complete redesign of our behavioral health delivery system. This volume presents the work of a distinguished group of national experts who address the issues outlined by the President's Commission. Important systems and policy issues such as integrated care and universal healthcare are discussed here within the context of reshaping the American healthcare system to meet its citizens' healthcare needs.