

Mobile D&A/Psychiatric Nurse

OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF JOB

This position is responsible to assist women with addiction who fit the following priority groups: pregnant women, and women with children. Within these groups, emphasis and priority will be placed on women with Intravenous Drug Usage. Position is responsible to provide assessment of needs of both the client and children, locating and activating community resources for both the client and children, coordination with various community and medical resources such as local maternity wards, neo-natal intensive care units, CYS, Obstetrics and Gynecology physicians, and Pediatric physicians. Position will closely coordinate and monitor access to, and completion of, needed D/A treatment levels of care including Detox, Residential, Outpatient, Intensive Outpatient, and various Medication Assisted Treatments.

This position will also be cross trained to function within the agency's Mobile Psychiatric Nursing program. In this capacity, this position is responsible to assist individuals with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) who are residing in a community setting who have experienced difficulties in managing their psychiatric medications as prescribed. This position will provide mobile nursing services to these individuals as indicated and assist them in the managing of their prescribed dosing, educating them as to their mental health symptomology, medication side effects, and monitor their compliance of their prescribed dosing. It is expected that as consumers gain skills and knowledge related to their medication needs, their symptoms will stabilize, their risk of hospitalization will decrease, and they will be better able to adhere to their outpatient service needs.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS OF JOB

D/A:

1. Receive and process referrals through Central Intake Unit intake and assessment staff.
2. Complete initial opening documentation including consent to service, release of confidential information forms, etc.
3. Complete needs assessments of the client and children.
4. Complete relevant service plans to address identified need areas.
5. Complete outreach and education to various community and medical resources to promote knowledge of the service and generate referrals.
6. Complete regular and ongoing Home Visits to monitor, track, and promote completion of service planning goals and objectives.
7. Link and coordinate to various community and medical resources and supports to address identified need areas, including medical, health, treatment, and nutrition. Will also assist accessing transportation to above resources.

8. Promote engagement in, and completion of, needed D/A treatment through utilization of appropriate Motivational Interviewing techniques and strategies.
9. Provide education and promote health and safety awareness of the risks of drug usage during and after pregnancy, as well as, promote and recommend proper medical care and treatment options.

MPN:

1. Receive and process opening of referrals as received by the Case Management Coordinator or Lead Program Nurse as assigned.
2. Completion of initial paperwork requirements including the service intensity matrix on all assigned referrals.
3. Develop and implement a mobile medication plan for each consumer as it relates to their psychiatric medication needs identifying their measurable goals and objectives as well as the consumer's and RN/LPN role in the plan.
4. Position will administer/monitor medication compliance through scheduled face to face, collateral, and phone contact with consumers as well as consumer's treatment team including psychiatrist, primary care physician, specialists, pharmacist, case manager, peer specialist, etc
5. Position will be responsible to take vital signs on consumers including blood pressure, temperature, pulse, and record in the consumer's chart.
6. Position will monitor consumer's symptoms, medication side effects, and co-occurring physical health concerns as it relates to their care and coordinate needed intervention with the treatment team.

OTHER DUTIES OF THE JOB

1. Participates in departmental functions to support organizational philosophies and mission.
2. Participates in Quality Assurance activities as required to ensure program compliance with State/Federal regulations and to promote and enhance the quality of program service delivery.
3. Attends agency related meetings as required.
4. Will attend and complete mandated trainings and those trainings assigned by their immediate supervisor related to job responsibilities and functions.
5. Performs other job-related duties and support services as required and assigned.
6. Completes timely and accurate reporting and record keeping related to service delivery as required by programmatic requirements including creating, updating, and maintaining client files and inputting data/service entries into the Susquehanna or other appropriate MIS systems.
7. Will work cooperatively with all public and private agencies including mental health providers, drug and alcohol providers, state institutions and agencies, residential programs, educational providers, community resources, and natural supports.
8. Will encounter confidential information, is responsible for adhering to all agency confidentiality policies, and must maintain strict consumer confidentiality as defined by state and federal law.

9. Will develop outcome based data related to individuals that participate in the program related to hospital admission rates, treatment compliance/completion, and other areas as requested by Case Management Coordinator or Lead Program Nurse.
10. Position is responsible to meet department productivity standards as it relates to direct service unit expectations.

QUALIFICATIONS: EDUCATION/TRAINING/WORK EXPERIENCE

- RN or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
- Experience with and knowledge of medical complications surrounding pre-natal, birthing, and post-natal care of children with addictive mothers is preferred.
- Experience in addiction related treatment is preferred.
- Experience providing psychiatric nursing service in a community, residential, inpatient, or outpatient setting is preferred.
- Must possess a valid driver's license and access to reliable transportation.
- Must possess necessary clearances, i.e.; PA Child Abuse, PA Criminal Record and Federal FBI clearances.

Competitive salary with excellent fringe benefits provided, commensurate with experience and education of the candidate.

Interested candidates may download the application packet from our website or call for an application by contacting the Mercer County BHC office at 724-662-1550.

Applications must be received at this office by 4:30 p.m. Friday, July 6, 2018.

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