

PART-TIME LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER

JOB SUMMARY: Under the general supervision of the Chief Executive Officer, the Behavioral Health Therapist/LCSW, as part of the primary care treatment team, identifies, triages and manages patients with medical and behavioral health problems within the primary care setting. In addition, the Behavioral Health Therapist will provide skill training through psycho-education and patient education strategies and will develop specific behavioral change plans for patients and behavioral health protocols for target populations.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Assist primary health care providers in diagnosing, recognizing and treating mental disorders, emotional problems, substance abuse, and psychosocial problems.
2. Facilitate individual and group therapy for all ages.
3. Be available to the primary health care providers for consultation, and brief consultative contacts.
4. Be available to patients for crisis intervention during their visits with primary health care providers or when needed.
5. Work with the primary care team to treat and manage patients with chronic mental/emotional and/or health problems efficiently and effectively.
6. Assist in the identification of “at risk” patients and develop plans to prevent further psychological and/or physical decompensation.
7. Assist in preventing relapse or morbidity in conditions that tend to recur over time.
8. Evaluate patient care treatment plans with primary care team as needed.
9. Teach patients, families and staff about care, prevention, and treatment enhancement techniques.
10. Serve as a member of SMC committees, as well as those committees and agencies in the community as needed or requested.
11. Work with the Psychiatrist to assure ongoing review of quality and appropriateness of diagnoses and treatment through discussion on medication usage, clinical performance, appropriate treatment and patient satisfaction.
12. Track and prepare reports on health outcomes as needed or requested.
13. Participate in quality assurance reflecting indicators of quality of care and appropriate documentation.
14. Assist in the development of behavioral health policies, procedures and protocols to improve overall patient care.
15. Serve as an integral member in addressing patient satisfaction issues.
16. Working with medical staff by providing information on diagnostic issues and make recommendations for possible clinical solutions and treatment.
17. Assess the clinical status of patients referred by primary care providers through brief consultative contacts.
18. Work with primary care providers to refer cases to mental health specialists as appropriate.
19. Assist patients referred by primary care providers for telepsych as required.