

RICHLAND COUNTY POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title: Psychiatric Nurse

Department: Health and Human Services

Reports to: Behavioral Health Services Manager

Pay Grade: Psychiatric Nurse
(Professional) & K

Date: January 1, 2020

Hours Per Week: 40

PURPOSE OF POSITION

The purpose of this position is to provide psychiatric nursing and mental health treatment services in a community mental health setting. This position works within the Richland County Health & Human Services Behavioral Health Services Unit.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The following duties are normal for this position. These are not to be construed as exclusive or all-inclusive. Other duties may be required or assigned.

- Maintain a client treatment caseload including: treatment planning, therapeutic contacts, case management activities, psychosocial rehabilitation services, symptom management, treatment documentation, correspondence, scheduling, court reports, and coordination with other staff and client's families.
- Coordinate, administer and monitor medication (including IM medication) according to physician orders.
- Inform all significant service providers of any changes in patient's behavior, medication reaction, etc.
- Provide emergency nursing assessments and crisis intervention.
- Participate in 24-hour emergency coverage rotation as directed.
- Coordinate services with other agency departments and community organizations.
- Provide leadership and act as a resource to the community in the area of mental health education and prevention.
- Arrange work schedule as necessary or directed to meet the program and consumer service needs.
- Represent Richland County Health and Human Services to the community at large through professional interaction, clinical consultation, public speaking, media presentations, and participation in community advisory groups as requested.
- Comply with applicable federal and state laws, administrative rules, established agency procedures and accepted professional standards.
- Participates in on-going training, maintaining contemporary knowledge to ensure compliance with federal and state regulations.
- Provide nursing care in accordance with the Nurse Practice Act.
- Follows Universal Precautions and all other OSHA required Programs and Procedures.

- Maintains the confidentiality of client information and protected health information as required by State and Federal regulations, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability (HIPAA) Act of 1996.

MINIMUM TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

- Current License to practice as a registered nurse in the State of Wisconsin.
- Bachelor Degree preferred in Nursing or related field.
- Documented training in psychiatric nursing and at least one year of experience working in a clinical mental health setting preferred.
- Working knowledge of computers, computer programs, typing, and data entry.
- Current WI driver's license and unlimited access to reliable transportation.

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL ABILITIES REQUIRED TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

Language Ability and Interpersonal Communication

- Ability to comprehend and interpret a variety of documents including psychiatric and nursing diagnoses, court orders, State statutes, and psychological and nursing counseling texts, papers and periodicals, agency documents and memos, treatment plans.
- Ability to prepare and to maintain a variety of documents including client service plans and recommendations, program evaluations, client assessments and treatment plans and therapy notes.
- Ability to record and deliver information, explain procedures, give and follow instructions.
- Ability to use and interpret psychological and medical terminology.
- Ability to communicate effectively with clients, supervisor, physicians, other health professionals, law enforcement, the general public, hospital, clinic and school personnel, and department staff both in person and in writing.

Mathematical Ability

- Ability to add, subtract, multiply, divide, calculate decimals and fractions.
- Ability to compare, count, differentiate, measure and/or sort data and information.
- Ability to classify, compute, tabulate, and categorize data.

Judgment and Situational Reasoning

- Ability to apply nursing concepts, to perform assessments, and health intervention and monitoring.
- Ability to apply psychological therapy concepts to perform tasks.
- Ability to lead others and reinforce thinking to perform tasks.
- Ability to apply abstract thinking to perform tasks.
- Ability to work independently.
- Ability to interpret a variety of instructions furnished in written, oral, diagram, or schedule form.
- Ability to use independent judgement frequently in non-routine to occasionally highly unstable situations including decisions on implementing client service and treatment plans to encounters with potentially suicidal and violent clients.

- Ability to solve practical problems and deal with a variety of concrete variables in situations where only limited standardization exists.
- Ability to analyze data and information using established criteria, in order to define consequences and to consider and select alternatives.
- Ability to apply situational reasoning ability by exercising judgement in situations involving the evaluation of information against measurable criteria.
- Ability to use functional reasoning development in the performance of semi-routine functions involving standardized work with some choice of action.

Physical Requirements

- Ability to coordinate eyes, hands, feet, and limbs in performing coordinated movements in operating educational aids and office equipment.
- Ability to exert moderate effort in sedentary to light work, including stooping, kneeling, crouching. Ability to handle, finger and feel. Ability to lift and carry.
- Ability to recognize and identify degrees of similarities and differences between characteristics of colors, forms, sounds, odors, textures etc. associated with objects, materials and ingredients.
- Ability to operate medical equipment and diagnostic instruments requiring simple, periodic adjustments.
- Ability to move and guide material using simple tools.
- Ability to physically respond to a variety of settings to provide services, including office, community locations, private residences, jail, etc.
- Ability to operate a motor vehicle.

Environmental Adaptability

- Ability, in regard to environmental factors such as temperature variations, noise, disease, and/or dust, to work under moderately safe and comfortable conditions.
- Ability to visit environments with a moderate risk for disease or physical harm.

Richland County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the County will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities and encourages both prospective and current employees to discuss potential accommodations with the employer.

Employee's Signature

Supervisor's Signature

Date

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