

The Mount Sinai Health System Job Description

MS Job Class Code:	Job Title: Peer Counselor
MS Grade:	Reports to: Clinical Crisis Manager
Hospital and Department:	Mount Sinai Saint Luke's, Department of Psychiatry
Patient Contact: (yes) (no)	Patient Care: (yes) (no)
FLSA Code: E	

Job Summary:

To perform the following tasks and clinical functions in an efficient and cost-effective manner as assigned in order to respond to treatment needs of patients, psychosocial screening and assessment, discharge planning, linkage to community resources, crisis intervention, timely documentation, utilization management, and advocacy. To coordinate services in conjunction with the Mobile Crisis Team (MCT) social worker(s) and MCT Supervisor. Is cognizant of the philosophy, standards, objectives and policies of the Department and the Hospital Center.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Demonstrates the ability to perform clinical/technical/service/administrative tasks
- Helps patients to realize therapeutic, occupational, social and medical goals by engaging in pre-assessment visits
- Perform community and hospital based visits to patients in order to help patients make the transition to outpatient treatment services, or the next level of care
- Teach and role model the value of every individual's recovery experience
- Model effective coping techniques and self-help strategies to patients
- Serve as a recovery agent by providing and advocating for any effective recovery based service that will aid the patient in daily living
- Inform patients about community and natural supports and how to use these in the recovery process
- Assist patients in developing empowerment skills and combating stigma through self-advocacy
- Participates in team meetings and case conferences and gives feedback regarding patients' progress
- Meet with immediate supervisor for one hour per week of individual supervision and raise relevant issues and concerns
- Timely completion of documentation of clinical activities in the electronic medical record
- Accompanies patients on appointments and visits in the community to help facilitate patients goals and needs
- Demonstrates the knowledge and skills necessary to provide care, based on physical, psychosocial, educational, safety, and related criteria, appropriate to the age of the patients serviced in assigned area

Education Requirements:

- Formal training as a Peer Counselor or equivalent work experience

Experience Requirements:

- Healthcare and/or behavioral healthcare experience preferred

Licensing and Certification Requirements (if applicable):

- Formal training as a Peer Counselor or equivalent work experience

Computer

Skills:

MS Office Suite (please check one): (basic) (intermediate) (advanced)

Other: N/A

General Skills and Competencies:

- Demonstrates a professional, courteous, and respectful attitude in dealing with patients, families and significant others
- Communicates and collaborates in an effective and respectful manner with members of the interdisciplinary team
- Read write, and understand English.
- Follow verbal instructions

Level of Physical Activity Required: Light Moderate Heavy

Describe Work Environment

Home and community visits when clinically indicated

Approved by:	
Date approved:	
Revised by:	
Date revised:	

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