



North Eastman Health Association Inc. Job Description

Mental Health Worker – Elderly

Position Summary

As a member of a multi-disciplinary team, the incumbent works with the target population defined by the Mental Health Program to enable this target population to achieve optimal health and well being through applying the plans, policies, and resources of the Mental Health Program. The Mental Health Worker - Elderly functions in a manner consistent with and supports the Mission, Vision, Values & Guiding Principles of the North Eastman Health Association.

Reports to: Director, Mental Health Services

Location: Corporate Office, Pinawa

Supervises: Not applicable

Union: MGEU – Technical Professional

Qualifications:

Education & Experience

- Bachelor of Science in Mental Health, or
- Bachelor of Nursing with active applicable registration, or Bachelor of Social Work, or Bachelor of Medical Rehabilitation.
- Two years of recent directly related experience.
- Or a Registered Psychiatric Nurse with four years of recent directly related experience.
- Other combination of education and experience may be considered.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Demonstrated communication abilities, both written and oral;
- Ability to work independently
- Ability to maintain positive working relationships.
- A valid driver's license and vehicle is required.

Position Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Accepts and manages services to client at the point of intake to ensure that proper assessment and initial service response occurs. To achieve this the incumbent:
 - Receives referrals
 - Reviews referral information/gathers additional data
 - Analyzes
 - Determines eligibility for Mental Health Program

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- Re-directs where appropriate
 - Seeks consultation where required
 - Develops an initial case plan
 - Provides crisis intervention where necessary
 - Provides feedback to referral source
2. Is Case Manager (or assists Case Manager) in ongoing cases to ensure proper service responses to meet identified needs. Where Case Manager, incumbent will:
- Ensure implementation and evaluation of care plan
 - Monitor case progress
 - Deliver professional services
 - Meet legal/professional requirements
 - Establish case management links with other resources
 - Provide leadership in ensuring case conferences occur as required
3. As a Mental Health Specialist, incumbent serves as a resource to other staff and to the community by:
- Acting as a consult on mental health issues
 - Assisting in professional and public education programs
 - Assisting in the development of new/additional community resources and services
 - Maintaining ongoing support to community resources and services
 - Serving as a team representative an various community functions
 - Attends team meetings and committee meetings as required.
4. Maintains the administrative standard required by the region and the Mental Health Program re:
- File openings, upkeep, transfers, closings
 - Use of minimum data base
 - Use of program forms and other required forms
 - Aware of relevant legislation
 - Attends training and development programs as identified with program supervisor.

Workplace Safety and Health

- Provides a safe environment by ensuring adherences to Workplace Safety and Health Regulations and Policies, Infection Control Guidelines, WHMIS and Safe Work Procedures. Immediately investigates and recommends corrective action on any unsafe acts, work conditions, incidents, near misses, injuries or illnesses.
- Demonstrates understanding of role and responsibilities in fire prevention and disaster preparedness and participates in safety and health training programs including the health facility's Fire, Disaster and Evacuation Plan.

Patient Safety

- Ensures patient safety and patient safety activities are emphasized throughout orientation, training and ongoing performance evaluation and mentoring. Supports an environment which avoids, prevents and corrects all activities or actions which may result in an adverse outcome in the delivery of health care services. Patient safety is a standing item for all individual and departmental meetings.

Revised: _____
Date

Approved by: _____
Manager/ Supervisor Date

Approved by: _____
Vice President/ CEO Date

Reviewed by: _____
Director, Human Resources Date