



ARAB-AMERICAN & CHALDEAN COUNCIL (ACC)

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TITLE: ACT NURSE

DESCRIPTION:

THE ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT TEAM (ACT) IS A MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM PROVIDING COMMUNITY BASED SUPPORT, REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS. SERVICES ARE PROVIDED IN THE COMMUNITY AND FOCUS ON STABILIZATION, COMMUNITY INTEGRATION, QUALITY OF LIFE AND RECOVERY FROM MENTAL ILLNESS.

QUALIFICATIONS

Individual must have at least four (4) years of college credit in the field of nursing. Must have a current Michigan Registered Nurse license. Psychiatric Nursing experience is required. Must have good oral and written communication skills and speak both English and Arabic fluently. Ability to work with diverse communities. Knowledge and understanding of the ACT Model and recovery-oriented practice.

WORK SCHEDULE: Monday/Friday 9:00-5:00, evening, week-end, holiday pager rotation required.

DUTIES

1. Provide direct case management services to 12 to 15 chronically mentally ill adults, many with co-occurring disorders, as needed and on demand both in the clinic and in the community.
2. Participates as a team member who maintains ACT team caseload providing interventions a needed and within area of expertise and limits of credentials; assures procurement of additional services as needed.
3. Provides crisis management for clients, including on-call, and makes recommendations for interventions as appropriate and with the support of the team psychiatrist and team leader.
4. Acquires and provides to the team the detailed information regarding the assigned client to establish the foundation for the Treatment Plan.
5. Works with the client on a day-to-day basis using professional judgment and discretion to implement the team determined Treatment Plan.
6. Link consumer to all available resources for identified needs.
7. Complete periodic reviews and discuss progress with the consumer, psychiatrist and specific clinical staff.

8. Maintains all service contacts on a timely basis, including face-to-face interviews, collateral and networking contacts and maintains the client and program records in accordance with applicable standards and regulations.
9. Participates in continuing education activities and daily team meetings.
10. Maintains a high level of ethical conduct regarding confidentiality, dual relationships, and professional stature.
11. Administers injectibles medication and maintains clinical charts and records; observes, records, and initiates appropriate action concerning client reaction to medication and therapeutic procedures.
12. Maintains close communication with the consulting psychiatrist for input regarding medication compliance, side effects of medication, and medication changes and alerts these members of the staff of any changes in client adjustment which might suggest decompensations and a need for more aggressive intervention.
13. Must have basic computer knowledge and skills.
14. Carry out medical functioning including basic health and medical assessment and education; coordination of health care provided to consumers in the community; psychiatric medical assessment, treatment, and education; and psychotropic medication administration.
15. Arranges and coordinates the consumer's medical care with community medical providers. The nurse may carry out some physical assessments and treatment; however, her or his primary responsibilities are psychiatric, not medical.
16. The team sees consumers in community settings and provides consumers transportation when necessary
17. All other related duties as assigned.