

GREEN LAKE COUNTY JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE: CLINICAL THERAPIST

DEPARTMENT: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES/BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES UNIT

LOCATION: GOVERNMENT CENTER

SUPERVISOR: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES UNIT MANAGER

SUMMARY:

To provide essential community based mental health services to persons with a mental illness and/or substance abuse that will enable them to obtain and/or maintain independent living in the community.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Providing assessment and treatment of children, families, and adults. This would include interviewing collateral sources in order to gather information (i.e., individual, family, referral source, community agencies, etc.). This may include being part of a Coordinated Services Team either as a Team Leader or Team Member providing mental health services either at the office or in-home.
- Coordination of services within the Department of Health & Human Services and with outside agencies/supports.
- Provides crisis counseling, crisis intervention and being part of the 24 hour on-call crisis team
- Maintains mental health charts. This would include completing necessary forms, (i.e., release of information, insurance claim, scheduling appointments, et.).
- The remaining time is spent attending and participating in staffings, in-services, supervision and trainings.
- May assist with client contacts in the community such as home visits, team meetings, and group activities.

SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Basic everyday living skills, the ability to understand, follow and provide directions; reading, writing (reports) is necessary. Additionally it is preferred to have comprehensive knowledge of the needs of individuals with chronic mental illness, substance abuse and other mental health issues, practices of counseling and recovery, crisis intervention and response; ability to relate to and communicate effectively with staff, community professionals, agencies and the general public. Must have a valid Wisconsin Driver's License and access to an insured vehicle. Skill in the use of general office equipment, including but not limited to: telephone, copy machine, calculator, dictation equipment, computer terminal, fax machine, and automobile. A video camera may also be used to tape interviews.

QUALIFICATIONS:

EDUCATION: A Master's degree in a Social Work, Clinical Psychology, Marriage and Family, or a related field

EXPERIENCE / JOB KNOWLEDGE: Must possess 3,000 hours post master's clinical supervision with at least 1,000 hours of the 3,000 being supervised post-degree clinical experience with chronically mentally ill persons. Must be Licensed as a Mental Health and Substance Abuse Counselor. (Clinical Social Worker, Professional Counselor, C.A.P.S.W. (Certified Advanced Practice Social Worker), etc., or License eligible in Wisconsin). Must be certified/certifiable medical assistance provider in Wisconsin.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

PHYSICAL DEMANDS: Listening, talking, sitting, writing, reading or visually observing. Some standing, walking, reaching and low lifting. In unusual circumstances, it may be necessary to stoop, kneel, and lift/carry objects weighing up to 40 pounds.

Management's assignment of essential functions is not designed to limit the manner in which duties may be accomplished. Management shall comply with all applicable workplace laws and shall communicate with any employee with a disability to determine the availability of a reasonable accommodation(s) to allow the employee to perform the essential functions of the job.

ENVIRONMENTAL DEMANDS: Over 90% of work done is inside. In about 10% of the time situations develop where there is a threat of physical attack or injury from clients

This is a public service position, and employee is required to be courteous, cooperative and respectful at all times with the public and clients; also establishes and maintains a courteous and cooperative and respectful working relationship with other employees, supervisors and public officials.

This position description has been prepared to assist in defining job responsibilities, physical demands, working conditions and needed skills. It is not intended as a complete list of job duties, responsibilities and/or essential functions. This description is not intended to limit or modify the rights of any supervisor to assign, direct, and control the work of employees under supervision. The county retains and reserves any and all rights to change, modify, amend, add to or delete from, any section of this document as it deems, in its' judgment, to be proper.

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