

Pathways To Housing, Inc.

Title: PSYCHIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER
Reports To: Medical Director

The **Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner (NP)** is an integral part of the trans-disciplinary ACT team, providing psychiatric care to clients in order to promote wellness, recovery and rehabilitation. Responsibilities are implemented within the framework of agency policy, professional ethics, legal scope of practice and regulatory guidelines.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Complete a comprehensive Initial Psychiatric Evaluation and Mental Status Exam for clients
- Collaborate with trans-disciplinary team to formulate Treatment Plan for clients
- Provide treatment for assigned clients as prescribed by the Treatment Plan and document the client chart with an appropriate note for each encounter
- Write orders and prescriptions for medications; monitor for efficacy/side effects; document promptly any adverse effects and complete incident report.
- Implement range of mental health services e.g. psycho-education, crises intervention, individual, group, family, psychotherapy/counseling/support
- Work closely with the team and client to ensure optimal execution of treatment/service plan.
- Participate in check-in meetings and case-reviews, and consult with team members as needed.
- Collaborate with the nursing staff to coordinate prescriptions and orders and to oversee the overall health maintenance of clients
- Establish a work schedule in collaboration with team leaders to ensure clients are seen monthly or more frequently as needed.
- Engage identified clients in psychiatric and medical services, both on site and in the community.
- Perform health assessments, administer IM's and vaccines, plant and read PPD's and perform phlebotomy.
- Participate in facilitating appropriate hospitalizations (medical and psychiatric), crises interventions and referrals
- Communicate with hospital staff to ensure optimal treatment/discharge plan
- Establish and Lead "Health & Fitness Initiative" education and support groups; e.g. mental illness/medications, smoking cessation
- Provide in-services and trainings for the staff.
- Perform other related work as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Patience, creativity, flexibility, compassion, and sensitivity to persons with disabilities and other minority populations.
- Licensed as Registered Nurse by New York State Board of Nursing
- BS and MS in Nursing
- Certification by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.
- Experience or training in community work preferred.
- Experience with dually diagnosed population preferred
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills