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Professional Profile

Social Worker with extensive client service and administrative experience within private, non-profit and public organizations.

Relevant Areas of Skills and Experience

Counseling/Clinical: Individual and family counseling, biopsychosocial assessments, supportive and crisis intervention services; assessment of suicidal or homicidal ideation and potential risk of harm; apply variety of therapies in consideration of client needs, familiar with therapies such Cognitive Therapy, Acceptance & Commitment Therapy, Narrative Therapy, with an emphasis on strengths and mindfulness, acceptance; use meditation, music, reading, writing and art as part of therapeutic tools; provide ego strength and reality orientation as appropriate for people with chronic mental illness; have worked with people suffering from addiction and different traumas; continue to learn through literature, seminars, and conferences.

Discharge Planning / Case Management: Resource gathering and development, individual referrals and release planning, developing community links for services including drug treatment, social support, mental health and other services; experienced in Legal Hold process for ER patients, including of assessment of appropriate care, transfer to other facilities, and step by step process for court petition paperwork.

Teaching and Facilitating: Teach classes and facilitate groups on subjects such as positive motivation, self-esteem, stress management, planning, psychological concepts, drug education, career and resume planning. Have also taught as a substitute teacher in Clark County School system for special education, middle and high school; do program presentations and group training as needed.

Vocational Services: Resume and career advising services for hundreds of clients from around the world.

Writing Services: Creative and journalistic writing for advertising and public relations clients, and as a free-lance or staff reporter.

Project / Program Development: Assist as needed for in house and consulting projects in social work and media fields, administrative, computer literate, including simple graphic design and web site development.

Education and Credentials

MSW (Social Work Administrative) University of Nevada, Las Vegas 2002; Practicum at State of Nevada Division for Aging and Clark County School District

BA (Communication Studies) University of Nevada, Las Vegas 1997/98

LCSW, Licensed Clinical Social Worker (NV)

Affiliations, Honors and Volunteer Work

Member of National Association of Social Workers and National Honor Society, Golden Key

Received McNamara Communications Scholarship (Barrick) and Jean Nidetch Women's Center Scholarship

Received Addy, Telly, WIC, APRO media industry awards

Volunteered for Homeless Coalition Stand Down and UNLV Upward Bound / Trio

Employment

Social Worker

December 2004 – Current

Boulder City Hospital, Boulder City, Nevada

Partial Hospitalization Program as part of treatment team providing services for people with chronic mental illness. • Facilitate groups • Conduct psychosocial assessments • Assist with social services, including appropriate discharge planning, to help clients achieve optimum stability and community integration • Provide one on one therapeutic support to clients on personal case load

On-call emergency room social work for patients in crisis, including assessment of suicidal risk and when necessary placement on Legal Hold and transfer to appropriate facility • Also help with family disputes, social services for people in need of domestic violence protection and those in need of detox and rehab services.

Hospital case management / discharge planning department with medical surgical patients, including needs assessment and social services referrals.

Home Health Services help on call / fill in, receive referrals from home health staff to meet with patients and families, evaluate needs, and provide education and referral services.

Community work includes facilitating senior support group at Senior Center and assisting with annual hospital fundraiser, Art in the Park, and other events such as NAMI, Health Fairs, Stand Down for Homeless.

Special Projects such as coordinating annual May Mental Health Art / Information Exhibit with client work.

Discharge Planning Social Worker

October 2002 – March 2005

Prison Health Services, Clark County Detention Center, Las Vegas, Nevada

Developed and implemented discharge planning services, including compiling and writing resource guide, links with community agencies, referrals and case management as needed. Work with Metro records and field services as needed in discharge planning duties. Also assist with medical social services functions as directed.

Also cross-trained and experienced in following areas:

- Teaching classes, facilitating groups • In-take booking • Assisting with psychiatrist's rounds • Follow-up visits • Working with classification • Crisis intervention and supportive counseling • Answering inmate's requests • Various administrative tasks (statistical and other reports, other functions as needed)

Prior Employment History

2000 – 2001 Substitute Teacher

Clark County School District

Usually for special education and middle schools.

1996 – 2000 Office Administration / Management

Lied Discovery Children's Museum

1991 – 1996 Co-Owner / Consultant

A Personal Vision Creative Communications (Advertising, Marketing, Resume Services)