# Point of Dispensing Staff: Social Workers

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# **Faculty**

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### **Service Worker-in-Charge**

- Psychologist, LPC, PIP, LCSW, or LGSW
- Knowledge of SNS process, layout of POD, and supervisory experience in mental health field
- Familiar with needs of special populations

### Service Worker-in-Charge

- Supervises service staff in all areas
- Consults with Family and Staff Support Specialists regarding individuals exhibiting extreme signs of distress and makes appropriate referrals

### **Service Worker-in-Charge**

- Consults with Patient Flow Coordinator regarding site flow problems
- Provides assistance to Special Needs Coordinator on any situation he or she deems necessary

### Service Worker-in-Charge

- Ensures adequate staff is stationed throughout the site
- Provides support to all staff under supervision

#### Greeter

- LCSW, LGSW, LBSW, LPC, or mental health caseworker
- Knowledge of SNS process and layout of POD
- Well spoken, organized, able to maintain a calm environment

#### Greeter

- Greets patients as they arrive and answers initial questions
- Informs patients all technical questions will be answered as they proceed throughout the site
- Provides clipboard with Patient History and Consent Forms to adult patients

#### Greeter

- Refers unaccompanied children to Family Support Specialist to obtain consent
- Monitors patients for signs of distress
- Refers individuals with problems completing medical forms to Greeter in assistance area

#### Greeter

 Notifies Guides to escort individuals with special needs to Special Needs Coordinator

#### Mass Counselor

- LCSW, LGSW, LPC, or LBSW
- Knowledge of SNS process and layout of POD
- Well spoken, ability to maintain a calm environment

#### Mass Counselor

- Presents prepared script to patients in Mass Counseling Area
  - Operates television and video /DVD player as video is played
- Directs those with language barriers to Special Needs Coordinator
- Monitors patients in educational areas for signs of distress

#### Mass Counselor

- Identifies those exhibiting extreme signs of stress and refers them to Family Support Specialist
- Assists Guides with site flow from educational areas to other areas of POD

#### Mass Counselor

 Refers individuals to pharmacists or nurses if they have additional questions about the information presented

#### **Patient Flow Coordinator**

- Knowledge of SNS process and layout of the POD
- Well spoken, organized, and able to maintain a calm environment
- Guides performing duties from entrance area to nurse triage and should be familiar with Medical Consent issues

#### **Patient Flow Coordinator**

- Maintains calm, steady flow through POD
- Floats through site to ensure Guides maintain a steady flow
- · Assists Guides with flow problems
- · Relieves Guides as needed
- Assists Greeters with traffic control in reception area, if needed

#### Guide

- Knowledge of SNS process and layout of POD
- Well spoken, organized, ability to maintain a calm environment
- Guides performing duties from entrance area to nurse triage area must be familiar with Medical Consent issues

#### Guide

- Guides patients from one area of site to another
- Serves as gatekeeper
  - Admits patients into dispensing area and directs them to appropriate dispensing tables as they become vacant

#### Guide

- Monitors lines for congestion and reports problems to Patient Flow Coordinator
- Escorts those with special needs who request or appear to need assistance to appropriate area

#### Guide

- Monitors patients and staff for signs of fatigue or stress and reports concerns to Staff or Family Support Specialists
- Performs other duties as assigned by Patient Flow Coordinator

## **Special Needs Coordinator**

- LCSW or LGSW
- Working knowledge of SNS process and layout of MPTS site
- Understands needs of special populations and be familiar with available local and state resources
- Maintains a calm environment

### **Special Needs Coordinator**

- Greets patients with special needs and assists them with any barriers that may exist within the MPTS
- Recruits assistance of Guides to accompany those with special needs to appropriate areas, if assistance is needed

# **Special Needs Coordinator**

- Refers those unable to speak English to translator or assists them with Tele-Interpreter procedures
- Assists those with other special needs as needed
- Informs Service Worker in Charge of any mobility barriers observed in the site and assists with correcting them

# **Special Needs Coordinator**

- Monitors patients for signs of distress and refers them to Family Support Specialist if needed
- Makes appropriate resource referrals for those with special needs

### **Translator / Interpreter**

- Fluent in English and knowledge of additional languages
  - Non-English, American Sign Language
- Maintains calm presence while interpreting or translating

### Translator / Interpreter

- Assists patients with communication barriers (non-English speaking, deaf, etc.) so they understand patient history and other information provided at POD
- Informs dispenser of language needed for disease specific information sheets and prescription labels

### Translator / Interpreter

 Must be available to all areas of site as needed

# **Family Support Specialist**

- LCSW, LGSW, LBSW, Psychologist, or LPC
- General understanding of SNS process and layout of POD
- Experience in family intervention techniques and stress management

# **Family Support Specialist**

- Floats through clinic to observe patients for stress and other problems
- Accompanies appropriate families / individuals to support areas and stays to ensure problems are resolved

# **Family Support Specialist**

- Refers those exhibiting extreme signs of distress to the Service Worker in Charge
- Makes referrals to appropriate resources for other situations that arise

### **Staff Support Specialist**

- LCSW, LGSW, Psychologist, or LPC
- General understanding of SNS process and layout of POD
- Knowledge of interventions for fatigue and stress management
- Floats through the clinic to monitor staff members for signs of fatigue or stress

# **Staff Support Specialist**

- Identifies any staff appearing to need a break and assesses their status and ability to continue
- Informs supervisors of staff who appear to need an intervention, accompanies them to Staff Support Area and stays with them to provide relaxation and stress management techniques, if needed

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