

Western Montana Mental Health Center
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Position: Therapist - PACT

Close Date: Open until filled

Hours: 40 hours per week (8am-6pm 4 days/week)

Job Summary: This member of the PACT multidisciplinary team has training in social work, psychology or education and clinical skills to provide treatment, rehabilitation, and support services to program clients with severe and disabling mental illnesses under the clinical supervision of the team leader and the APRN. Functions as a clinical member of the multidisciplinary team and provides treatment rehabilitation and support services.

Job Duties & Responsibilities:

1. Provide direct clinical services to clients on an individual, group, and family basis in the office and in the community settings to teach behavioral symptom- management techniques to alleviate and manage symptoms not reduced with medication and to promote personal growth and development by assisting clients to adapt to and cope with internal and external stressors.
2. Provide care coordination for an assigned group of clients including coordinating and monitoring the activities of the individual treatment team; assume secondary responsibility for developing, writing, implementing, evaluating and revising overall treatment goals and plans in conjunction with ITT; ensuring immediate changes are made in the treatment plans as clients' needs change; educate and support clients' families, and advocate for clients' rights and preferences.
3. Assess the needs of a client and contribute to written assessments that describe levels of functioning for the client in a number of specific areas.
4. Act as liaison and consult with community agencies and families to maintain coordination in the treatment process.
5. Provide on-call crisis intervention covering nighttime hours and serve as a backup to evening and weekend staff.
6. Complete timely documentation of client progress towards goals and client activity utilizing an established electronic medical records system. Complete all required paperwork in compliance with the VA contract, state standards, and WMMHC Policies and Procedures.
7. Provide benefits counseling (e.g., SSI, veteran's benefits) and support access to financial and medical supports.
8. Provide vocational counseling to assist clients in meeting employment or educational goals.
9. Provide ongoing assessment, problem solving, side-by-side services, skill training, supervision, and environmental adaptations to assist clients with activities of daily living.
10. Assist and support clients to carry out personal hygiene and grooming tasks.
11. Provide nutrition education, meal planning, grocery shopping, and food preparation.
12. Assist clients in finding and maintaining safe and affordable housing, negotiating with landlords and housing development agencies, cleaning, and procuring necessities, including ongoing supportive services.
13. Under direction of nursing staff, assist clients with their medications through phone prompts, in-person prompts, and utilizing medication lockboxes.

Qualifications: Masters Degree in Social Work or closely related field with a preference of a state license. Must be eligible for licensure following supervision. Prefer at least one year of experience in working in mental health field and specifically with diagnosis of SDMI.