

Title: Medical Social Consultant - Family Medicine (Job ID #138123)
Department: Medicine
Category: Civil Service
Location: Chicago
Close Date: 05/26/2021
Job Type: Full-Time
Shift: Days
Hours Per Week: 37.5
Description: **Job Summary:**

UI Health is seeking a **LCSW Behavioral Health and Addiction Medicine Social Consultant** to join **University Village** and **Pilsen Family Health Center Lower West** for a full-time, grant-funded position.

The Behavioral Health and Addiction Medicine Social Consultant provides psychiatric and bio-psychosocial assessment and counseling for patients identified as needing social service support or intervention. They may also provide emergency psychiatric assessment and crisis intervention services.

In addition, the Behavioral Health and Addiction Social Consultant is accountable for coordinating and facilitating patient services across the various levels of the continuum of care, with an emphasis on, but not limited to, substance use disorder, chronic pain, and mental illness. The care model utilizes a collaborative care approach with a focus on brief interventions and solution focused brief therapy.

The Medical Social Consultant will assist patients and their families in navigating through the health care system based on individual and patient population needs. They will serve as a role in promoting interdisciplinary collaboration, teamwork, and service excellence in two large, urban, diverse family medicine clinics with other health professionals and learners.

Duties: **Key Responsibilities/Duties:**

- Participate as an integrated component within the primary care team by being available for warm-handoff brief screening and interventions at the direction of primary care clinicians on the day of service.
- Actively assess daily schedules of primary care clinicians to proactively plan on potential warm-handoff and brief interventions, communicate during session huddles, and co-locate with primary care clinicians and nursing staff during clinical hours.
- Conduct brief screening, targeted counseling, and crisis intervention. Conduct short term counseling if needed, and bridge patients to specialty mental health services when appropriate.
- Co-manage behavioral health referrals and message pool for their respective location under the direction of the Director of Behavioral Science.
- Conduct assessments to identify individual needs and psychosocial risk factors and form a specific care management plan to address objectives and goals as identified during the assessment. Promote and coordinates optimum healthcare services with cost effective solutions.
- Implement care plans by facilitating authorizations/referrals as appropriate within the patients benefit structure or through extra-contractual arrangements in conjunction with care team.
- Collaborate with the Family Medicine Behavioral Health team, clinic staff, primary care and specialty care providers including resident physicians and medical students, school staff, patients, family, insurance carrier, customers, and facilities to assess the patient's healthcare and psychosocial needs and assure appropriate safe, cost effective, timely, and efficient services.
- Collaborate with the primary care team to develop screening tools and work flows in the clinic to identify patients in need of specific behavioral health and social services
- Identify service delivery problems and potential for effective care management intervention. Assist in identifying system problems and issues that impede diagnostic or treatment progression to the appropriate administrative liaison. Collaborate with the interdisciplinary team when delays occur in consults, treatments, discharge planning, or procedures to facilitate timely, cost-effective delivery of patient services.
- Participate in approved clinical research protocols including subject recruitment, screening, and administration of research instruments in the form of questionnaires and diagnostic interviews.
- Compose components of quality assurance and other clinical tracking activity reports. Prepare and/or submit program and treatment reports using quantitative and qualitative data.
- Practice in accordance with applicable laws, standards, and ethical principles.
- Maintain professional license in active and current status. Maintain expertise through participation in continuing education programs. Serve as experienced resource and patient services facilitation reference for care team members.
- Perform other duties and/or projects as assigned.

Qualifications: **Minimum Acceptable Qualifications Required:**

1. Master's degree from an accredited school or university in social or behavioral science or a related health specialty area.

Based on institutional requirements for each position:

2. A. Current State of IL Licensure as a Licensed Social Worker or a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

OR

B. Three (3) years (36 months) of progressively more responsible full-time experience in social work in a medical/clinical or social service agency setting.

3. LCSW license required.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Certified Addiction and Drug Counselor highly preferred
- Certification or experience with SBIRT, Motivational Interviewing, Problem Solving Therapy, Solution-Focused Therapy, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Cognitive Processing Therapy, Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, Family Therapy, or other evidence-based therapies for mental health or chronic pain treatment.
- Experience screening, assessing, and providing interventions for addiction (SBIRT), including diagnostic interviews, mental status examination, symptom inventories, cognitive function, and psychoeducational and personality assessments highly preferred.
- Background in assessing biopsychosocial and spiritual history relevant to addiction; and for symptoms of psychoactive substance toxicity, intoxication, and withdrawal highly preferred.
- Knowledgeable of techniques and interventions related to substance use disorders highly preferred.
- Experience with providing education or psychosocial interventions for individuals with chronic pain.
- Familiar with strategies for interfacing with the legal system and working with court referred clients.
- Spanish-speaking preferred or comfortable utilizing telephone interpreter services

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Fully complete all sections of the online application including adding your full work history with specific duties and responsibilities for each position held.

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When completing your online application, please be sure to provide detailed information about your job knowledge and specific duties and responsibilities, as your qualifications for any Civil Service position will be primarily determined based on what is contained in the application. Dates of employment and if employed on a full or part time basis (including number of hours per week) must be indicated for each position held. Additional consideration will be given to supporting documentation i.e. resume, transcripts, licenses, and certifications so please be sure to attach all applicable documents.

If a degree or college coursework is required, you must provide official transcripts.

Transcripts/Licenses/Certifications **MUST** be uploaded electronically to your online application through the "Documents" page on the Civil Service Employment Application (page 4). Be sure to select the appropriate document type before uploading the document.

If your educational institution provides electronic transcripts, please have them sent to: rsayles@uillinois.edu

If your educational institution doesn't provide electronic transcripts, they must mail the transcripts to:

University of Illinois at Chicago
Recruitment and Staffing
Human Resources Building Room 109
715 S. Wood Street M/C 862
Chicago IL 60612
Attn: C81040 - Medical Social Consultant - RS

If an application and all applicable forms, transcripts, and supporting documents are not submitted by the close date, the applicant/employee will not be considered for this position and will be denied.

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