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POSITION VETERANS PROGRAM CLINICAL LIAISON
SUPERVISION: ABHS CLINICAL DIRECTOR

STATEMENT OF JOB: The Veterans Program Clinical Liaison provides professional mental health and substance abuse counseling services to Veterans of the White Mountain Apache Tribe under the Authority of Apache Behavioral Health Services. The Clinical Liaison also assists Veteran clients with accessing other related VA services. The Clinical Liaison is responsible for conducting individual, group, and family therapy with Veterans.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Abide by all applicable policies, procedures, and program standards of Apache Behavioral Health Services, White Mountain Apache Tribe, Indian Health Services, and other pertinent regulatory agencies (e.g., one’s own mental health licensing board).
2. Ability to provide outpatient mental health and substance abuse clinical services including: assessment, treatment planning, individual, family and group therapy, for all WMAT Veterans, in a variety of settings including: office, IHS hospital, detention center, client homes and off reservation settings.
3. Employ multiple therapeutic strategies for the Veteran population, including substance abuse, utilizing ADHS/DBHS clinical guidelines, cognitive behavioral therapy, family therapy, group therapy, individual therapy, etc.
4. Ability to facilitate referral process to assure continuity of care with outside agencies and across programs at ABHS.
5. Ability to develop positive working relationships with IHS, schools, Children’s Shelter, Juvenile and Adult Courts, Prosecution, Probation, Tribal Social Services, and other programs.
6. Ability to provide twenty-four hour on-call rotation including irregular hours, weekend and holiday duty during on-call shift.
7. Ability to provide crisis services as needed in the office, schools, Children’s Shelter, detention center, hospital emergency room, etc. as they relate to Veteran client care.
8. Participate on Tribal committees, task forces, and other community efforts to address issues related to substance abuse and other mental health issues of the Veteran population.
9. Develop outreach programs designed to decrease substance abuse by Veterans and promote healthy family relationships on the Fort Apache Reservation.
10. Oversee the screening and placement of Veteran clients in approved residential programs.
11. Assist in the implementation of in-service training for Apache Behavioral Health Services staff.
12. Ability to maintain client records in accordance with HIPAA, ADHS/DBHS, ABHS, Federal, State, Tribal, and local requirements.
13. Comply with rules governing ADHS/DBHS; AHCCCS/Third Party billing systems, and IHS funding sources in clinical practices and paperwork system.
14. Maintain ethical policies and guidelines as outlined in accepted state ethics laws, rules, policies, and principles.
15. Provide a positive role model to clients and staff through leadership, self-discipline, and genuine care for the treatment and recovery of clients. All clients and staff members must be treated with dignity and respect.
16. Stays abreast of most current best practices concerning behavioral, substance abuse and other treatment modalities and provides in-service education for ABHS staff and other agencies as appropriate.
17. Participation in all required ABHS meetings and training, including weekly staff and/or clinical staff meetings.
18. Attend all appropriate clinical management teams both within and outside of ABHS.
19. Ability to conduct multi-disciplinary clinical staffings as needed.
20. Serves as the liaison between ABHS and the VA/IHS systems in order to ensure that Veteran clients are served in a timely and appropriate manner.

QUALIFICATIONS: Must possess a minimum of a MS/MS/MSW in a counseling/ marriage and family therapy/social work or any mental health field from regionally accredited graduate program. Must have and maintain a valid (independent level) license to practices as a professional mental health provider in any state in the United States. Preferably, have at least three years of experience providing counseling services and at least one year experience working with Native Americans. Possess a valid Arizona driver’s license and have personal transportation, which may be used for business purposes with tribal reimbursement for mileage as applicable. Must be able to pass fingerprint background check. Must be able to work collaboratively in rural multicultural setting. Indian preference for registered members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe or any registered member of a federally recognized Tribe or Nation, after meeting all other qualifications.

Indian Preference Act applies. Application: Can be picked up at ABHS or visit www.wmabhs.org