



Medical Director

Prevention and Recovery in Early Psychosis Program

Agency Overview

Founded in 1889, Family Service Agency of San Francisco is the oldest nonsectarian, nonprofit charitable social-services provider in the City and County of San Francisco. Our mission is to strengthen families by providing caring, effective, and innovative social services, with special emphasis on the needs of low-income families, children, and the elderly and disabled people, thus improving the quality of life for all San Franciscans.

Program Description

Prevention and Recovery in Early Psychosis (PREP) is a new program at FSA that operates in partnership with East Bay Community Recovery Project (EBCRP), the University California, San Francisco (UCSF) and the Mental Health Associations of San Francisco (MHA-SF) and Alameda County (MHAAC). This program is dedicated to early detection of psychosis and early delivery of care with a multi-disciplinary approach to treatment. The program combines a series of evidence-based treatments in Strength-based Care Management, Medication Management, Multi-family Group Therapy, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Early psychosis, Vocational rehabilitation and Cognitive Training to address the issue early and bring the symptoms to full remission.

Job Description

This 50% FTE position spans two counties (SF and AC) and includes a direct liaison role to UCSF and its research programs. We are seeking someone with a string interest in teaching, supervision and administration, as well as a dedication to bringing evidence-based practice into the community.

Provides direct clinical care to patients and supervision to nurse practitioners in medication evaluation and management. Evaluates needs of clients and develops treatment plan in coordination with others for individuals with schizophrenia, schizophreniform or schizoaffective disorders. Will be actively involved in administrative duties at the operations and executive level, and would report to and receive administrative supervision from the program director.

Program Specific Responsibilities

- Active contribution to program development and vision
- Supervision of all nurse practitioner medical care (*after 6 months of bi-monthly onsite supervision by current medical director, Demian Rose, MD, PhD, based at UCSF*)
- The ability to manage a small caseload of early psychosis clients as their primary clinician – the current co-directors have caseloads of their own at UCSF, and are therefore always intimately aware of the “on the ground” issues in treating transitional age youth at risk of or suffering from psychosis).
- Being present at onsite weekly clinical team meetings and being an active participant in team-based treatment planning
- Service on the PREP SF and AC Operations and Executive Committees, acting as medical representative (*after 3 months of co-service with current medical directors*)
- Reporting quarterly to PREP SF co-directors regarding the implementation of evidence-based medical practices (*first year only*)
- Exercises medical responsibilities for psychiatric evaluation, medication assessment and monitoring

- Assist with 5150 evaluations and conservator ship evaluations as needed
- Completes evaluations for conservator ship and performs involuntary hospitalizations, as needed
- Coordinates treatment planning with counselors and case managers as needed
- Orders diagnostic tests as needed
- Coordinates medical issues with Primary Health Care provider
- Maintains clinical records in accordance with mandated standards
- Consults and provides on-going education to non-medical staff in psychopharmacology and medical aspects of patient care
- Performs crisis interventions, supportive counseling and other direct mental health services, including case management, as needed
- Other related duties and responsibilities that may be assigned or requested from time to time

Minimum Qualifications

- A minimum of 3-5 years of experience in psychiatry and in working with multi-disciplinary team preferred
- Current California Medical License with a completed residency in Psychiatry
- American Board of Psychiatry certified or eligible for certification in Psychiatry
- Knowledge of Alameda County Community Behavioral Health Services and community resources
- Knowledge of County, State and Federal requirements for documentation and reporting
- Knowledge of DSM-IV diagnoses
- Monitoring Skills; Monitoring/Assessing performance of clients and take corrective action as needed
- Ability to communicate information and ideas in speaking and written form so that others can clearly understand
- Excellent written and verbal skills
- Outstanding organizational skills and attention to details
- Requires cultural competency to work with individuals from all racial, cultural and religious backgrounds and any sexual orientation.
- Ability to carry out community assignments including those connected to the school sites
- Ability to be a team player with a welcoming attitude
- Bi-lingual/bi-cultural a plus

Additional Information

Division: Felton Institute

Location: San Francisco and Alameda County

Position: half-time

Reports to: Associate Director

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