

LANE COUNTY
B071
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JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM NURSE

DEFINITION

To provide nursing care, patient treatment, health care management, promotion, prevention, and education to juveniles and staff of the Lane County Juvenile Justice System; and to perform related duties as assigned.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives direction from designated supervisory and management staff.

May exercise functional and technical supervision over other staff.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES - Duties may include, but are not limited to the following:

Utilizing independent judgment, assesses, plans, and evaluates juveniles' health needs and medical issues.

Performs or reviews initial assessments of new book-ins to determine medical needs and urgency of those needs.

Assists physicians and other health care professionals in clinical procedures and examinations.

Provides health nursing services in special settings such as local hospitals and mental health programs; conducts communicable disease investigations and follow-up with the Health Department.

Assists youth and staff in understanding health needs and methods of meeting needs.

Provides education services related to concepts of prevention of disease and promotion of mental and physical health to juveniles, staff, and families. Detects, treats and follows-up on spread of communicable diseases.

Arranges or conducts health counseling or group meetings with juveniles, their families and staff.

Prepares and dispenses, or provides for the administering of, appropriate medication under standing orders and prescribed orders of a physician.

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EXAMPLES OF DUTIES (con't)

Takes samples of blood and other bodily fluids for laboratory analysis; interprets their results where applicable.

Monitors detoxification of youth from drugs.

Monitors acute, chronic and convalescent care.

Participates in conferences with other disciplines and agencies to coordinate services and plan joint action.

Determines nature and severity of injuries or diseases and treats when appropriate, or refers to the licensed physician.

Plans and directs clinics or special programs within a juvenile justice system setting such as the dental clinic.

Complies and maintains comprehensive medical records, logs and charts; ensures proper flow of documentation.

Trains staff in use of basic emergency procedures and medical equipment.

Organizes and trains designated volunteer workers or other staff.

Provides input in mental health evaluations; works with the suicide prevention panel to ensure youth receive appropriate counseling.

Responds to emergency medical events and illnesses.

Orders, bills, and accounts for medicine, medical appliances, first aid supplies, medical and dental supplies.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Principles, practices and theory of nursing and its application in a juvenile justice system.

Laws, rules and regulations governing the provision of nursing care in a juvenile justice system.

Medications used in the treatment of patients and the physiological effects of those medications.

Treatment plans for patients and proper nursing procedures for establishing such plans.

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Knowledge of: (con't)

Community and national health standards and practices on health care in juvenile justice system, as well as community resources available.

Illnesses and diseases associated with public health and the treatments available for such diseases.

Principles of mental health.

Diagnostic tests and equipment used in the diagnosis of diseases and illnesses.

Program and clinic operations, policies and protocols.

Practices, principles and policies of health education.

Examination and assessment techniques used to analyze a variety of health problems.

Ability to:

Independently assess, identify, treat, and monitor illnesses and diseases.

Interpret laws, rules and regulations as applied to health care and education.

Administer, follow-up and monitor medications.

Identify, use and coordinate with community resources and other public health care programs.

Determine needs of the juveniles as applied to juvenile justice system health nursing services.

Provide educational services to juveniles and staff.

Examine juveniles and assess their physical and psychological well being.

Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.

Establish, maintain and update charts, medical records, reports, and other documentation.

Identify problems and generation of solutions within the scope of the department, division and program.

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Experience and Training

Training:

Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in a nursing program with course work in public health.

Experience:

Three years of responsible public or community health nursing, preferably focused on youth.

An equivalent combination of experience and training that will demonstrate the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying.

Special Requirements:

Possession of a State of Oregon Registered Nurse license at the time of appointment.

Possession of a valid Oregon Driver's license, if required, at the time of appointment.

Must possess, as a condition of employment and maintain after appointment, access to the Area Information Records System (AIRS) and/or the Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS) by time of appointment.