Social Worker-MSW
20 to 32 hour per week Day Opportunity
Ministry Saint Joseph’s Hospital, Marshfield, WI

The Department of Case Management and Social Services exists to assist patients and their families with the many complex clinical, social, emotional, financial, and continuing care needs that may arise from a hospitalization. Services are provided to meet these needs while a patient is hospitalized and also to help ensure a smooth and medically appropriate transition to the post acute care environment.

The department provides services to all patients and their families, regardless of age, diagnosis, religious or cultural backgrounds, or financial status. Department members provide direct services, but also work collaboratively with other members of the health care team to help ensure comprehensive and holistic care. Personnel uphold and support patient self-determination, and advocate on behalf of the individual. The highest standards of integrity and confidentiality are maintained.

The department is staffed by Case Managers, Social Workers, Clinical Case Management Specialists, Case Management Assistants, and Secretaries. Normal office hours are 8:00 - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and partial days on Saturday. On-call coverage is available during all non-office hours.

The Social Worker works as part of the total health care team to help meet the complex social, economic and emotional needs of the patients and their families while in the hospital, and to ensure that these needs are adequately met after discharge.

Essential Functions:

- Interviews patients and families to obtain information about social, emotional, economic and family circumstances which affect the patient’s and family’s ability to understand, accept and follow medical recommendations.
- Through the use of casework and counseling techniques, work with patients and families to help them understand and begin to adjust to the illness or disability. Helps patients deal with problems of adjustment and ineffective coping.
- Serve as a resource to physicians and other patient care team members in cases involving complex psychosocial issues and needs. Communicates psychosocial factors and their impact on patients and families.
- Develop specific treatment goals with patient/family and evaluate service effectiveness.
- Maintains extensive, current information on social support resources and programs in the Central Wisconsin area.
- Participate in care conferences to provide input on psychosocial issues and to coordinate appropriate services.
- Contacts community resources and agencies in order to mobilize needed services on patient's behalf.
Becomes involved in cases of abuse and/or neglect, including domestic abuse. Coordinates services per hospital policy and state law.

Serves as a resource to patients on financial issues and makes referrals to appropriate resources for those not routinely handled by the Business Office.

Develops and maintains good working relationships with other hospital and medical staff, as well as community resources and services.

Assists with legal issues such as guardianships, protective placements, advance directives, chapter 51.15 detentions and other issues involving law enforcement or the courts.

Qualifications:

- Master's Degree in Social Work from a school accredited by the Council on Social Work Education is required.
- Two years experience in a health care setting preferred.
- Must be certified or eligible for certification as an Advanced Practice Social Worker or Independent Social Worker in the State of Wisconsin.

This position will be working 20 to 32 hours per week on the day shift primarily Monday-Friday with occasional call, weekend and holiday rotations. This opportunity is eligible for Ministry Health Care's benefits package.

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