

## Pathways To Housing, Inc.

**Title: MEDICAL NURSE PRACTITIONER**

**Reports To: Director of Health Services**

The **Medical Nurse Practitioner (NP)** is an integral part of the trans-disciplinary ACT team, providing primary health care to clients in order to promote wellness, recovery and rehabilitation. Responsibilities are implemented within the framework of agency policy, professional ethics, legal scope of practice and regulatory guidelines.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Provide comprehensive and holistic primary care, including: physical exams, development of diagnoses, management of acute and chronic illnesses
- Evaluate outcomes of care and make medical recommendations
- Prescribe and evaluate pharmacological treatment regimen
- Collaborate with other health care providers and makes appropriate referrals
- Develop, Maintain and Update plans of care and health care records
- Teach health promotion measures to clients and staff.
- Advocate for client in accessing and navigating the health care system
- Work closely with the team and client in establishing and following the optimal treatment/service plan
- Participate in check-in meetings and case-reviews, and consults with team members as needed
- Collaborate with nursing staff to coordinate prescriptions and orders, and to oversee the overall health of the clients
- Establish a work schedule, in collaboration with team leaders to ensure that clients are seen in a timely manner.
- Engage identified clients in medical services, both on site and in the community
- Educate/Assist agency staff to develop/increase awareness of community health care agencies/resources
- Serve as health care resource to clients and families/significant others
- Participate in facilitating appropriate hospitalizations (medical and psychiatric), crisis interventions and referrals
- Communicate with hospital staff to ensure optimal treatment and discharge planning.
- Establish/Lead education and support groups on health related topics, in the Health & Fitness Initiative, e.g. mental illness, psychiatric medications, nutrition, safe sex, obesity and smoking cessation.
- Provide in-services and trainings for the staff
- Perform other related work as assigned.

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## **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Patience, creativity, flexibility, compassion, and sensitivity to persons with disabilities and other minority populations.
- Licensed as Registered Nurse by New York State Board of Nursing
- BS and MS in Nursing
- Certification by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.
- Experience or training in community preferred.
- Experience with dually diagnosed population preferred
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills