UNION JOB DESCRIPTION

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JOB TITLE:	Psychiatric Social Worker	**JOB DESCRIPTION NO.:**	P.CI.50200.001
CLASSIFICATION:	Social Worker P1	**GRID/PAY LEVEL:**	H-I-P1
COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT:	Health Science Professionals	**HSCIS NO.:**	50901
UNION:	HSA	**JOB/CLASS CODE:**	50901
PROGRAM/DEPARTMENT:	Mental Health & Addiction Services	**BENCHMARKS (If Applicable):**	
REPORTING TO:	Manager or designate		
FACILITY/SITE:	Cowichan District Hospital (Quw'utsun Valley Hospital)		

JOB SUMMARY:

In accordance with the Vision, Purpose, and Values, and strategic direction of the Vancouver Island Health Authority, patient safety is a priority and a responsibility shared by everyone at VIHA; as such, the requirement to continuously improve quality and safety is inherent in all aspects of this position.

Provides social services to patients and their relatives where social, emotional or economic problems interfere with their optimum level of functioning.

TYPICAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Responds to referrals from Medical Staff, Nursing Department, patients and/or their families.

2. Interviews patients and their families in order to clarify problems, assess needs, develop counselling programs where required and provide information regarding relevant community resources.

3. Consults with relevant hospital staff to clarify perceived needs of patients and/or their families and mobilizes appropriate community resources.

4. Provides ongoing counselling for patients and/or their families focusing on communication patterns, relationship dynamics, personal choices, etc.

5. Collaborates with various community services to: arrange discharge of patients to alternate facilities or living situations, organize home support services, address financial concerns, ensure follow-up counselling or support.

6. In co-operation with Psychiatric Unit staff, develops, implements and facilitate relevant programs for patients and their families.

7. Develops, implements or attends in-services relevant to the psychosocial needs of patients and their families.

8. Participates in multi-disciplinary team case conferences and discharge planning for both psychiatric in-patients and outpatients.

9. Provides consultation to psychiatric staff for relevant social work input.

10. Maintains relevant records on patients charts on the Social Services Assessment/Progress Forms and completes daily statistical reports.

11. Performs other related duties as required.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education, Training And Experience

MSW;

Current full registration with the BC College of Social Workers;

2 years recent related experience working within a mental health substance use setting.

Skills And Abilities