

2016

Renal Social Work in BC: The Scope

# **Abbotsford Kidney Care Clinic**



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### **Goals of Session**

- Increase interprofessional awareness of the qualifications, competencies, and scope of practice for RSW in health
- Understand the role of the renal social worker to enhance interprofessional collaboration towards appropriate decisions and referrals and successful transitions and outcomes



### **Overview of Session**

- Qualifications/Accountability
- Assessment and Diagnosis
- Examples of SW Role in Transitions
- Documentation
- Question and Answers





## **Registered Social Worker**

**RSW:** A member of the British Columbia College of Social Workers who holds a certificate of registration



### **Social Work in BC**

Registration, Inquiry & Discipline ~Transparent

~Objective

~Impartial

~Fair

Standards of Practice Ethical Standards

High Practice Standards Continuing Competency



## **Scope of Practice**

Assessment
Diagnosis
Treatment
Evaluation

Of

Individual,
Interpersonal,
& Societal
Issues

Using SW Knowledge
Skills
Interventions
Strategies

To Assist Individuals
Couples
Families
Groups
Organizations
Communities

To Achieve Optimum
Psychological &
Social
Functioning

### **Social Work Assessment**

#### Determine

- Nature, Cause, Progression, Prognosis
  - Personalities & Situations involved

#### Aquire

- Understanding
  - Causes & Changes needed to minimize/resolve

#### Identify

• Strengths & Capacities



## **Social Work Diagnosis:**

#### Series of Clinical Judgements

- Based on SW Knowledge & Skills
  - Re: Couples, Families, Groups



Basis of Actions
Taken/Not Taken

Based on SW
Code of Ethics &
Standards of Practice

SW expects to be accountable

## **Under the Surface**







#### **Transitions**

- Diagnosis/Post-Diagnosis
- Change in Stage
- Decision Making
- Dialysis Starts
- Renal Transplant
- Addressing EOL
- Palliative Care



## Diagnosis/Referral to Renal



## **Treatment Decision Making**

Pt. Education re: RRT

RRT Transition Planning



Informed Consent & SDM

Conservative Care

End of Life Care Planning (c.c. decision making, withdrawal, end of life planning

## **Preparation for Transitions:**

Review Pt's Social and Psycho-emotional Readiness



Provide Clinical Counselling for Pt/ Support System



Transfer of Information Strengthen Continuity of Care





#### **Social Work Role in Transitions**



Bridging the Gap



## **Advocacy**

- 1. The act of directly representing or defending others.
- 2. Championing the rights of individuals, groups or communities through direct intervention or through empowerment.

Advocacy is a basic obligation of the profession and its members.

#### **SW** Interventions:

- Based on theory and research
- Brief
- Targeted Focused

- Support the patient Support the goals of Renal Program Outcome Driven



#### Include:

- Therapeutic Use of Self
- Crisis Intervention
- Cognitive-behaviouralMindfulness-based stress reduction
- Problem-solving
- Loss and Grief
- Motivational Interviewing
- Interpersonal TherapySymptom Targeted Intervention



# **Documentation:**Purpose of SW Involvement:

- Pre and Post Diagnosis Counselling
- Patient Education
- Treatment Decisions
- Clinical Pathway
- Anxiety and Depression
- Adjustment/Transition Counselling
- Practical Resource Referrals

# **Documentation:**Psycho-Emotional Context

- SUMMARY OF SITUATION:
- (RENAL CARE PLAN):
- PATIENT/CLIENT/FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:
- CLINICAL IMPRESSIONS/SOCIAL WORK DIAGNOSIS
- THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTION: [\*]
- PLAN:
- OUTCOMES:



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## Questions



