

GREYSTONE PARK PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL

Department of Pastoral Services

SCOPE OF SERVICE

1) Department Function

Recognizing that patients have the right to pastoral and spiritual services, and that spiritual care can promote wellness and recovery, Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital has established a Department of Pastoral Services.

Within the constraints of the institution and clinical practice, the Department of Pastoral Services supports:

- a) the right of patients to pastoral care or other spiritual services;
- b) the right of patients to practice their own religion, or to abstain from practice;
- c) a treatment milieu in which the patient's spiritual values are respected.
- d) when requested, assist patients in exploring their own spiritual values, including
 - their self-identity,
 - their hope for living in recovery,
 - the experiences, decisions, and relational responsibilities for living within recovery
 - the goodness and sacredness of their life, and the immutable dignity of their humanity.

As befitting a state hospital, this Department is clinical, rather than religious, in orientation. The Department and its staff does not evangelize, proselytize, or promote a religious system.

2) Description of Staff

The Department consists of:

- a) One full time *Board Certified Chaplain* as Director
- b) One consulting *Board Certified Chaplain* .25 fte
- c) One consulting Chaplain, deaf program .20 fte
- d) The three staff chaplain positions (nominally *Board Certified Chaplains*) are vacant due to state hiring freeze.

3) Description of Services

- a) Visitation. All chaplains provide pastoral visitation on patient units.
- b) Participation in Hospital Protocols. Chaplains Participate in hospital policy specific protocols for *End of Life* and *Event of Patient Death*.
- c) Consultation. Chaplains will consult with the treatment teams on special issues arising from a patient's religious practice.
- d) Provide program groups or other venues for the exploration of spiritual issues.
- e) Counseling. Further pastoral counseling or consultation with the patient can be provided as appropriate.
- f) On-Call coverage. An on-call list is maintained with the hospital operator and central staffing.
- g) Specialized Clinical Services.

In addition to providing clinically based pastoral care, *Board Certified Chaplains* of this department may:

- Take a religious or spiritual history and assess the psycho-dynamics of a patient's spiritual ideation and practice through a formal pastoral assessment;
- In conjunction with the treating psychiatrist, treat for the V-62.89 code under DSM-IV;
- Coordinate pastoral interventions with other disciplines, particularly for spiritual expression, reduction of anxiety, relational issues, and obsessive thought patterns manifesting as religious ideation.

GPPH: CL-RI-0005 Care at End of Life CL-RI-011 Multicultural Services CL-TX-0206 Tx Teams and Meetings CL-TX-0224 Tx Planning Policy CL-TX-0229 Procedure in Event of Patient Death CL-TX-0244 Assessment/Reassessment	JCAHO RI.2.10 PC.2.20 PC.2.130 PC 8.70	Also: NJ General Statutes 30:4-24.2 ("Patient Rights" Statute) "Evaluating your Spiritual Assessment Process," Joint Commission: <i>The Source</i> , Feb 2005, Vol 3: Issue 2 "Addressing Patients' Emotional and Spiritual Needs," Joint Commission: <i>Journal on Quality and Safety</i> , Dec 2003, Vol 29: No 12 "Will Hospitals Recover?: The Implications of a Recovery Orientation," (Smith and Bartholomew: UMDNJ), <i>American Journal of Psychiatric Rehabilitation</i> , 2006, Vol 9.
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