

Grief and Bereavement Counselor

Role Description

Overview of the Role

Reporting to the Executive Director, the Grief and Bereavement Counsellor provides short term focused treatment to help people who are struggling with grief which may include individuals and/or families. The duties will include: planning patient's counselling sessions, conducting therapy sessions with them, and making suggestions to help each patient manage their grief in the healthiest ways possible. This may also include referring patients to others for more specialized assistance. The individual will have a demonstrated ability to work with Hospice Society contractors, healthcare team members, and volunteers.

Responsibilities

- Receives referrals from Program/Volunteer Coordinator, liaising with Community/Hospice Nurses and Doctors when necessary
- Provides comprehensive therapeutic and counselling services for individuals or family members experiencing grief or bereavement related to palliative diagnosis or end of life.
- Use a range of evidence based therapeutic modalities to support clients through the grieving process
- Monitor and evaluate client's response to interventions, providing support to enhance their ability to cope with grief
- Provide clients with information regarding community resources and facilitate referrals where necessary
- Provides monthly reports to the Executive Director
- Participate in supporting Hospice Society staff and volunteers with debriefs and clinical support and education as needed
- Keep current with legislative and regulatory changes pertaining to the delivery of Hospice Care
- Maintain client records by documenting client assessments, client information, preparing progress notes and reports in accordance with established standards, policies and procedures
- Manage caseload based on provided contractual hours
- Ensure best practice by reviewing literature in specialty areas, consulting with clinical and community experts within the field and participating in professional development activities

Qualifications, Knowledge and Abilities Requirements

- Master's Degree in Social Work, Counseling or a directly related field
- At least 3 years of recent related counseling and assessment experience in palliative care, including grief and bereavement, or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience.
- Current registration with the British Columbia College of Social Workers or the British Columbia Association of Clinical Counselors or Certified Canadian Counsellor.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- In Depth knowledge of the psychology of loss and the stages of grief
- Ability to stay informed on the developments in the field of bereavement counseling
- Good organizational, problem solving and decision making skills
- Awareness of community resources
- Must have own practicing insurance