

MINUTES FROM NDP MAS NURSE/MATT RN QUARTERLY MEETING

Thursday, November 17, 2022

Beverly Jackson, NDP Coordinator, conducted Roll Call for MATT RNs. All MAS Nurses were instructed to document names in Chat Box as proof of attendance.

1. Per Carter English, Pharmacist, ADMH Pharmacy Director -

- View the AL Medicaid Website for Alerts:
 - Alcohol and Drug Screenings will no longer be required for persons prescribed Hepatitis C Drugs.
 - Consent will still be required for Hepatitis C Drugs.
 - Due to this change, ADMH will need to formulate a procedure for treating persons with Hepatitis C
 - The COVID PHE (Public Health Emergency) has been extended until 11/30/22
 - Preferred Drug List – Adderall, Concerta, and Vyvanse require prior authorization; Ritalin may require prior authorization as well

2. Per Beverly Jackson, NDP Coordinator:

- ADMH Region IV/Community Services has a vacancy for a **Regional Nurse**
- **Linda Kane, RN**, Regional Nurse for Region 4, was introduced and welcomed
- **The MAS-MAC Manual** revision has finally been completed. Some important noted changes are:
 - Nursing Assessment to be completed within 72 hours of Admission
 - PRN Nursing Assessment/Focus Assessment for Health Status Change to be completed within 24 hours: Persons who self-medicate do not have to have prior approval for PRNs; however, there must be accountability and monitoring for the number of PRNs taken
 - Refusal of medication is not a Medication Error; it is a clinical issue and still must be reported in Therap under “Other”
 - Required NDP Policies and Procedures are manual; Agencies are required to have their own NDP Policies and Procedures as well
 - Medication Errors – each deviation must be counted. All Medication Errors except Documentation Errors require the use of NDP Form 21 – Medication Error Training Form
 - Level 2 and Level 3 Medication Errors must be reported to the NDP Coordinator. MAS Nurses must complete NDP Form 4 – Level II/Level III Medication Error Report Form – and submit it to Beverly Jackson, NDP Coordinator

- NDP Form 14 - Skills Checklist has been revised. MAC Workers must initial in each box of skills checked off; MAS Nurses are required to sign at the top of the form. Columns have been added for MAC Recertification; the form could possibly be used for up to eight years and should be on ADMH Website soon
 - The Abbreviations List has been revised. Joint Commissions' Abbreviation List is included as well
 - Colorful photos have been added
 - Trainer Tips are at the end of the manual
 - The revised Manual should be on the ADMH Website soon
- QuickMars can be used for Off-Site Custody of Medications
 - Medications must always be locked even during transport by agency employees
 - Medications must always be in original containers with pharmacy labels; required when sent with family/friends for out-of-agency visits
 - Med Room keys must be secured always unless in possession of a Nurse or MAC Worker
 - Disposal of **ALL** medications including expired medications and expired standing orders medications must be documented
 - Non-MAC Workers can witness the count for Controlled Substances (Narcotics) but can't hold/handle the Narcotics; however, they can sign on the Controlled Substances (Narcotics) Count Sheet as verification of the count.

Next Meeting Date: **Thursday, February 16, 2023, at 10 am**

Attachment: Meeting Agenda



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Date: December 8, 2022