DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT #4
PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES
JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE: REGISTERED DIETICIAN

General Summary:

The Registered Dietician is responsible for providing skilled dietetic services to clients. Dieticians are recognized as experts on food and nutrition. Dietitians promote and maintain health, prevent or treat illness and aid rehabilitation through nutrition education and diet intervention. Clinical dietitians are a vital part of the team by providing nutritional assessment and nutrition education to improve a client’s health. The Registered Dietician must exercise an exceptional degree of independent judgement, and be accountable for his/her judgement and actions, be capable of practicing registered dietician services with a considerable degree of autonomy and be responsible for the outcome of their decision and/or action(s). The Registered Dietician is expected to maintain competency and continue with professional growth.

Supervision Received:

Works under the supervision of the Personal Health Nursing Director and Personal Health Nursing Supervisor(s).

Essential Job Functions:

The following statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by people assigned this classification. They are not construed as an exhaustive list of all job duties performed by personnel so classified. Other duties may be required and assigned.

* Provide individual counseling for participants with high risk nutritional conditions;
* Assist with the development of the Nutrition Education Plan;
* Document assessment, intervention, plan of care;
* Work with a multidisciplinary team to develop a comprehensive plan of care;
* Providing information and nutrition health education, referrals and recipient advocacy services.
* Provide services both in an office and home setting.
Knowledge, Skills and Ability

Knowledgeable of dietician therapy principles and practices.

Thorough knowledge of maternal/child nutrition.

Knowledge of community resources.

Skills in utilizing problem solving techniques in planning for and providing skilled registered dietician services.

Considerable ability to communicate effectively and accurately orally and in writing.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with consumers, co-workers, supervisors and other professionals, community agencies and the general public.

Ability to work with a multidisciplinary team.

Qualification Requirements

Bachelor of science and registration as a dietician (RD);

One year of providing community health, pediatric and/or maternal/infant nutrition services preferred.

Personal appearance/health: must be well groomed at all times and of good persona

Personal Characteristics: initiative, tact, objectivity, adaptability, proven ability to foster good interpersonal relationships, and a commitment to the goals and objectives of the agency.

Judgement; involves thorough skill in independent thinking and action in applying nutrition principles and practices, ability to make sound clinical judgements with particular application to maternal/child nutrition needs. Basic skill to organize time and materials.

Effort: average degree of mental effort is required to fulfill the responsibilities of the position and meet the demands of the program activities.

Responsibility for the safety of others: Responsible for the safety of client care provided by the RD.

Tact: must exercise tact in dealing with co-workers, community, clients and other personnel.

Environmental conditions/physical requirements: Potential for injury or exposure to communicable disease. Ability to perform tasks involving driving/travel, walking, sitting,
bending, standing. Knowledge of body mechanics, current motor vehicle driver’s license and reliable insured vehicle to travel are required. Visual and hearing ability sufficient to comprehend written/verbal communication ability to communicate bother orally and in writing.

Registered Dietician

Personal Health Nursing Director

Date

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