

Employee Position Description

Position Details		
Position Title: Mental Health & AOD Intake Clinician	Department: Mental Health & AOD	Agreement: Community Health Centre (Stand Alone Services) Social and Community Service Employees Multi Enterprise Agreement 2022
Reports To: Manager Mental Health & AOD Intake	Location: The position is based at AccessHC Hawthorn site.	
Direct Reports: Nil	Employment Status: 0.6 EFT position permanent	Classification: Social and Community Service, Social Worker Level 4 or 5, (Pay point dependant on experience)
Position Primary Purpose		
<p>The Mental Health and AOD Intake Clinician is an important role within the Mental Health and AOD service, providing the first point of contact, engagement and triage for consumers seeking to access mental health and alcohol and other drug (AOD) services, including the ‘Steps’ Mental Health Stepped Care service.</p> <p>The Mental Health and AOD Intake Clinician will triage, assess and support clients to access a variety of mental health and/or AOD services within AccessHC, and make external referrals where required. This includes, through a combination of phone, telehealth and face-to-face contacts, assessing their needs and appropriately triaging and actioning the referral. This may include completing an initial needs assessment, conducting risk assessments, providing brief interventions, booking an appointment, providing clients with relevant information and referral pathways, or making a referral to another service.</p>		
Decision Making Authority	Key Relationships	
Decisions made independent of Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decisions as per the AccessHC Delegation framework 	Internal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manager Mental Health and AOD Intake, Manager Mental Health, Manager AOD, Manager headspace Hawthorn General Manager Mental Health and AOD Senior Clinician Intake and Mental Health Clinical Lead and AOD Senior Clinician, clinical staff in Mental Health, AOD and headspace teams Mental Health & AOD Intake Clinicians and Intake Support Workers 	External <ul style="list-style-type: none"> External GP Referrers EMPHN Referral and Access Team ECADS (Eastern Consortium of Alcohol and Drug Services) partners, including Turning Point ACSO COATS (forensic AOD referrals) Other community health, mental health, AOD family violence, homelessness, and employment services as relevant

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allied Health intake team • Child and Family intake team • CamCare • GP and medical practice 	
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Key Accountabilities	
Focus Areas	Responsibilities
Direct Support / Clinical Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register and triage all mental health and AOD referrals, including Medication Support and Recovery Service (MSRS), Stepped Care (Steps), Head to Health, forensic/youth/adult/family AOD referrals, community health counselling, NDIS, HACC PYP , My Aged Care and fee-for-service referrals • Conduct clinical intake with clients (over the phone or face-to-face) to determine their mental health & AOD needs and appropriate referral pathways using intake and screening tools as required (this may include use of the, K10, IAR tool, MARAM Safety pan and Suicide Safety plan and others) • Conduct comprehensive clinical assessments with clients which includes assessment of presenting issue, mental state examination, family/relationships, physical health, substance use, mental health, psychosocial support/functioning and goals for treatment • Listen to and prioritise client's needs and problem solve with clients • Provide single sessions and/or brief interventions (either over the phone or face-to-face) with clients presenting with short-term or mild mental health/AOD concerns • Book appointments with appropriate mental health & AOD clinicians • Conduct clinical risk assessments (including suicide risk assessments) and implement risk management plans where appropriate • Participate in multidisciplinary daily triage meetings and case allocation and clinical review meetings, including presentation of assessment and initial treatment plan • Assist clients to navigate service systems using step up/step down approaches and service coordination • Inform clients, families and others of both internal and external referral pathways to support clients and key

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> stakeholders Understand and apply knowledge areas including funding sources, referral pathways and relevant legislation such as child safety, family violence, mental health, alcohol and other drugs, guardianship and administration, and elder abuse
Partnerships and Networking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the establishment of referral pathways and connections with key stakeholders, including GPs, pharmacists, hospitals, and mental health/AOD services Promote the Stepped Care/ Head to Health Model and other AccessHC programs to the community, consumers and key stakeholders across the region Help to build relationships with referrers and agencies and with other internal teams, including the Medical, Allied Health, Child and Family, CamCare, Mental Health, AOD and headspace teams, and relevant consortium partners Work as an effective and collaborative member of the Mental Health & AOD Services to ensure a client-centred and holistic response is provided
Quality, Safety and Clinical Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete accurate clinical notes for all consumers and ensure up-to-date and comprehensive clinical records are maintained Ensure all legislative requirements (including those relating to mandatory reporting) are followed, and all clinical and OH&S incidents are accurately reported in the VHIMS Central database Maintain high quality data recording as per program requirements (including completion of the National Minimum Dataset) Contribute to the continuous quality improvement and accreditation of the Mental Health & AOD programs as directed by the Senior Manager of Mental Health and AOD Services Identify and pursue learning and development opportunities and participate in professional development in line with the Individual Workplan and Performance Review Participate in regular Clinical supervision with Senior Clinician and Operational (line management) supervision with Manager MH & AOD intake
Program Evaluation and Team Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist in the general review and evaluation of the Mental Health and AOD programs at AccessHC Participate in other program development and project work as required Contribute to the team and participate in a supportive team culture Contribute to the planning, monitoring and evaluation of the services at AccessHC Represent the service as required in a professional and ethical manner
AccessHC Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through actions and behaviour, demonstrate AccessHC Values of; Equity, Collaboration, Integrity, Accountability, Innovation and Excellence.
Governance and Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Act in accordance with AccessHC's policies, procedures and code of conduct.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain updated and valid credentials in accordance with relevant legislation and industry requirements where applicable to the position. • Participate in mandatory training and professional development requirements to support the delivery of a safe and effective service. • Work with the Senior Clinician and Management to make a contribution towards effective risk management. • Take personal responsibility for the quality and safety of work undertaken.
Workplace Health and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act in accordance with health and safety policies and procedures at all times. • All staff are required to take reasonable care for their own health and safety and that of other personnel who may be affected by their conduct. • Treat others with respect and always behave professionally and in accordance with the AccessHC Code of Conduct.

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Selection Criteria	
<p>Mandatory selection criteria items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police Check • NDIS Check • Working With Children Check <p>Key selection criteria items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant mental health qualifications (such as social work, psychology, counselling, alcohol and other drugs, nursing or similar field) and equivalent work experience with a minimum 2 years' experience working with clients in mental health, AOD or related fields • Excellent understanding of mental health and alcohol and other drug (AOD) treatment services and referral pathways, with particular focus on the Eastern Region • Experience and/or training in conducting clinical risk assessments and implementing risk management plans with clients • The ability to produce and maintain high level clinical documents, reports and databases • Proficiency with electronic health record systems (such as TrakCare, and Microsoft Office programs (Word, Excel, Outlook and PowerPoint) 	<p>Attributes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possess a warm, empathic and professional therapeutic style • Ability to work independently and as part of a multi-disciplinary team • Ability to work autonomously, make decisions, organize workload, set priorities and meet deadlines • Willingness to expand your current skillset to meet the needs of the service • The ability to work respectfully and creatively with diverse populations, including Indigenous Australians, LGBTIQ and CALD communities • Demonstrated behaviours consistent with AccessHC values
<p>Access Health and Community (AccessHC) is a Child Safe Organisation that values inclusivity and diversity. We encourage applications from people with disabilities, those with lived experience of mental health and/or alcohol and other drugs (AOD) challenges, and those with diverse genders and sexualities.</p> <p>At AccessHC, our vision for reconciliation is an Australia where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples experience equitable health and social outcomes. Our Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) will contribute to achieving reconciliation. We will seek an understanding of and acknowledging histories and injustices, support the active expression of culture, build strong, trusting relationships, and apply culturally appropriate practices within our work.</p> <p>We will work in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to create a welcoming and safe place for everyone at our services. AccessHC acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people, who are the Traditional Owners of the land on which we work. We pay our respects to Wurundjeri Elders past, present, and future, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and we acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded.</p> <p>As a vaccine positive organisation, we encourage COVID-19 vaccinations and require successful applicants to undergo a NDIS Check, Working With Children Check, Police Check and potentially an International Check.</p>	

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Authorisations	
Manager Name: Signature: _____ Date: / /	Staff Name: Signature: _____ Date: / /

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