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## LICENSURE

Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, Massachusetts

8/13- Present

## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

### **Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA**

1/14 – Present

*Clinical Scholar, Social Worker for the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit*

- Conduct psychosocial assessments of pediatric patients and families admitted to the ICU to evaluate their needs.
- Engage families in clinical interventions to assist with situations such as new diagnosis, chronic illness, trauma and end of life care.
- Facilitate a thrice weekly multidisciplinary huddle to ensure collaborative care for patients and families.
- Clinically supervise a final year MSW student.
- Assist with coverage for weekend and overnight shifts of the Emergency Department and medical inpatient floors and train staff that joins this off hours pool regarding pediatric coverage.
- Provide training and support to staff as a Superuser during the eCare transition of electronic medical record systems.
- Representative for Massachusetts General Hospital on the Boston College Field Placement Advisory Board.
- Participate in the Quality and Safety Committee and Ethics Committee for Pediatrics.
- Co-Chair the Bereavement Committee and an active member of the Annual Pediatric and Obstetric Memorial Service.
- Regularly attend educational seminars to further enhance clinical competency.
- Co-Chair the Death and Dying working group for the PICU while providing teachings to the multidisciplinary team around quality improvement projects around death and bereavement to enhance patient care.
- Co-facilitate mandated reporter trainings with the MGH Child Protection Team for the interdisciplinary team.

### **Melrose Alliance Against Violence**

1/15 – Present

*Group Facilitator*

- Facilitate weekly support group meetings for adult female survivors of domestic violence.
- Create educational curriculum regarding various topics such as self esteem, parenting, rebuilding trust, and boundaries.

### **Boston College Graduate School of Social Work**

Fall Semester 2016 & 2017

*Associate Professor*

- Instructor of the required fall course, Psychosocial Dimensions of Health and Medical Care Practice, for final year Graduate School of Social Work students in the Health concentration.
- Continually revise course content relevant to current evidence based practice.

## RELATED EXPERIENCE

### **Boston Medical Center, Boston, MA**

*Social Work Clinical Supervisor and Child Protection Team*

8/13 – 2/15

- Provided weekly clinical supervision for two LCSW's employed in the Emergency Department as well as in an outpatient Pediatric setting.
- Offered consultation to staff regarding possible child neglect and abuse cases that arise in the hospital setting.

*Social Worker for Outpatient Cancer Care and Multi-Specialty Center*

8/12 – 1/14

- Completed psychosocial assessments to evaluate and address patient needs for adult Cancer Care, Hematology and Multi-Specialty services.
- Engaged patients and families in clinical treatments including guided imagery, CBT and motivational interviewing.
- Provided support around end of life issues and grief.
- Assisted patients with identifying and addressing barriers to treatment by connecting them with community resources and concrete services as well as understanding and completing advanced care directives.
- Conducted weekly support group meetings for adults diagnosed with cancer and amyloidosis and their caregivers.
- Social Work Department Technology Committee Chair, developing and maintaining both internal and external websites.
- Co-Chair of the In-Service Training Committee coordinating monthly in-service trainings for social service staff.
- Coordinated social work involvement and created public media materials to be used for multiple health fairs across Eastern Massachusetts.
- Co-facilitated the Transition Clinic for pediatric patients diagnosed with sickle cell disease transitioning to adult care.
- Continually assisted with training of new hires and full hospital coverage including holiday and weekend coverage.
- Certified in critical incident debriefings and conduct debriefings for staff regularly.

*Inpatient Social Worker for Trauma, General Surgery, and Orthopedic Surgery Services*

7/11 – 8/12

- Completed psychosocial assessments to evaluate patient needs and provided appropriate evidenced based interventions.
- Worked on a multidisciplinary team to participate in the coordination of patient discharge planning, patient safety upon discharge and facilitating family meetings.
- Provided patients with information on community resources and concrete services such as food stamps, violence intervention advocacy programs, elder care services and substance abuse programs.
- Supervised volunteer visitors who visited patients weekly.

**Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC), Boston, MA**

6/10 – 11/11

*Medical Advocate Volunteer*

- Completed training and received certification in Crisis Counseling.
- Accompanied and advocated for sexual assault survivors in Boston area hospital emergency departments.
- Provided information, support and an environment of empowerment to survivors and their significant others.
- Attended bi-weekly supervision and additional training on sexual assault

**EDUCATION**

**Boston College Graduate School of Social Work, Boston, MA**

Master of Social Work, Concentration in Health and Mental Health

9/09 – 5/11

**Suffolk University, Boston, MA**

Psychology, BA, Magna cum Laude, GPA: 3.7.

9/05 – 5/09

- Member, National Honors Society in Psychology and Delta Alpha Pi Society of Suffolk University.
- Studied abroad in Rome, Italy at John Cabot University.

**POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

- Yager, P., Clancy, S., Romano, J., (2016, May). Interdisciplinary team huddle to optimize care delivery to PICU families with complex psychosocial stressors. Poster Presented at MGH Clinical Research Day, Boston, MA.
- White-Ajmani, M. L., Bursik, K., Forbes, H. E., Romano, J., & Powers, K. A. (2010, May). Moral disengagement, aggression, and the person-situation interaction. Poster presented at the 22nd Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science, Boston, MA.
- O'Connell, S, Bursik, K., & Romano, J. (2010, March). Positive effects of negative visualization for defensively pessimistic athletes. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Brooklyn, NY.

**GLOBAL EXPERIENCE**

8/10 and 1/11

- Participated in service learning trip to Romania while studying social issues regarding child welfare, Roma rights, women's rights and communism.
- Participated in service learning trip to South Africa and Lesotho while studying social issues concerning women's rights, child welfare, collective society and the impact of HIV / Aids.

**PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS**

- 2017 MGH Palliative Care Champion after completing Harvard University's Palliative Care Education and Practice program and taking part in the palliative care improvement project hospital wide.
- 2016 Graduate of the Partners' Clinical Process Improvement Leadership Program (CPIP).
- Recognized as an Advanced Clinician by the MGH Clinical Recognition board in 2015
- Recognized by the House of Representatives for work completed at Boston Medical Center with Project ASSERT for 2013 and 2014
- 2013 Social Worker of the Year at Boston Medical Center