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Department of Psychiatry Rules & Regulations

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Department is to promote and ensure quality psychiatric care of the patients at Providence Alaska Medical Center.

PROCTORING

The need for an assistant or proctor for physicians will be determined by the Department Chair.

OFFICERS

CHAIR

The Chair of the Department will be elected by the Department every 2 years in November and is to serve a 2-year term. The Chair will assume his/her position on January 1. The Chair of the Department will fulfill the functions of this position as outlined in the Medical Staff Bylaws. It is understood and accepted that the Chair of the Department functions in this capacity to assist Providence Alaska Medical Center in providing quality psychiatric care to its patients. He/she will fulfill this obligation to the best of his/her ability but will not be considered responsible for all actions or omissions of the Department members.

ALTERNATE CHAIR

The alternate Chair will be the immediate past Chair of the Department and will assume the functions of

Chair of the Department during his/her absence. If the past Chair is not available or has not designated an alternate(s), one of the past four Department Chairs will assume his/her responsibilities during his/her absence and inform the Medical Staff Office of this alternate.

Should the Chair of the Department be unable to fulfill his/her tenure as Department Chair, the alternate Chair will assume the Chair for the remainder of that tenure. The Medical Staff Office will provide support for the Department. As the Department has no budget or income, a treasurer is not required.

EMERGENCY ROOM, HOSPITAL, and MENTAL HEALTH UNIT COVERAGE

In order to provide better and effective psychiatric care to the patients of Providence Hospital, the Department of Psychiatry has a defined coverage plan and schedule, based on services with contracted physicians and APPs. The schedule for the physician and APP coverage of the Mental Health Units and Consult Liaison services is published monthly. This roster will meet current EMTALA guidelines and hospital policies and procedures.

Psychiatric Emergency Department

The psychiatric emergency department is staffed by master's level clinicians who perform risk and safety assessments. Telepsychiatry services are available to perform assessments and provide recommendations, as requested by psychiatric emergency department clinicians and emergency department physicians.

Mental Health Units (Adult and Discovery Units)

The Mental Health Units are covered by assigned physicians and nurse practitioners. The physician or their delegate providing daytime clinical services provides 24-hour on-call support to the unit, including the management of all admitted patients and referrals for unit admission.

Adult Medical Surgical Hospital

Psychiatric consultation services are available for adult patients admitted to the medical surgical units at PAMC, at the request of the attending service. The Adult Psychiatry Consultation Liaison Service provides coverage for these consultation services. In house coverage is provided during business hours, with phone support after hours and on weekends by the on-call provider. Additional information may be found in PAMC guideline "Adult Psychiatry Consultation Liaison Service" (PolicyStat ID 9943945).

Pediatric Medical Surgical Hospital

Psychiatric consultation services are available for pediatric patients admitted to the Pediatric Unit and PICU at PAMC, at the request of the attending service. The Pediatric Psychiatry Consultation Liaison Service provides coverage for these consultation services. In house coverage is provided during business hours by the physician providing Discovery Unit coverage or their supervised APP delegate, with phone support after hours and on weekends by the on-call provider. Additional information may be

found in PAMC guideline "Pediatric Psychiatry Consultation Liaison Service" (PolicyStat ID 14707721).

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Standards

No standards are associated with this document