**Hospice**

**Chaplain**

Hope Hospice is looking for an individual to offer pastoral care and spiritual guidance to patients, families, and staff.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Shares in the development, review, evaluation, and implementation of a comprehensive Pastoral Care Program for Hospice families.

2. Coordinates the delivery of Hospice Pastoral Care services with area clergy as follows:

Supports the ongoing involvement of the patient/family's own clergy as the provider of pastoral care services for the patient/family while they are in the Hospice program.

Provides pastoral care services for patient/families in Hospice who have no clergy or whose existing clergy is unwilling, untrained, or unavailable to deliver the necessary pastoral care services.

3. Provides clinical pastoral care services in response to the spiritual and emotional needs of the patient/family, including but not limited to:

 a. Counseling, support, and spiritual guidance.

 b. Personal presence and listening.

 c. Prayer and meditation.

 d. Scripture reading and study.

 e. Response to patient/family questions and felt needs.

 f. Resource coordination.

4. Serve on the Hospice Interdisciplinary Group with Medical Director, Patient Care

 Coordinator, Social Worker, Volunteer Coordinator, and others if necessary.

5. Coordinates religious, spiritual, existential experience needs and services with other patient/family needs and services being addressed in a holistic manner by the IDG team.

8. Provides awareness and assistance in the identification of the religious and spiritual needs and stresses of patients and families as they go through dying, death, and bereavement.

9. Maintains documentation, per policy.

10. Maintains a high level of professional competence with ongoing development in the religious, pastoral care and interdisciplinary issues related to death, dying and bereavement.

11. Coordinates Hospice Chaplain Program with those of area hospitals and churches, long term care facilities, CBRF, etc., in relation to Hospice patients and families.

 12. Performs other functions including Pastoral Care Administrative functions. Attends meetings and conferences and shares in the development, support and community education of the Hospice concept and philosophy.

13. Assists with Bereavement services and the semi-annual Bereavement programs held by the hospice.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. Ability to identify and assist in coordinating the needs of the terminally ill and their families.

2. Ability to understand and promote effective interaction between the members of the interdisciplinary team and other Hospice staff.

3. Ability to provide spiritual directions and services to patient/family in all phases of illness and grief.

4. Willingness and ability to travel the Hospice service area

5. Baccalaureate Degree in related field preferred.

6. Training in Clinical, Pastoral Education or Pastoral Care Ministry - at least four quarters preferred.

7. Experience in parish ministry, hospital ministry or other forms of pastoral care ministry - at least two years preferred.

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