Is It Time for an Advanced Practice Psychiatric Pharmacist? 
Pathway to Mental Health Professional Designation

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Minnesota’s Mental Healthcare Delivery System

- Community Mental Health Centers
- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC’s)
- Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)
- Mobile Crisis Outreach, Crisis Stabilization and Crisis Residential
- Adult Rehabilitative Mental Health Services (ARMS)
- Intensive residential Treatment Services (IRTS)
- Behavioral Health Homes (BHH)
- Mn Direct Care and Treatment – State system
- Health systems and providers (e.g. Nystrom and Associates and others)
Integration Opportunities

- Bridging the Gap between medical and mental health care – complex patients with complex therapies
- Value added
  - Capitalize on our specific expertise and training
- Expand scope
  - Mental health practitioner
  - Mental health professional
- Curriculum and advanced training programs
- Leadership and advocacy
  - Create a pathway for pharmacist designation as mental health professionals
Mental Health Professional Designation in Minnesota

Statute 245.462, Subd. 18 Mental Health Professional Definitions

"Mental health professional" means a person providing clinical services in the treatment of mental illness who is qualified in at least one of the following ways:

(1) in psychiatric nursing: a registered nurse who is licensed under sections 148.171 to 148.285; and:

(i) who is certified as a clinical specialist or as a nurse practitioner in adult or family psychiatric and mental health nursing by a national nurse certification organization; or

(ii) who has a master's degree in nursing or one of the behavioral sciences or related fields from an accredited college or university or its equivalent, with at least 4,000 hours of post-master's supervised experience in the delivery of clinical services in the treatment of mental illness;

(2) in clinical social work: a person licensed as an independent clinical social worker under chapter 148D, or a person with a master's degree in social work from an accredited college or university, with at least 4,000 hours of post-master's supervised experience in the delivery of clinical services in the treatment of mental illness;
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(3) in psychology: an individual licensed by the Board of Psychology under sections 148.88 to 148.98 who has stated to the Board of Psychology competencies in the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness;

(4) in psychiatry: a physician licensed under chapter 147 and certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology or eligible for board certification in psychiatry;

(5) in marriage and family therapy: the mental health professional must be a marriage and family therapist licensed under sections 148B.29 to 148B.39 with at least two years of post-master's supervised experience in the delivery of clinical services in the treatment of mental illness;

(6) in licensed professional clinical counseling, the mental health professional shall be a licensed professional clinical counselor under section 148B.5301 with at least 4,000 hours of post-master's supervised experience in the delivery of clinical services in the treatment of mental illness; or

(7) in allied fields: a person with a master's degree from an accredited college or university in one of the behavioral sciences or related fields, with at least 4,000 hours of post-master's supervised experience in the delivery of clinical services in the treatment of mental illness.
Advanced Practice Psychiatric Pharmacist – Step 1

Amend Statute 245.462, Subd. 18 Mental Health Professional Definitions

Proposed definition:
In psychiatric pharmacy: a pharmacist who is licensed under section 150.01 Subd. 3 by the Board of Pharmacy
(i) who is board certified in psychiatry by the Board of Pharmacy Specialties as Board Certified Psychiatric Pharmacy (BCPP)
Advanced Practice Psychiatric Pharmacist – Step 1a

- Change is scope of practice to add language for advanced practice pharmacists to be able to provide a diagnostic assessment of patients as a function of the pharmacists patient care process.

- APPP would under the pharmacists patient-care process provide a “diagnostic assessment” of the patient’s response in the overall provision of comprehensive medication management. The diagnostic assessment would be an overall written evaluation of the indication, effectiveness, safety and convenience.

- Need standard language that everyone can understand
Advanced Practice Psychiatric Pharmacist – Step 2

This may or may not be proposed at the same time as the APPP proposal.

Amend Statute 256B.0622 Assertive Community Treatment and Intensive Residential Treatment Services

Subd. 7
To include the addition of comprehensive medication management services

Subd 7a
To add pharmacist specialist to Assertive Community Treatment Staff requirements and roles
Advocacy Plan

- Focus group of boarded pharmacists
- Story board of the value of psychiatric pharmacists
  - Outcomes from practices
  - Testimonials
- Meeting with organizations to build support. Those with major interest and support:
  - MN Psychiatric Society
  - Mn Association of Community Mental Health Centers
  - Individual mental health centers e.g. NPMHC, HDC, others
  - Individual psychiatric providers
- Potential non-supporters – much of this would be centered on changes to the ACT law
  - NAMI
  - Other providers e.g. APN’s etc.
  - Potentially DHS who would need to apply for a waiver for the fidelity standards.
Discussion