

**Department of Mental Health
Adult Community Clinical Services**

Frequently Asked Questions

**Community Service Plan: Development, Review and Revision
Role of the Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts**

Question: What is the role of the Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts in regards to the completion of the Community Service Plan and any subsequent reviews and revisions?

Answer: Oversight of the Community Service Plan development, review and revision processes must be conducted by a Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA). In Massachusetts, the following practitioners are designated as LPHAs:

- Physicians licensed pursuant to the requirements of M.G.L. c.112 §§ 2, 9, and 9B, which authorizes the person to engage in the practice of medicine (243 CMR 2.00).
- Registered Nurses licensed pursuant to M.G.L. c.112 (244 CMR 3.00).
- Psychologists licensed pursuant to M.G.L. c.112 (251 CMR 1.00-4.00).
- Licensed Independent Clinical Social Workers, Licensed Certified Social Workers pursuant to M.G.L. c.112 (258 CMR 12.00).
- Registered Occupational Therapists licensed pursuant to M.G.L. c.112 (259 CMR 3.00).
- Licensed Rehabilitation Counselors licensed pursuant to M.G.L. c.112 (262 CMR 4.00).
- Licensed Mental Health Counselors licensed pursuant to M.G.L. c.112 (262 CMR 2.00).
- Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor LADC I pursuant to M.G.L. c 112 (105 CMR 168.00)
- Other persons who become licensed in a mental health related discipline or profession in accordance with state law and regulations and subject to the approval of the Commissioner of DMH.

Oversight of the Community Service Plan development, review and revision processes by LPHAs requires the following:

- The LPHA **must** be involved in the development of the Community Service Plan and any subsequent reviews and revisions in order to insure that the goals, objectives and interventions reflect the Clinical Formulation/Interpretive Summary and the Prioritized Assessed Needs.
- The Community Service Plan and any reviews and revisions must be signed by the LPHA.