

Melissa Bagwell, Psy.D

EDUCATION

Alliant International University, Alhambra, CA
Doctor of Psychology, Clinical Forensic Psychology
Awarded 2013

Alliant International University, Alhambra, CA
Master of Arts, Forensic Psychology
Awarded 2011

University of La Verne, La Verne, CA
Bachelor of Science, Criminology
Awarded 2009

LICENSE

California Licensed Psychologist-PSY27305
June 2015 –Current

CERTIFICATION

Stable 2007 Risk Assessment
October 2024

EXPERIENCE

December 2022-Present Liberty SVP CONREP California
**Executive Director/Community
Program Director**

- Supervise a team of 60 plus staff including case workers, clinical director, treatment providers, etc for the CA Sexually Violent Predator Conditional Release Program.
- Provide administrative direction for the daily operation, future planning and growth of the program.
- Problem-solve and monitor relations with government agents, the court, law enforcement, community providers and other organizations and agencies with which the Program interacts.
- Manage program budget and contract deliverables.
- Implementation of quality assurance and improvement initiatives.

October 2021-Present Liberty SVP CONREP California
Assistant Program Director

- Assistant Program Director for Sexual Violent Predator CONREP

- Overseeing the conditional release in partnership with Department of State Hospitals for SVP civil committees (PC 6608) ordered to community outpatient treatment

May 2021-September 2021

CDCR

Corcoran, CA

Contract Psychologist

- Individual therapy with incarcerated offenders in the Enhanced Outpatient Program
- Initial Psychosocial Assessments
- Formulating treatment plans and monitoring progress towards identified treatment objectives

October 2018-September 2021

Wellpath Kern AES Center

Bakersfield, CA

Psychologist

- Complete PC 1370 (Incompetent to Stand Trial) and PC 1372 (Competent to Stand Trial) Evaluations in a Jail Based Competency Restoration Program located at the Lerdo Pre-trial Detention Center in Kern County
- Psychological assessment and testing
- Treatment Team consultation and treatment planning recommendations
- Collaborate with Kern County Sheriff Department focusing on recovery-oriented, trauma informed patient care

October 2017-December 2018

Great Measures

Pasadena, CA

Psychologist/Owner

- Individual Psychotherapy with adults
- Psychological assessment and testing
- Forensic evaluations and consultation

January 2016-October 2018

Gateways Satellite CONREP

Los Angeles, CA

STRP Program Coordinator

- Clinical supervision to a multidisciplinary team covering a 17 bed supervised 90 day residential program (State Transitional Residential Treatment-STRP) for offenders with a mental illness under specific legal classes (Guilty, Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity-1026; Mentally Disordered Offenders Parolees-2962; Mentally Disordered Offenders Civil Extension-2972; Incompetent to Stand Trial-1370) transitioning from the Department of State Hospital to community outpatient treatment
- Correspondence with the court including 90 day court reports, 2962 MDO Evaluations, notification letters, and status updates, etc.
- Conduct Violence Risk Assessments to aide in managing violent offenders safely and effectively in the community
- Program Development using the Risk-Needs-Responsivity model

August 2015-December 2015

American Spine and Pain Management

Murrieta, CA

Contract Psychologist

- Provide individual psychotherapy
- Provide Biofeedback services
- Psychological Assessment and testing for diagnostic differential and pain stimulator/pump evaluations
- Provide evaluations and individual psychotherapy for individuals receiving Suboxen treatment for narcotic (opioid) dependence

October 2013-December 2015

Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services

Culver City, CA

EHR Coordinator/Waivered Psychologist

- Manage and administer the EHR system, on an on-going basis to ensure meeting the growth and changing needs of the agency.
- Serve as an internal consulting during all needed aspects of implementation, development and utilization of the EHR system.
- Create and maintain training and documentation manuals for use of EHR system; provide initial and ongoing training for users.
- Research and develop policies and workflows related to HER
- Develop, produce and manage requests for ad-hoc reports and data retrievals for staff as needed.
- Conduct individual psychotherapy with TAY and Adult individuals within the AB 109 and FSP programs that present with an array of symptomology, including symptoms of Schizophrenia, Borderline Personality Disorder, Antisocial Personality Disorder, Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, Bipolar Disorder, and various other mood, personality, and substance abuse disorders.

September 2012-August 2013

Lone Star Psychological Consortium

Big Spring, TX

Pre-Doctoral Psychology Intern Big Spring State Hospital

- Provide forensic and non-forensic services at a 200-bed psychiatric hospital that offers hospitalization for individual's ages 18 and older with psychiatric illnesses in a 58-county area in West Texas and the Texas South Plains.
- Conduct individual and group therapy with individuals that present with an array of symptomology, including symptoms of Schizophrenia, Borderline Personality Disorder, Antisocial Personality Disorder, Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, Bipolar Disorder, and various other mood, personality, and substance abuse disorders.
- Co-facilitate a DBT-CBT psychoeducational group that teaches various DBT concepts, such as the three mind states, mindfulness, as well as CBT concepts, such as the importance of developing a plan and implementing social support systems to a group of 8-15 individuals.
- Provide services to veterans who have been admitted from one of the seven VA hospitals within the Veterans Administration VISN 18 of West Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona.
- Complete psychological and forensic assessments, using measurements such as clinical interviews, PAI, MMPI-2, MCMI-III, WAIS-4, D-Kefs TMT, ROCFT, DRS-2, CVLT-II, WCST, HCLR-20, PCL-R, CAST-MR, TOMM, and SIMS to assist treatment teams with diagnostic clarification, treatment planning, and discharge planning.
- Interact and consult with a multidisciplinary team, including social workers, dietitians, psychiatrists, physician's assistants, nurses, and Patient's Rights representative.
- Documented PHI using electronic charting system in accordance with HIPAA privacy laws.

June 2011-August 2012

Harbor View Adolescent

Long Beach, CA

Assistant Administrator

- Administrator designee for 27 bed Institution of Mental Disease adolescent facility treating probation youth and DCFS youth with mental disorders.
- Investigated, documented, and reported aggressive/assaultive incidents. Ensured compliance regarding documentation for all aggressive/assaultive incidents, including preparation of reports and statistical data illustrating the frequency, type of aggression, location, and time in order to identify patterns of aggressive behavior.
- Assisted in restructuring Special Treatment Program treatment component to incorporating evidenced based treatment interventions for detained youth in accordance with Title 22.
- Assisted in oversight of the facilitation of Day Treatment Intensive services to ensure compliance with LA County police and procedure.
- Assisted in oversight facility operations in compliance with Health and Safety codes.

- Assisted in identifying barriers to reducing physical restraints and aggressive assaultive incidents committed by residents towards self, others and property through crisis intervention, milieu staff education, and the development of specialized clinical interventions that target the resident's dangerous and harmful behavior.
- Developed individualized treatment plans to reduce at risk behaviors for probation youth and DCFS youth.
- Coordinated the use of electronic charting systems, PointClickCare and Exym, and assisted treatment and clinical staff with the provision and training of these systems in accordance with HIPAA privacy laws.

July 2011- June 2012

Pasadena Rehab Institute

Pasadena, CA

Psychology Practicum Student

- Completed comprehensive Neuropsychological and Neurocognitive evaluations providing results and recommendations regarding psychosocial functioning and the presence of cognitive deficits.
- Provided biofeedback sessions for individuals with chronic pain, severe anxiety disorders, and depressive disorders.
- Assisted in the psychological evaluations for Bariatric and Pain Stimulator candidates.

August 2010-July 2011

Los Angeles Department of Probation

Lynwood, CA

Psychology Practicum Student

- Facilitated psychoeducational groups utilizing the evidence based practice treatment model Teaching Pro-social Skills/Aggressive Replacement Training (comprised of three models: skill streaming, anger management, and moral reasoning) to *crossover* juvenile offenders detained in Juvenile Hall.
- Completed risk assessment documents in accordance to Department of Probation Policy and Procedures.
- Provided individual Case Management and Individual Psychotherapy to *crossover* youth in efforts to reduce criminality and identify criminogenic factors to reduce criminal recidivism.
- Documented services provided in accordance with Department of Probation protocol and complete Elite Family Unit treatment case plans to address the client's individual therapeutic needs.
- Administered, scored, and interpreted assessments measuring psychosocial and emotional functioning, criminal thinking, and moral reasoning.
- Worked collaboratively with detention and probation officers, Department of Mental Health, and Department of Children and Family Services to offer comprehensive services.

February 2006-June 2011

San Fernando Valley Community
Mental Health Center

Van Nuys, CA

Quality Assurance Specialist

- Conducted Internal audits of Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) contracted programs to ensure compliance with DMH policies and procedures for documentation/billing and clinical therapeutic treatment services of Mental Health Services, Target Case Management, Day Treatment Rehabilitation, Medication Support Services, and Crisis Services.
- Assisted in the development of agency wide training program and training manuals pertaining to DMH documentation and clinical policies and procedures for all clinical and rehabilitative staff: Adult and Child Initial Assessment, Client Care Coordination Plan, Documentation of Client services (Progress Notes), and Administrative Paperwork.
- Facilitated weekly trainings regarding DMH documentation guidelines to all agency clinical and rehabilitative staff for Medi-cal reimbursable services including: Seeking Safety(EBP), Trauma Focused CBT (EBP), Child-Parent Psychotherapy (EBP), MST (EBP), Triple P

(EBP), Full Service Partnership (FSP), FCCS Services, Wellness Center Services, Therapeutic Behavioral Services, and Independent Living Services.

- Developed reports to illustrate internal audit findings and recommendations for program improvements, reports include statistical and descriptive data illustrating the results of internal audit.
- Provided individual staff support regarding clinical documentation and the implementation of empirically validated therapeutic interventions with scientifically shown outcomes to reduce impairments and alleviate distressing mental health symptoms.
- Provide individual staff training and clinical staff support regarding psychotherapeutic treatment planning in accordance with the provision of therapeutic services that target the mental health objectives related to the symptoms and impairments detailed within the psychosocial assessment.

June 2004-February 2006

Sierra Vista Rehabilitation Center

Highland, CA

Primary Counselor/ASL Counselor/Program Quality Assurance

- Trained treatment staff in PRO-ACT (Professional Assault Crisis Training) and CPR
- Monitored for change in behavior for mentally ill and dual diagnosed clients (mentally ill and developmentally disabled residents with behavior problems) as part of the Interdisciplinary Team in an IMD (Institute of Mental Disease) setting.
- Investigated, documented and reported aggressive/assaultive incidents. Ensured compliance regarding documentation for all aggressive/assaultive incidents, including preparation of reports and statistical data illustrating the frequency, type of aggression, location, and time in order to identify patterns of aggressive behavior.
- Worked on the investigation and follow through of an average of 150 aggressive/assaultive incidents every month, including but not limited to: Quality Assurance of chart documentation by both program and nursing staff, care plan (treatment plan) updates, updating new interventions and monitoring the implicating of interventions by both programming and nursing staff, and implement interventions designed to reduce the occurrence of and frequency of at risk client behaviors resulting in physical, mechanical, and psychotropic restraint.
- Assisted in identifying barriers to reducing physical restraints and aggressive assaultive incidents committed by residents towards self, others and property through crisis intervention, milieu staff education, and the development of specialized clinical interventions that target the resident's dangerous and harmful behavior.
- Conducted both large and small Special Treatment Plan psycho-educational, process, and activity groups as part of an Interdisciplinary Treatment Team.
- Monitored group attendance and behavior on a case load of assigned residents, as well as, conducting monthly, quarterly and annual charting on caseload
- Intervened and deescalated crisis situations involving chronic mentally ill residents and dual diagnosed residents
- Worked on a daily basis with residents involved in the criminal justice system, regional center residents and residents involved in mental health court (conserved residents)

VOLUNTEER WORK

December 2007-July 2009

Domestic Abuse Center (Partnered with LAPD)

Van Nuys, CA

Domestic Violence Advocate with Domestic Abuse Response Team

- Interviewed victims of Domestic Violence in order to identify history, lethality, and severity of the abuse.
- Prepared confidential reports with findings from the interview in order to assist the victim, law enforcement (with victim permission), and the prosecutor (with victim's permission).
- Provided referrals and linked the victim(s) to necessary resources.

- Provided education surrounding the dynamics of an abusive relationship, the power and control wheel, and the cycle of violence.

OTHER SKILLS

- Proficient in administration, scoring, and interpretation of a variety of psychological, neuropsychological, cognitive, risk and malingering assessments including: MMPI-2, MCMI-III, PAI, 16PF, SIMS, MFAST, SIRS, b Test, Dot Counting, TOMM, ROCFT, D-Kefs, finger tapping, WAIS-IV, WMS-IV, WRAT-3/4, grip strength, Halstead Reitan Battery, Boston Naming, Hooper Visual Organization, DRS-2, BCNE, RBANS, CPT-II, CVLT-II, RAVLT, Rorschach, CAST-MR, HCR-20, WCST

REFERENCES

Available upon request