

Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital Policy

Discharge Planning

Revised: X

Date:

Every patient admitted to the Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital (VPCH) will have an individualized aftercare plan specifying the providers and services the patient will receive upon discharge. VPCH staff will work closely with the patient, guardian, appropriate community agencies, and with the patient's permission his or her family and/or significant others in order to ensure continuity of care. The aftercare planning is an inherent and important part of the overall treatment planning process.

PURPOSE

To ensure that every patient's aftercare plan:

- is created at the time of admission and updated periodically;
- provides specific interventions and supports designed to promote recovery in the least restrictive manner possible; and
- provides placements which are likely to maintain or improve the patient's level of psychosocial functioning.

Responsibilities:

Social Workers will have primary responsibility for coordinating aftercare planning for patients at VPCH. Department of Corrections retains responsibility for ensuring appropriate aftercare planning for forensic patients in their custody (on a mittimus).

Approved by:	Signature:	Date:
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