

- Treatment planning is a blueprint, design, or projected strategy for behavioral improvement.
 It is the guide to a client's care.
- Plans should be updated anytime new information is gathered or a new problem is identified.
- Plans are individualized and subject to change at any time.
- Initial treatment plans are created upon intake.

STEPS TO PLANNING TREATMENT

- I. List problem behaviors. Observable behaviors are listed separately in precise language. What prompted the admission, and what serves as criteria for discharge?
- 2. Create a problem statement. It should be unique to the client and helps staff detect behavioral changes.
- 3. State the patient's goal(s). Specify a time frame for each objective that leads to the goal. It should reflect the optimal result or expected condition.
- 4. Identify objectives—measurable behaviors that will eliminate or reduce the client's problem behaviors.
- 5. Determine interventions—specific approaches/methods that will be used to achieve objectives. It can be therapy, yoga, medication, etc.

Effective Treatment Plans are:

- √ Flexible/changeable
- ✓ Useful indicators of progress
- ✓ Realistic objectives
- ✓ Simple for <u>everyone</u> to understand
- ✓ Facilitate collaboration
- ✓ Support client's care needs
- ✓ Clearly identify interventions



Other elements of treatment plans:

- Include frequency of interventions and who will conduct them
- Provides target dates for completion of objectives
- Objectives determine whether a patient is permitted to discharge
- Referenced by the entire treatment team to determine actions
- Reviewed on a regular basis for compliance and to determine progress

TIPS FOR TREATMENT PLANNING

- List all problems. Those that cannot be addressed by our facility can be referred.
- Treatment plans should be completed within the first 7 days.
- Identify at least 3 problems, and provide at least 3 objectives for each problem.
- Make the plans as customized to the patient as possible.
- Remember to address any mental health issues or emotional areas.
- Treatment plans should be referred to when writing individual notes after a group therapy session.